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List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: September 25, 1995.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.
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Establishment of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the establishment of a Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee. This Committee is being established to provide a forum for a diverse group of individuals to provide advice and assistance to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) regarding pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The Agency has determined that this is in the public interest and will assist the Agency in performing its duties as prescribed in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Copies of the Committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress. The Committee's first meeting will be scheduled in the Fall of 1995 and will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons needing further information or seeking to obtain a copy of the Committee Charter should contact: Margie Fehrenbach, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 7501C, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (703) 305-7090, e-mail: fehrenbach.margie@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of the American food supply; the protection from unreasonable risk or exposure of those who apply pesticides, or are exposed to pesticides occupationally or through use of products; and, general protection of the environment and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides. OPP must also make sure that pesticides are regulated fairly and help ensure that effective measures for controlling pests are available through careful balancing of pesticide risks and benefits.

Pesticides are used in a remarkably diverse array of products, including insect repellents, agricultural weed killers, household disinfectants, swimming pool chemicals, to name a few. They are likely to be found or used in nearly every home and business in the United States, where over one billion pounds of pesticide chemicals are used each year. Thus, public concern over potential risks to human health and the environment from pesticides is significant.

While several mechanisms are in place to try to involve the public in pesticide decisionmaking activities, the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee will bring together a broad cross-section of knowledgeable individuals from organizations representing divergent views to discuss pesticide regulatory, policy and implementation issues. EPA proposed the establishment of a dialogue committee to foster the exchange of ideas and information so that feasible regulatory and policy changes could be developed. Dialogue with outside groups is essential if OPP is to be responsive to the needs of the affected public and industry organizations.

The creation of a Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) will provide the structured environment for meaningful information exchanges and consensus building discussions.

II. Participants

The Group will have approximately 20 members. OPP will carefully monitor membership to ensure that there is a balanced representation from industry/trade associations; pesticide user and commodity groups; consumer and environmental/public interest groups; and others.

EPA anticipates that the committee will contain the following types of representatives: environmental/public interest groups, chemical industry/trade associations, commodity and user groups, State and Regional representatives, other Federal agencies, the public health community, congressional committees, academia, and the general public.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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Daniel M. Barolo,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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Access to Confidential Business Information by Armstrong Data Services

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Armstrong Data Services (ADS) of Vienna, Virginia, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than October 16, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68-W5-0024, contractor ADS, of 2070 Chain Bridge Rd., Suite 150, Vienna, VA, 22182 will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in managing and operating the TSCA Confidential and Nonconfidential Business Information

Centers. In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under this contract, ADS will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. ADS personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters only.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 30, 2000.

ADS personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: September 21, 1995.

George A. Bonina,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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[OPPTS-140235; FRL-4978-7]

Access to Confidential Business Information ICF, Incorporated

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, ICF, Inc. (ICF) of Washington, DC and Fairfax, Virginia for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI). In a letter dated May 22, 1995, ICF requested that EPA approve a second location for storage of TSCA CBI.

DATES: Storage of the confidential data at the second site will occur no sooner than October 16, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, TSCA Environmental Assistance Division (7408) Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection

Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a previous notice published in the Federal Register of November 3, 1992, (57 FR 49706), ICF was authorized under EPA contract 68-D2-0064 for access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. ICF is currently authorized access to TSCA CBI at its facility located at 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that in a letter dated May 22, 1995, ICF requested that EPA approve a second TSCA CBI storage site, located at 1850 K Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC. EPA has inspected the facility and ensured that it is in compliance with the manual. Upon completing review of CBI materials, ICF will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract is authorized until September 30, 1996.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

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George A. Bonina,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared September 11, 1995 Through September 15, 1995 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 260-5076.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 1995 (60 FR 19047).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J61096-CO Rating EC1, Steamboat Ski Area Expansion, Implementation, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, Mt. Weiner, Special-Use-Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Routt County, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns over the scope of wetlands analysis and wetlands impacts in the draft EIS. Information in the draft EIS was not adequate to identify potential wetland impacts, or to assess the wetland resources.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65241-MT Rating EC2, Skyline Ridge Project Area Timber Salvage and Associated Activities, Plan of Approval and Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Three Rivers Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse water quality and channel stability effects to 5 creeks in the watershed. EPA also believes additional information is needed to fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the actions.

ERP No. D-AFS-L67034-WA Rating EO2, Crown Jewel Mine and Mill Project, Construction and Operation, Gold and Silver Mining and Milling Project, Plan of Operations Approval, Special-UsePermits and COE Section 404 Permit, Chesaw, Okanogan County, WA.

Summary: EPA had environmental objections regarding water quality, hydrologic alteration, NPDES permitting, reclamation and wetland and stream mitigation.

ERP No. D-FHW-K40211-HI Rating LO, Kealakehe Parkway Completion, Queen Kaahumanu Highway and Honokohau Harbor Road Intersection to near the Mamalahoa Highway and Old Mamalahoa Highway Intersection, North Kona District, Hawaii County, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of objection to the project as proposed.

ERP No. D-NCP-D61040-DC Rating LO, Washington, DC. New Sports and Entertainment Arena, Construction and Operation, Modern Multi-Purpose Arena, Eight potential Sites, Washington, DC.

Summary: EPA believed that this project will have minimal adverse impacts to the environment and therefore has no objection to the project.

ERP No. DS-BLM-G01010-NM Rating LO, Fence Lake Federal Coal Project, Updated Information for Approval or Disapproval of Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP), Lease Approval, Mining Plan Permit Application, Catron and Cibola Cos., NM and Apache County, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of objection for the proposed actions.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-G65058-NM, Diamond Bar Allotment Management Plan, Implementation, Gila National