

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Site-Specific Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Design, Construction and Operation of a Facility to Pilot Test the Neutralization (Hydrolysis) Process, Followed by Either On-Site Supercritical Water Oxidation or Off-Site Post Treatment, for VX at Newport Chemical Depot (NECD), IN

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This announces the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a site-specific EIS on the potential impacts of the design, construction, and operation of a facility to pilot test, as part of a research and development program, the neutralization (hydrolysis) process, followed by either on-site supercritical water oxidation or off-site post treatment in a permitted hazardous waste treatment facility, as a potential disposal technology for VX in bulk storage containers only. The "no action" alternative will also be examined. The "no action" alternative is considered to be deferral of research and development of the neutralization process as an alternative technology which would cause continued storage of the VX-filled ton containers at NECD. This NOI rescinds the previous NOI announced in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 1992 (57 FR 5254).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1500-1508), the Army will prepare a site-specific EIS to assess the health and environmental impacts of design, construction and operation of a pilot facility to demonstrate, as part of a research and development program, the feasibility of adopting the neutralization process, followed by either on-site super-critical water oxidation or off-site post treatment in a permitted hazardous waste treatment facility, for the VX currently stored in ton containers at NECD.

SCOPING MEETING: The Army will hold a scoping meeting to aid in determining the significant issues related to the proposed action which will be addressed in the EIS. The scoping process will incorporate public participation, including Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as residents within the affected environment. The date, time, and location of the scoping meeting will be announced in the local news media at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, ATTN: SFAE-CD-ME, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-5401. Individuals desiring to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on the public scoping process and copies of the draft and final EIS should contact the Program Manager at the above address.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA (I, L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-110-003]

Black Marlin Pipeline Company, Notice of Compliance Filing

May 28, 1997.

Take notice that on May 22, 1997, Black Marlin Pipeline Company (Black Marlin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 the tariff sheets listed on Attachment A to the filing, with an effective date of June 1, 1997.

Black Marlin states that the instant filing is in compliance with the Commission's order issued May 7, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-110-001.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2774-000]

Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company; Notice of Filing

May 28, 1997.

Take notice that on April 30, 1997, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company tendered for filing its quarterly report of transactions for the period January 1, 1997 to March 31, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 10, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a part must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-145-003]

Crossroads Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 28, 1997.

Take notice that on May 22, 1997, Crossroads Pipeline Company (Crossroads) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing. Crossroads asserts that this filing is being made to comply with the requirements of the Commission's May 15, 1977 order on Crossroads' April 1, 1997 compliance filing.

Crossroads states that the purpose of its filing is to reflect changes to its tariff to implement the standards approved by the Gas Industry Standards Board and incorporated into the Commission's regulations.