

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-150-001]

**Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.;
Notice of Meeting**

June 8, 2000.

The Commission staff, Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P. (Millennium) and interested parties will meet on June 21, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 3M-2B at the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Millennium previously filed on May 9, 2000, in Docket No. CP98-150-001 to amend its pending application to reflect a route variation in Westchester County, New York. That application to amend was rejected as incomplete by letter dated May 16, 2000, without prejudice to Millennium refiling a complete application.

Millennium has requested a meeting in anticipation of refiling of the application to amend.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6715-7]

Adequacy Status of Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes: Houston-Galveston Area (HGA) Attainment Demonstration SIP for Ozone**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy status.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the EPA is announcing that the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the submitted HGA Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP) for ozone are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of this determination, the budgets from the submitted attainment SIP must be used for transportation conformity determinations in the HGA. The EPA received two public comment letters.

DATES: These budgets are effective June 29, 2000.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. J. Behnam, P. E., The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1445

Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202; telephone (214) 665-7247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. The EPA's conformity rule, 40 CFR part 93, requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards. The criteria by which EPA determines whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). An adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it should not be used to prejudice EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

On March 2, 1999, the D. C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that budgets contained in submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations unless EPA has affirmatively found the conformity budget adequate. We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in the policy guidance dated May 14, 1999, and titled *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*. You may obtain a copy of this guidance from EPA's conformity web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on "conformity" and then scroll down) or by contacting us at the address above.

By this notice, we are simply announcing the adequacy determination that we have already made. On November 15, 1999, we received the HGA attainment SIP which contained a volatile organic compounds budget of 79.00 tons/day and a nitrogen oxides budget of 195.00 tons/day. The public comment period closed on May 1, 2000. We received two public comment letters. We responded to all comments. After the public comment process, we sent a letter to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission stating that these budgets are adequate and they must be used for transportation conformity determinations, and we enclosed a copy of our response to comments.

Therefore, the budgets contained in the submitted HGA attainment SIP as referenced above must be used for transportation conformity by the

Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Houston-Galveston Area.

Dated: May 31, 2000.

Gregg A. Cooke,*Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6716-2]

2000 National Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program Meeting**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of Public Invitation to Plenary Sessions of RCRA National Meeting and to Environmental Indicator Forum Sessions.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of public invitation to the plenary sessions of the regular meeting of the National Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program, "RCRA: Visions for the Future." This meeting, August 15-18, 2000, brings together RCRA program representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), state government, and tribes. The National Meeting will explore future management issues of hazardous and nonhazardous (industrial, municipal, and other) waste. A long-standing tradition, the National RCRA Program Meeting continues to be a great opportunity to share with, and learn from, each other. It promotes new EPA Headquarters initiatives, and fosters discussion and education concerning regional and state issues.

Although attendance at the National Meeting breakout sessions is limited to regulators, the general public is invited to attend the two plenary sessions. An Environmental Indicator Forum will be held during the Meeting. The Forum attempts to improve our efforts to ensure the protection of public health, and to control the migration of contaminated water.

DATES: The two plenary sessions at the 2000 National RCRA Program Meeting are open to the public. The first plenary starts at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2000 and ends at noon. The second plenary starts at 8:30 am on Thursday, August 17, 2000 and ends at 10:00 am. The Environmental Indicator Forum, will start at 1:00 pm on August 15, and continue through August 17. It is also open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The 2000 National RCRA Program Meeting and the Environmental Indicator Forum will both be held at the

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill Hotel at 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Information on the room location of the plenary sessions will be provided upon registration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carlos Lago, (703-308-8642), or Mike Fitzpatrick (703-308-8411), Office of Solid Waste, Mail Code 5303W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20460. You may also contact them by e-mail at "lago.carlos@epamail.epa.gov" Or "fitzpatrick.mike@epamail.epa.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Status

The public is invited only to the two plenary sessions at the National Meeting. At the plenary sessions, federal, state, and tribal officials, and representatives from industry and public interest groups, will discuss current topics related to the RCRA program and the latest Agency initiatives. The public is invited to attend all the Environmental Indicator Forum sessions.

Preregistration is required for the plenary and the Environmental Indicator Forum sessions. There is no cost to register. No registration will occur at the door. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended. To reduce costs and minimize paper, we encourage everyone to register electronically for the meetings and at the Hyatt hotel using the meeting web site: <www.epa.gov/osw/meeting/index.htm>. If electronic registration is not possible, please contact Christine Milerson at HAZMED, (301) 577-9339, ext. 234. The address is Hazmed, 10001 Derekwood Lane, Suite 115, Lanham, MD 20706.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

Elizabeth Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00294; FRL-6591-3]

Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA); June Meeting Planned for Work Groups

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tribal Affairs Work Group and the Environmental Justice Work Group will meet during the Forum

on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) session in June. The three FOSTTA projects: Chemical Management, Pollution Prevention, and Toxics Release Inventory will not meet at this time. These projects met in October and March of this fiscal year. The next meeting of the entire FOSTTA membership will be in October 2000. OPPT will issue a **Federal Register** notice in late September to announce the details of the October meeting.

DATES: The Tribal Affairs Work Group and the Environmental Justice Work Group will meet concurrently on June 22, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on June 23, 2000, from 9 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Old Town, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Hagevik, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1560 Broadway, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202; telephone: (303) 839-0273; fax: (303) 863-8003; e-mail: george.hagevik@ncsl.org or Darlene Harrod, Liaison Branch, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC; telephone: (202) 260-6904; fax: (202) 260-2219; e-mail: harrod.darlene@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. All parties interested in FOSTTA and hearing more about the perspectives of the States and Tribes on EPA programs and the information exchange regarding important issues related to human health and environmental exposure to toxics are invited and encouraged to attend. The public is encouraged to attend the proceedings as observers. However, in the interest of time and efficiency, the meetings are structured to provide maximum opportunity for State, Tribal, and EPA participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair of the work group, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings.

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

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of minutes, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Web site at <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/esnr/fostta/>

<http://www.epa.gov> and 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/fedrgrstr/FOSTTA>.

2. *Facsimile.* Notify the contacts listed above if you would like any of the documents sent to you via fax.

III. Background

The NCSL and the EPA co-sponsor the meetings. As part of a co-sponsorship agreement, NCSL facilitates ongoing efforts of the States and Tribes to identify, discuss, and address toxics-related issues, and to continue the dialogue on how Federal environmental programs can best be implemented.

FOSTTA, a group of State and Tribal toxics environmental managers, is intended to foster the exchange of toxics-related program and enforcement information among the States, Tribes, EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). In addition to the two work groups, FOSTTA currently is composed of the Coordinating Committee and three issue-specific projects: the Chemical Management, Pollution Prevention, and Toxics Release Inventory.

The Tribal Affairs Work Group will focus on issues of particular interest to the Tribal representatives as well as on OPPT orientation and organizational matters. FOSTTA will also host a stakeholder meeting on logistical issues associated with the implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in the States.

IV. Purpose of Meeting

Tentative agenda items identified by NCSL, the States, and the Tribes for the Tribal Affairs Work Group meeting:

1. AIEO's Baseline Assessment project.
2. OECA's American Indian Land Environmental Support project.
3. Subsistence Food Assessment project.
4. OPPT 101.

The tentative agenda item identified for the Environmental Justice Work Group meeting:

Logistical issues associated with the implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in the States.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.