

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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Elizabeth A. Shaw,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation.

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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

Environmental protection, pesticides, inerts, PPDC.

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Joseph J. Merenda,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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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.

Requests to participate may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00676 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillian Wilmore, TPPC Facilitator, P.O. Box 470829; Brookline Village, MA. 02447-0829; telephone number (617) 232-5742; Fax Number (617) 277-1656; e-mail address: naecology@aol.com or Georgia A. McDuffie, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 605-0195; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address: mcduffie.georgia@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 Tribes with pesticide programs or pesticide interests. 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 under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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 that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," 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. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00676. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information

claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting through the mail, in person, or electronically. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. Your request must be received by EPA on or before September 25, 2000. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00676 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 electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described above. 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-00676. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Background

The first official Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) meeting was held in January 2000 in Washington, DC. The TPPC was founded, based on tribal needs, views and goals, to provide Tribes with a voice in national pesticide policy and issues. Native Ecology Initiative (NEI), a non-profit organization, was awarded the EPA cooperative agreement to form the TPPC. The formation of the TPPC has

created a strong mechanism for communication between tribes and EPA, which has led to a more effective way for tribal members to share with EPA staff their real world experience with pesticide issues in Indian country.

III. Tentative Agenda

September 27, 2000 (Wednesday)

Welcome and greetings invocation
 General session - Open to all participants introductions
 Report from the chairman - State of the Council
 Reports from working groups
 Reports from TPPC Reps to other meetings and groups
 Panel and discussion on Tribal authority and jurisdictional issues under FIFRA
 Presentation on Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
 Tribal caucus (closed - Council members only)
 Baseline assessment presentation
 Wrap-up, review of agenda for day two; opportunity to place issues on TPPC agenda

September 28, 2000 (Thursday)

Welcome and greetings invocation
 General session - Open to all participants, presentation and discussion on federal inspector credentials
 Presentation of Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
 New council member - pesticide concerns
 Report and review on pesticide contamination of NAGPRA items
 Presentation by Yakama Nation reps - overview of their history, culture, environmental program issues; Yakama agriculture
 Presentation and discussion on Tribal Pesticide Program Development - What is Needed?
 Wrap-Up, opportunity to place issues on TPPC agenda, and report on plans for next year

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

Anne E. Lindsay,

Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6863-7]

Notice of Availability of Proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") General Permit For Discharges From Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in Arizona

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed NPDES general permit, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Regional Administrator, EPA, Region 9, is proposing to issue an NPDES general permit (permit No. AZG800000) for discharges from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in Arizona. This document announces the availability of the proposed general permit and fact sheet for public comment. When issued, the proposed permit will establish effluent limitations, prohibitions, best management practices and other conditions governing the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States from these CAFOs.

DATES: *Comments.* Comments on the proposed general permit must be received or postmarked no later than October 20, 2000.

Public Hearing. A public hearing to receive public comment concerning the proposed general permit will be held on October 12, 2000 at 4 pm.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* Public comments and requests for coverage should be sent to: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Attn: CWA Standards and Permits Office, WTR-5, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105-3901. EPA requests that interested parties send a copy of their comments on the proposed general permit and fact sheet to Linda Taunt, Reuse and Federal Permits Unit, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 3033 North Central, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

Public Hearing. The public hearing will be held at: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Room 1706, 3033 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirin Tolle or Jacques Landy, EPA, at the address listed above or telephone Shirin Tolle at (415) 744-1898 or Jacques Landy at (415) 744-1922. Copies of the proposed general permit and fact sheet will be provided upon request and are also available at EPA, Region 9's website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/index.html> (permit link located under section heading Draft NPDES permits).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Certification under section 401(a) of the Clean Water Act: Under CWA, section 401(a)(1), EPA may not issue an NPDES permit until a certification is granted or waived in accordance with that section by the State in which the discharge originates or will originate. EPA has initiated the certification process set forth in 40 CFR 124.53 for the proposed permit. Persons wishing to comment on certification of the proposed permit should contact the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality or the appropriate Indian Tribe at the address indicated in Appendix D of the proposed permit.

Administrative Record: The proposed NPDES general permit and other related documents in the administrative record are on file and may be inspected between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the addresses shown below. U.S. EPA, Region 9, CWA Standards and Permits Office (WTR-5), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Summary of Terms and Conditions of Proposed General Permit

A. Facility Coverage. The draft permit would cover Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs as defined in 40 CFR 122.23(b)) in Arizona and in Indian Country lands as set forth in Part II Section A of the permit. CAFOs which have received notice to apply for an individual permit from EPA would not be eligible for coverage under the draft permit. EPA may, pursuant to 40 CFR 122.23(c), designate an animal feeding operation as a CAFO if EPA determines that the operation is a significant contributor of pollution to the waters of the United States. Facilities that are designated as CAFOs under that provision may be eligible for coverage under this permit. An owner or operator of a CAFO eligible for coverage under the general permit may apply for an individual permit rather than seek coverage under the general permit.

An owner or operator of a CAFO seeking coverage under the general permit would be required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to EPA, and to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) or the appropriate Indian Tribe. A NOI for an existing CAFO would have to be submitted within 180 days after the effective date of the permit. An owner or operator seeking coverage for a new facility would be required to submit a NOI, and additional information identified in Appendix C of the permit, at least