

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of a Draft Plan for U.S. Navy Submarine Solid Waste Management for MARPOL Annex V Special Areas, an Addendum to the Report to Congress on U.S. Navy Ship Solid Waste Management Plan for MARPOL Annex V Special Areas of November 1996

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DON) announces the availability of a document providing the proposed management plan for solid waste aboard Navy submarines. This document discusses the results of studies designed to determine the practicability of various options for solid waste management aboard submarines pursuant to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Annex V Special Areas, as required by the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships. As an addendum report to the U.S. Navy's November 1996 Report to Congress, "U.S. Navy Ship Solid Waste Management Plan for MARPOL Annex V Special Areas," this document provides additional information on submarines that was not previously available.

Copies of the U.S. Navy Submarine Solid Waste Management Plan for MARPOL Annex V Special Areas may be obtained from, and written comments on the Plan may be submitted to, Mr. Cartwright at the address provided below.

DATES: Written comments on the Plan will be considered if received by October 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Cartwright NAVSEA 92TE, Assistant for Submarine Environmental and Occupational Safety Affairs, Department of the Navy, Naval Sea Systems Command, 2531 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22242-5160 [(703) 602-8096 (Ext. 475)].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Navy Submarine Solid Waste Management Plan is being prepared pursuant to Section 1003(c)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 103-160, codified at 33 U.S.C. 1902(2)-(4). That statute required the Secretary of the Navy to submit, by 30 November 1996, a plan for compliance by all ships owned or operated by the DON with the requirements of regulation 5 of Annex V of MARPOL. The Navy's 1996 report stated that an addendum would be prepared for submarine solid waste management. MARPOL establishes rules

pertaining to the discharge of shipboard solid waste from vessels operating in designated "special areas" of the world, of which three are currently in effect: the Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the Antarctic Region.

The development of the U.S. Navy Submarine Solid Waste Management Plan has been coordinated with the public through meetings held in September, 1994, and March, 1997; with the Department of State, Department of Commerce, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Coast Guard, and other Federal agencies. A Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact, resulting from an Environmental Assessment on the Plan, appears in this **Federal Register**.

The Submarine Solid Waste Management Plan addresses six solid waste management options. The proposed action is: the discharge of non-plastic, non-hazardous, negatively buoyant, compacted solid waste, other than grindable food wastes in special areas beyond 25 nautical miles (nm) from land, or between 12nm and 25nm only when the depth of water is greater than 6,000 feet; use of source reduction, non-plastic "wet bags," and compaction technology, which will enable submarines to retain all plastics for shore disposal by December 31, 2008; and processing food wastes through a garbage grinder and discharging the wastes greater than 3nm from land. Implementation of the proposed action satisfies MARPOL's "reasonable and practicable" standard for warships, but will require an amendment to the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to allow the discharge of compacted, negatively buoyant, non-plastic solid wastes by submarines in Special Areas.

Dated: September 12, 1997.

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LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 1997. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

An informal conference among the Commissioners and staff will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the same location and will open with a presentation and discussion of the results of the Commission's recently completed Delaware River Basin Commission Survey to Assess its Management of the Basin's Water Resources. The survey results are also available by calling (609) 883-9500 ext. 215 and leaving your name and address, or may be downloaded from the Commission's web site at: <http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/drbc.htm>. The conference will also include a presentation on the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan's cross-acceptance process and a discussion of depletive water use above Commission reservoirs.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

Applications for Approval of the Following Projects Pursuant to Article 10.3, Article 11 and/or Section 3.8 of the Compact:

1. *Town of Middletown-Arkville Water District D-86-77 CP RENEWAL* 2. An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 4.5 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 3 and 4. Commission approval on August 12, 1992 was limited to five years. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 4.5 mg/30 days. The project is located in the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York.

2. *Playtex Family Products Corporation D-90-106 RENEWAL*. An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 12 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's product processing facility from Well Nos. 1-NE and 2-SE. Commission approval on May 20, 1992 was limited to five years. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 12 mg/30 days. The project is located in the City of Dover, Kent County, Delaware.

3. *Montague Water Company D-91-75 CP RENEWAL*. An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 8.0 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 1 through 5. Commission approval on March 25, 1992 was limited to five years. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 8.0 mg/30 days. The project is located in Montague Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

4. *Hewlett-Packard Company D-97-15 (D)*. An application for the discharge of wastewater resulting from a ground

water remediation project. An average 0.144 million gallons per day (mgd) of contaminated ground water will be treated and discharged to an unnamed tributary of Egypt Run, a tributary of East Branch White Clay Creek, in New Garden Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Five recovery wells will collect ground water for treatment for removal of volatile organic compounds via an air stripper and filtration units. The project will serve only the site of the applicant's former electronic instrumentation operations located at Route 41 and Starr Road in New Garden Township.

5. *Hewlett-Packard Company D-97-15 (G)*. An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to withdraw up to 2.27 mg/30 days of water as part of the applicant's ground water remediation system from new Well Nos. MW-32, MW-33, MW-34, MW-37, RW-4, RW-5, P-2, P-3 and P-4; and to limit the withdrawal from all remediation wells to 4.43 mg/30 days. The project is located in New Garden Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

6. *The Upper Hanover Authority D-97-17 CP*. An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 4.5 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from new Well No. RH-3, and to retain the existing withdrawal limit from all wells of 22.4 mg/30 days. The project is located in Upper Hanover Township, Montgomery County and Hereford Township, Berks County, in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Ground Water Protected Area.

7. *Township of Worcester D-97-22 CP*. An application to expand the applicant's Berwick Place sewage treatment plant (STP) average monthly capacity from 0.06 mgd to 0.15 mgd. The STP will continue to provide tertiary treatment to serve residential development in a portion of Worcester Township and discharge via the existing outfall to an unnamed tributary of Skippack Creek. The STP is located just south of Germantown Pike and east of East Mount Kirk Avenue in Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at (609) 883-9500 ext. 221 concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to register with the Secretary at (609) 883-9500 ext. 203 prior to the hearing.

Dated: September 9, 1997.

Anne M. Zamonski,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-725-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

September 11, 1997.

Take notice that on September 5, 1997, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP-97-725-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon its case-specific authorization to provide storage services under CNG's Rate Schedule GSS-II to Colonial Gas Company (Colonial), effective as of September 1, 1997, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

CNG asserts that it has replaced the services for which CNG seeks abandonment authorization with services to Colonial of like demand and capacity, under CNG's blanket authorization provided by Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before October 2, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the

Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for CNG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP 92-154-001]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 11, 1997.

Take notice that on September 8, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 369 to be effective October 15, 1997.

CIG states that Sheet No. 369 was a tariff sheet authorized by Commission Order issued May 14, 1992 in Docket No. RP92-154-000. The tariff sheet identified customers' buyout-buydown obligation pursuant to Order No. 528.

CIG states the filing is being made to "clean up" Sheet No. 369. One Buyer had elected to amortize its payment of its obligation over a 60-month period. The 60-month payment period has terminated and the Buyer has paid its obligation; therefore, the filing reflects all Buyers have now paid their obligation pursuant to the authorization in Docket No. RP92-154-000.

CIG states that copies of the filing have been sent to all parties in Docket No. RP92-154-000.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426 in accordance with the § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such protests must be filed in accordance with § 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the