

implementing mechanism to allow for the XL project to proceed.

DATES: The period for submission of comments on the draft FPA ends on September 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Charles Howland, U.S. EPA Region III (3OR00), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Howland at (215) 814-2783. Comments may also be received via electronic mail sent to: howland.charles@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement, contact: Charles Howland, U.S. EPA Region III (3OR00), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, or Mitch Kidwell, U.S. EPA (1802), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Charles Howland at (215) 814-2645 or Mitch Kidwell at (202) 260-2515. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program, contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation (1802), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/projectxl>.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6863-6]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement: IBM East Fishkill Facility—F006 Sludge Recycling Project.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comments on a draft Project XL Final Project

Agreement (FPA) for the International Business Machines Corporation's (hereafter "IBM") East Fishkill semiconductor manufacturing facility in Hopewell Junction, NY. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by IBM, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), EPA and interested stakeholders. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the opportunity to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory or procedural requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

In the draft FPA, IBM proposes to determine whether the wastewater treatment sludge resulting, in part, from the treatment of wastewaters generated from electroplating operations at the facility and therefore designated F006 Hazardous Waste, should be subject to full regulatory controls pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) when it is to be used as an ingredient to produce a product (cement) that is used in a manner constituting disposal (*i.e.*, placement on the land).

Under current RCRA regulations, a hazardous secondary material (*i.e.*, a term of art used to describe materials that are not virgin raw materials or products, and therefore may or may not be considered solid wastes, depending on how they are recycled) that is used as an ingredient to produce a product is excluded from the definition of solid waste (and thus, RCRA jurisdiction). However, this exclusion is not available if the product being produced is used in a manner constituting disposal. This XL project involves the use of the IBM wastewater treatment sludge as a substitute for ingredients normally used in the production of cement. Cement is a product that is presumed to be used in a manner constituting disposal. IBM believes the sludge that is the focus of this XL project does not require RCRA regulatory oversight to ensure that it is protective of human health and the environment, and that such oversight (and regulatory requirements for the proper permits and use of a hazardous waste manifest) effectively precludes such sludge from being recycled in a manner that is beneficial to the environment and society as a whole. EPA and the NYSDEC agree that IBM's sludge is comparable to the normal raw ingredients typically used to produce cement and believe this XL project is useful in exploring a potential approach to an overall strategy for addressing the

appropriate management of a large-volume wastestream.

IBM has posed that EPA remove the wastewater treatment sludge from RCRA regulatory controls, and thus encourage (or at least not discourage) its recycling as an ingredient in cement manufacture. The draft FPA being noticed today as available in the RCRA docket presents a detailed description of the IBM East Fishkill facility, the XL project itself, and the intents and commitments on the part of signatories to the agreement. EPA expects to propose in a separate **Federal Register** notice a regulatory modification of the current regulations in the near future to allow for this XL project to be implemented (a regulatory change, subject to applicable regulatory procedures is required). NYSDEC also agrees to adopt an appropriate legal implementing mechanism to implement this XL project once EPA has promulgated its final rule that will implement the project.

Project XL was chosen as the vehicle for this project because IBM is asking EPA to reconsider a historical view of RCRA jurisdiction (*i.e.*, hazardous secondary materials that are recycled through use constituting disposal) and determine whether some identifiable subset of such hazardous secondary materials may protectively be removed from RCRA regulatory control when recycled as an ingredient in cement. This XL project may provide the Agency with a new approach for encouraging the environmentally sound recycling of a hazardous waste, and support a broader effort to address the proper management of a large-volume, but diverse wastestream (*i.e.*, F006) on a national level.

DATES: The period for submission of comments on the draft FPA ends on September 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Sam Kerns, EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Kerns at (212) 637-4949. Comments may also be received via electronic mail sent to: kerns.sam@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement, contact: Sam Kerns, U.S. EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866, or Mitch Kidwell, U.S. EPA (1802), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Sam Kerns at (212) 637-

4139, or Mitch Kidwell at (202) 260-2515. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program, contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, U.S. EPA (1802), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/projectxl>.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00439D; FRL-6742-2]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC): Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a conference call meeting of the Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup. The workgroup was established to advise the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee on ways of making information on inert ingredients more available to the public while working within the mandates of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and related Confidential Business Information concerns.

DATES: The meeting will be held by conference call on Tuesday, September 12, 2000 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public may listen to the meeting discussions on site at: Crystal Mall #2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; conference Room 1123. Seating is limited and will be available on a first come first serve basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Cameo Smoot, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (703) 305-5454. Office locations: 11th floor, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. E-mail smoot.cameo@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup is composed of a participants from the following sectors: environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and pesticide users; Federal, State and local governments; the general public; academia and public health organizations.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup, will advise the EPA through the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), on potential measures to increase the availability to the public of information about inert ingredients (also called "other ingredients") under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Among the factors the workgroup has been asked to consider in preparing its recommendations are: existing law regarding inert ingredients and Confidential Business Information (CBI); current Agency processes and policies for disseminating inert ingredient information to the public, including procedures for the protection of CBI; informational needs for a variety of stakeholders; and business reasons for limiting the disclosure of inert ingredient information.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup meeting is open to the public. Written public statements are welcome and should be submitted to the OPP administrative docket OPP-00439A. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after the conference call. These statements will become part of the permanent file and will be provided to the Workgroup members for their information.

How and to Whom Do I Submit the Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00439A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington,

VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described above in paragraphs 1. and 2. of this section. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-00439A. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00676; FRL-6741-4]

Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) General Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on September 27, 2000 and ending on September 28, 2000. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. This meeting is open to the general public, but there will be a Tribal Caucus for internal TPPC matters, which will be closed to the general public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 27, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., including a Tribal Caucus from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and September 28, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Requests to participate in the meeting may be received until September 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yakama Nation - Winterlodge Cultural Heritage Center, (ask for directions to the Yakama Agency complex), Buster Lane, Toppenish, WA.