

Wastewater Treatment System Rehabilitation, Implementation, COE Section 404 Permit, Glacier National Park, A Portion of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, Flathead and Glacier Counties, MT, Due: March 31, 2000, Contact: Mary Riddle (406) 888-7898.

EIS No. 000033, Draft EIS, AFS, WA, Deadman Creek Ecosystem Management Projects, Implementation, Kettle Falls Ranger District, Colville National Forest, Ferry County, WA, Due: March 30, 2000, Contact: Wade Spang (509) 738-6111.

Dated: February 8, 2000.

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Associate Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6251-1]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared January 24, 2000 Through January 28, 2000 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 09, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

DRAFT EISs

ERP No. D-FHW-F40386-OH Rating EC2, Meigs-124-21.16 Transportation Corridor, Relocating existing OH-124 and US 33, Meigs County, OH.

Summary: EPA concerns will be adequately addressed if the project's forthcoming final EIS provides additional detail on the project's purpose and need statement and the conceptual wetlands compensation plan.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40387-OH Rating EC2, Lancaster Bypass (FAI-US 22/US 33-9.59/9.95) Construction, Funding, Greenfield, Hocking, Berne and Pleasant Townships, Fairfield County, OH.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to potential noise impacts and wetlands compensation aspects. EPA requested

noise mitigation actions and a wetland compensation plan.

ERP No. D-SFW-K64017-CA Rating EC2, Trinity River Mainstream Fishery Restoration, To Restore and Maintain the Natural Production of Anadromous Fish, Trinity and Humboldt Counties, CA.

Summary: While EPA supports the preferred alternative, EPA did express concern that additional mitigation measures are needed to ensure full protection of the environment, such as creation and restoration of cold water pool refugia and other cold water habitats.

ERP No. D-USN-C11017-NY Rating EC2, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Bethpage to Nassau County, Transfer and Reuse, Preferred Reuse Plan for the Property, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to potential issues related to air quality, ground water, and site contamination/ remediation. EPA requested that these issues be clarified in the final EIS.

Dated: February 8, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6535-6]

Gulf of Mexico Program Policy Review Board Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) Policy Review Board (PRB).

DATES: The PRB meeting will be held on Friday, March 3, 2000 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Regional Administrator's Conference Room, 61 Forsyth Street, Fourteenth Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, telephone (404) 562-8357.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed agenda items will include: Review of GMP Priority Projects Identified by the States for FY 2000, Review of Federal Project Inventory—FY 2000 & FY 2001, and Discussion of Developing Support for the GMP.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: February 7, 2000.

Gloria D. Car,

Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6535-4]

Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2) notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), will hold an Executive Committee Meeting.

DATES: The Meeting will be held on February 28-29, 2000. On Monday, February 28, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., and will recess at 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, February 29, the meeting will reconvene at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 1:00 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, Meridian D&E Rooms, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items will include, but not limited to: Discussion on ORD's Particulate Matter^{2.5} Research Program and BOSC Subcommittee Draft Reports on Particulate Matter, and discussion of the SAB and BOSC Subcommittee Review of ORD's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program. Anyone desiring a draft BOSC agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton, (202) 565-2444. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; or by

telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, NCERQA (MC 8701R), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-6853.

Dated: February 7, 2000.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00530B; FRL-6489-7]

Pesticides; Clarification of Treated Articles Exemption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of PR Notice 2000-1 clarifying the Agency's policy with respect to the applicability of the "treated articles exemption" in 40 CFR 152.25(a) to antimicrobial pesticides. The notice discusses EPA's past and present guidance on how treated articles and substances qualify for the exemption, as well as the distinction between public health and non-public health antimicrobial claims, by providing specific examples of claims and related terms which the Agency believes are or are not consistent with 40 CFR 152.25(a). This notice also explains the requirement that the pesticide in a treated article be "registered for such use."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie Edwards, Senior Advisor, Antimicrobial Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-7891; fax: (703) 308-6467; e-mail: edwards.debbie@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to manufacturers, distributors, and any other person selling or distributing pesticide treated

articles and substances, and to manufacturers, distributors, and any other person selling or distributing pesticides used as preservatives to protect treated articles from microbial deterioration. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document, and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents, from the Internet EPA Home page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register--Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *Fax-on-demand.* You may request a faxed copy of the Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice 2000-1 titled "Applicability of the Treated Articles Exemption to Antimicrobial Pesticides" by using a faxphone to call (202) 401-0527 and selecting item 6110. You may also follow the automated menu.

II. Background

The "treated articles exemption" in 40 CFR 152.25(a) was promulgated in 1988. As provided by 40 CFR 152.25(a), in order to qualify for the "treated articles exemption," (1) a product must be treated with a pesticide registered under FIFRA for incorporation into a specific treated article or substance, and (2) the claims allowed for such treatment must be limited to protection of the treated article only. If these two conditions are met, the product would qualify for the "treated articles exemption" and would be exempt from all FIFRA requirements. Since that time, enforcement actions have been taken by EPA where it deemed necessary. The products involved in these actions were dealt with so as to resolve individual issues arising in each matter. In recent years, however, a large variety of non-exempt antimicrobial treated products and substances with diverse claims have appeared in the marketplace. To address this case-by-case approach and to avoid marketplace confusion, the Agency decided to provide comprehensive guidance as set forth in a PR Notice to

clarify EPA policy with respect to the applicability of the "treated articles exemption" and to provide examples of acceptable and unacceptable claims for use on labels and advertisements which the Agency believes are consistent with 40 CFR 152.25(a).

In the **Federal Register** of April 17, 1998 (63 FR 19256) (FRL-5780-7), EPA published a notice of availability of a draft PR Notice soliciting comments on proposed guidance clarifying the criteria considered by EPA for determining whether antimicrobial pesticides are eligible for the "treated articles exemption," as well as to make it clear that the Agency continues to consider any public health claim as not being consistent with the provisions of 40 CFR 152.25(a). Comments were to be received by May 18, 1998. In the **Federal Register** of May 18, 1998 (63 FR 27280) (FRL-00530A), EPA extended the comment period until June 30, 1998. In response, the Agency received 107 comments to the draft PR Notice from a wide spectrum of the antimicrobial community. This **Federal Register** notice announces the availability of PR Notice 2000-1 titled "Applicability of the Treated Articles Exemption to Antimicrobial Pesticides."

III. Comments to the Draft Notice

In developing PR Notice 2000-1, the Agency evaluated 107 comments received in response to the April 17, 1998 draft notice. At the same time, treated article issues were discussed in two antimicrobial workshops and in numerous meetings with individuals and representatives of the antimicrobial pesticide community. Among the principal concerns raised during these dialogs were the Agency's position regarding aesthetic claims and the 60-day time frame for compliance with any new elements of the final notice. In evaluating these concerns, EPA has come to the conclusion that properly worded aesthetic claims continue to fall within the scope of the "treated articles exemption" because mitigation of non-public health related organisms which are responsible for mildew and odors can contribute to the protection of the appearance and maintenance of the intended shelf life of the treated article or substance. EPA has also been made aware of the complexities associated with the manufacture and distribution of treated paint and textile products and believes that February 11, 2001, would be an appropriate time frame for implementing any new elements of the final notice.

Other concerns were raised about the Agency's position regarding the use of terms such as "antibacterial,"