

[Docket No. CP96-641-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Michigan Leg South Looping Project

February 6, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

ANR proposes to loop its existing Michigan Leg South System with 11.9 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline in two segments to provide additional system flexibility and to alleviate a bottleneck in the pipeline system. The two segments consist of 1.6 miles of loop in Will County, Illinois, and 10.3 miles of loop in Porter County, Indiana. The project also includes the addition of one aftercooling bay at the existing St. John Compressor Station in Lake County, Indiana, and the relocation of an existing pig launcher from milepost (MP) 885.02 to MP 874.72 in Porter County, Indiana, and a pig receiver from MP 848.31 to MP 849.91 in Will County, Illinois.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Rm. 2A-1, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. A limited number of copies of the EA are available from the above address.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must be received by March 10, 1997, reference Docket No. CP96-641-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Rm. 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must

file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00465; FRL-5581-3]

Department of Defense Plan for Certification of Pesticide Applicators

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Approve Certification Plan.

SUMMARY: On December 8, 1985, EPA announced approval of a revised Department of Defense (DOD) plan for the certification of pesticide applicators. DOD has submitted another revision to their pesticide applicator certification plan reflecting changes in their administrative procedures and adoption of several new subcategories of certification. Notice is hereby given of the intention of EPA to grant approval of the newly revised DOD plan.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before March 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Agency invites interested persons to submit written comments on this Notice. Comments identified by the docket control number "OPP-00465" should be submitted in triplicate by mail to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Comments will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00465." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit II. of this document.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Copies of the DOD revised plan are available for viewing at the following locations during normal business hours:

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA 22202. Contact: Robert V. Bielarski, (703) 305-6708.
2. U.S. Department of Defense, Armed Forces Pest Management Board, Forest Glen Section, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20307-5001. Contact: Major Charles E. Cannon, (301) 295-7476/77.
3. Select U.S. DOD installations. Contact Major Cannon at aforementioned location for list of locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert V. Bielarski, Environmental Protection Agency, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20461. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA, Telephone: (703) 305-6708, e-mail: bielarski.robert@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this notice and the revised DOD pesticide applicator certification plan are available from the EPA Public Access gopher (gopher.epa.gov) at the Environmental Subset entry under "Rules and Regulations."