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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5491-4]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 13, 1998 Through April 17, 1998 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) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65300-AK Rating LO, Canal-Hoya Timber Sale, Implementation, Stikine Area, Tongass National Forest, Value Comparison Unit (VCU), AK.

Summary: EPA used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of this action. Based upon the screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. Therefore, EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

ERP No. D-BLM-L08054-AK Rating LO, Northern Intertie Project, Construction of 230 kV Transmission Line from Healy to Fairbanks, AK, Application for Right-of-Way Grant, Gold Valley Electric Association, AK.

Summary: EPA used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of this action. Based upon the screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. Therefore, EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

ERP No. D-NOA-E39041-SC Rating EC2, Marine Environmental Health Research Laboratory (MEHRL), Construction and Operation of Premiere, High Technology and Marine Research Center, Approval of Permits, Charleston County, SC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and about lack of discussion on fuel storage tanks, spill prevention and containment strategies in the event of a tank runover and

impacts from running laboratory ventilation hoods.

ERP No. D-UMC-K11088-CA Rating EO2, Tustin Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Orange County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections due to projected adverse impacts to wetlands and other jurisdictional waters. EPA requested that the final EIS demonstrate that all practicable measures were taken to avoid and minimize the placement of fill in wetlands and other aquatic resources. EPA, also expressed concern about potential impacts associated with the use of fertilizers and pesticides at the golf course and recommended that final EIS examine reasonable opportunities to reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-J01076-WY, Powder River (WYW136142) and Thundercloud (WYW136458) Coal Lease Applications, Federal Coal Leasing, Campbell and Converse Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA's review has not identified any potential environmental impacts.

ERP No. F-BLM-K67046-NV, Olinghouse Mine Project, Construction of Two Open Pits, Waste Dump, Haul Road and Cyanide Heap Leach Pads, Plan-of-Operation Approval Carson City, Washoe County, NV.

Summary: EPA concerns were addressed in the Final EIS. EPA still have environmental concerns about potential impacts to nearby springs and potentially adverse pit lake chemistry. EPA requested that the Record of Decision (ROD) include specific mitigation and monitoring provisions on these two issues.

ERP No. F-NOA-L91001-AK, Juneau Consolidated Facility, Space for the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Science (UAF), Possible Site Lena Point, Fisheries Management Operation, 'Vision for 2005', Juneau, AK.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding wastewater treatment at the proposed facility and the Record of Decision should specify whether the facility will tie into the existing City and Borough of Juneau treatment system or operate an on-site treatment plant.

ERP No. F-US-J11014-CO United States Army Garrison, Fitzsimons (Formerly Fitzsimons Army Medical Center) Disposal and Reuse for BRAC-95, Implementation, City of Aurora, Denver County, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. FS-USA-E65040-MS, Camp Shelby Continued Military Training Activities, Use of National Forest Lands, Updated Information, Final Site Selected Authorization for Implementation of the Proposed G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery Ranges, Special Use Permit, DeSoto National Forest, Forrest, George and Perry Counties, MS.

Summary: EPA's initial comments on developing this training range have largely been addressed by additional data/exposition. However, certain concerns will only be verified after the range becomes operational. Therefore, EPA will continue to participate in the interagency team, which will be monitoring the facility's progress.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00536; FRL-5788-6]

State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, May 18 and 19, 1998. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The SFIREG Working Committee on Pesticide Operations and Management will meet on Monday, May 18, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 19, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: The Claremont Hotel, 2000 Fourth Avenue at Virginia, Seattle, WA 98121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C) Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202, CM-II, (703) 305-5306, (703) 308-1850 (fax); e-mail: lyon.elaine@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tentative agenda of the SFIREG Working Committee on Pesticide Operations Management includes the following.

1. Consumer Information Sheets for the purchase of treated wood products.
2. Anti-coagulant rodenticides and non-target wildlife deaths.
3. Labeling of chlorine gas products for agricultural use.
4. Results of AAPCO federal facilities compliance survey.
5. Use of commodity fumigant methyl bromide for structural fumigation.
6. Enforceability of restrictive label statements - statements required by the agency vs. statements included at registrant's request.
7. EPA's custom blend policy.
8. Proposal to amend the Worker Protection Standard requirement to provide specific information about pesticide applications.
9. Pesticide advertising on the WEB.
10. Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training.
11. Greenhouse pesticide labeling and enforcement.
12. Update on the Certification and Training Advisory Group.
13. Pesticide Use in the Commercial Practice of Animal Damage Control.
14. Use of federal vs. state credentials during inspections.
15. Antimicrobial compliance program.
16. Waiver of liability statements on pesticide labels.
17. Reports from committee members.
18. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-59365; FRL-5787-3]

Certain Chemicals; Approval of a Test Marketing Exemption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's approval of an application for test marketing exemption (TME) under section 5(h)(1) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and 40 CFR 720.38.

EPA has designated this application as TME-98-02. The test marketing conditions are described below.

DATES: This notice becomes effective April 22, 1998. Written comments will be received until May 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, identified by the docket control number [OPPT-59365] and the specific TME number should be sent to: TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (NCIC), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. NEB-607 (7407), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by [OPPT-59365]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Howard, New Chemicals Notice Management Branch, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-435I, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260-3780; e-mail: Howard.sd@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5(h)(1) of TSCA authorizes EPA to exempt persons from premanufacture notification (PMN) requirements and permit them to manufacture or import new chemical substances for test marketing purposes if the Agency finds that the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, use and disposal of the substances for test marketing purposes will not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. EPA may impose restrictions on test marketing activities and may modify or revoke a test marketing exemption upon receipt of new information which casts significant doubt on its finding that the test marketing activity will not present an unreasonable risk of injury.

EPA hereby approves TME-98-02. EPA had determined that test marketing of the new chemical substance described below, under the conditions set out in the TME application, and for the time period and restrictions specified below, will not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. Production volume,

use, and the number of customers must not exceed that specified in the application. All other conditions and restrictions, including the stated use and the worker protection provisions described in the application, in the accompanying Material Safety Data Sheet, and in this notice must be met.

Inadvertently the notice of receipt of the application was not published. Therefore, an opportunity to submit comments is being offered at this time. The complete nonconfidential document is available in the TSCA nonconfidential information center (NCIC), Rm. ETG-102 at the above address between 12 noon and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. EPA may modify or revoke the test marketing exemption if comments are received which cast significant doubt on its finding that the test marketing activities will not present an unreasonable risk of injury.

The following additional restrictions apply to TME-98-02:

1. A bill of lading accompanying each shipment must state that the use of the substance is restricted to that approved in the TME.

2. During manufacturing, processing, and use of the substance at any site controlled by the Company, any person under the control of the Company, including employees and contractors, who may be exposed to the substance shall use a NIOSH-approved air-supplied respirator with an Assigned Protection Factor (APF) of 2,000 for those operations when the substance is handled as a liquid under heated conditions (70°C or greater). This respirator shall also be required in the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) that accompanies this substance to the customer.

3. The applicant must ensure that employees are provided with information and training on the TME substance. This information and training must be provided at the time of each employee's initial assignment to a work area containing the TME substance and whenever the substance is introduced into the employee's work area for the first time.

4. The Company must affix a label to each container of the substance or formulations containing the substance. The label shall include, at a minimum, the following statement:

WARNING: Breathing of this substance may be harmful. Chemicals similar in structure to (insert appropriate name) have been found to cause lung toxicity and respiratory sensitization. To protect yourself, you must wear a NIOSH-approved air-supplied respirator with an Assigned Protection Factor (APF) of 2,000 for those