

Schedule of Public Scoping Meetings for the TriState Pipeline Project Environmental Impact Statement

- February 8, 1999 7:00 PM—University Park, Illinois, Engbretson Hall, Governors State University, Governors Highway and Stuenkel Rd., (708) 534-4515
- February 9, 1999 7:00 PM—Walkerton, Indiana, Urey Middle School Cafeteria, 407 Washington Street, (219) 586-3184
- February 10, 1999 7:00 PM—Sturgis, Michigan, Sturgis Youth Civic Center, 201 N. Nottawa, (800) 778-7437
- February 11, 1999 7:00 PM—Pontiac, Michigan, Pontiac Northern High School, Little Theater (S. Parking Lot), 1051 Arlene Ave., (248) 857-8460

The public meetings are designed to provide you with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. TriState representatives will be present at the scoping meetings to describe their proposal. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the Draft EIS. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

On the dates of the meetings, we will also be conducting limited site visits to the project area. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs identified at the end of this notice for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 4). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing of 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 environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified potential right-of-way grantors. As details of the project become established, representatives of TriState may also separately contact landowners, communities, and public agencies concerning project matters, including acquisition of permits and rights-of-way

All commenters will be retained on our mailing list. If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to keep informed and receive copies of the Draft and Final EIS, you must return the Information Request (appendix 5). If you do not send comments or return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222. Access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission with regard to this docket, such as orders and notices, is also available on the FERC website using the "CIPS" link. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File an Application for a New License

January 8, 1999.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.:* 5334.

c. *Date Filed:* December 21, 1998.

d. *Submitted By:* Charter Township of Ypsilanti—current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Huron River in the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, in Washtenaw County, Michigan.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. *Licensee Contact:* Charter Township of Ypsilanti, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, Joann Brinker, (734) 484-0065.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Tom Dean, E-mail address, thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2778.

j. *Effective date of current license:* April 1, 1962.

k. *Expiration date of current license:* September 30, 2003.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 45-foot-high earth embankment with a 172-foot-long concrete spillway; (2) a 987-acre reservoir at normal pool elevation of 684.6 feet msl; (3) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 2,400 kW; (4) an electrical substation; and (5) other appurtenances.

m. Each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 2001.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00261; FRL-6050-8]

Export of Toxic Chemicals; Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Before submitting the ICR to OMB, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection described in Unit I. and Unit II. of this document. The ICR is a continuing ICR entitled "TSCA Section 12(b) Notification of

Chemical Exports," EPA ICR No. 0795.10, OMB No. 2070-0030, which relates to reporting requirements found at 40 CFR part 707, subpart D. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Each comment must bear the docket control number "OPPTS-00261" and administrative record number 205. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit III. of this document. No TSCA Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments that contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this document. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-554-1404, TDD: 202-554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov. For technical information contact: Rob Esworthy, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-3795,

Fax: 202-260-2219, e-mail: esworthy.rob@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability:

Internet

Electronic copies of the ICR are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register** - Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

Fax-on-Demand

Using a faxphone call 202-401-0527 and select item 4065 for a copy of the ICR.

I. Background

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those companies that export or engage in wholesale sales of chemical substances or mixtures. For each collection of information addressed in this notice, EPA would like to solicit comments to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

II. Information Collection

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR as well as the Agency's intention to renew the corresponding OMB approvals.

Title: TSCA Section 12(b) Notification of Chemical Exports.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 0795.10, OMB No. 2070-0030.

Approval expiration date: April 30, 1999.

Abstract: Section 12(b)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires that any person who exports or intends to export to a foreign country a chemical substance or mixture that is regulated under TSCA sections 4, 5, 6 and/or 7 submit to EPA notification of such export or intent to export. Upon receipt

of notification, EPA will advise the government of the importing country of the U.S. regulatory action with respect to that substance. EPA uses the information obtained from the submitter via this collection to advise the government of the importing country.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 707, subpart D). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Potential future EPA actions affecting this information collection: The purpose of this section is to identify EPA actions that are anticipated to occur during the collection period that could affect the information requirements and burden. The Agency will follow appropriate procedures for modifying the TSCA section 12(b) Notification of Chemical Exports ICR to account for the impacts of these actions at such time that they actually occur.

On October 9, 1998, EPA announced the High Production Volume Chemical (HPV) Challenge Program. The HPV Program is a key element of the Chemical Right-to-Know (ChemRTK) initiative announced by Vice President Gore and EPA Administrator Browner on the eve of Earth Day 1998. The Chem-RTK initiative challenges government, industry and the environmental community to develop aggressive strategies that will rapidly fill the gaps in our understanding about the potential health and environmental effects associated with chemicals used widely in our communities and make this information easily accessible to the public.

The HPV Challenge Program is a major new voluntary chemical testing effort created to ensure that a complete set of baseline health and environmental effects screening data on thousands of HPV industrial chemicals is made available to the public. EPA in partnership with industry and environmental groups have outlined an approach for compiling the basic information for 2,800 HPV chemicals. HPV chemicals are defined as those that are manufactured in, or imported into, the United States in amounts exceeding 1 million pounds per year.

For those chemicals not selected by companies for voluntary testing, EPA will require the testing by law, using the testing authorities contained in section 4 of TSCA. EPA will issue a final rule requiring the testing no later than December 1999. At the time of the writing of this ICR, EPA is developing

options for a proposed rulemaking expected to be published during the second quarter of FY 1999. This includes determining which chemicals and the number of chemicals potentially affected by these rulemaking requirements. The chemicals included in the proposed and final rulemaking will be subject to section 12(b) export notification requirements. EPA anticipates that this will result in an increase of the information collection burden for section 12(b). The calculation for the increased burden will likely be a straightforward multiplication of number of chemicals not currently subject to section 12(b) requirements by the average number of hours and associated cost.

EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) has been working with industry representatives exploring opportunities for electronic submission of data to the Agency. One pilot includes electronic submission of section 12(b) export notifications. OPPT has recently developed a new database for accepting electronic submissions under section 12(b). The new database incorporates new web and public key infrastructure (PKI) technology that will allow for submissions via the Internet. The new database is currently undergoing beta testing and EPA anticipates it will be available for implementation later this calendar year. OPPT hopes to announce the details regarding its ability to accept electronic section 12(b) submissions in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice sometime later in FY 1999. EPA expects electronic submission will result in an overall reduction of the information collection burden for section 12(b) export notification.

Burden statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 6,200 hours per year with an annual cost of \$257,470. These totals are based on an average burden of approximately 0.564 hours per response for an estimated 350 respondents making one or more responses annually. These estimates include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

III. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this document, as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPPTS-00261" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
oppt.ncic@epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form addressing ICR No. 0795.10 must be identified by docket control number "OPPTS-00261" and administrative record number 205. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Information collection requests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: January 5, 1999.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00257; FRL-6050-4]

Toxic Chemicals; Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following Information Collection Requests (ICRs)

to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collections described in Unit I. and Unit II. of this document. The ICRs are: (1) A continuing ICR entitled "Health and Safety Data Reporting, Submission of Lists and Copies of Health and Safety Studies," EPA ICR No. 0575.08, OMB No. 2070-0004, which relates to reporting requirements found at 40 CFR part 716; (2) a continuing ICR entitled "Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions to Human Health or the Environment," EPA ICR No. 1031.06, OMB No. 2070-0017, which relates to reporting requirements found at 40 CFR part 717; and (3) a continuing ICR entitled "Significant New Use Rules for Existing Chemicals," EPA ICR No. 1188.05, OMB No. 2070-0038, which relates to reporting requirements found at 40 CFR part 721. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Each comment must bear the respective docket control numbers and administrative record numbers as follows: Comments on ICR No. 0575.08 should reference docket control number "OPPTS-00258" and administrative record number 202; comments on ICR No. 1031.06 should reference docket control number "OPPTS-00259" and administrative record number 203; and comments on ICR No. 1188.05 should reference docket control number "OPPTS-00260" and administrative record number 204. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

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