

following tariff sheets proposed to become effective November 1, 2000:

First Revised Sheet No. 14B
First Revised Sheet No. 14F
First Revised Sheet No. 14L

ANR is filing the attached tariff sheets to reflect a change in the negotiated rate contracts with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC). WPSC is increasing its MDQ under its Marshfield contract 5500 by 68 dth/d, and making a corresponding decrease of 68 dth/d to its Joliet Hub contract 104403. Also, WPSC is adjusting its previous annual MDQ level associated with NNS contract 99515, to provide for a seasonal split in the MDQ. Therefore, on an annual basis, there is no change in level of NNS service. ANR requests that the Commission grant ANR any waivers of the Commission's regulations which are necessary in order to make these tariff sheets effective as of November 1, 2000, and to the extent necessary, moves pursuant to 18 CFR 154.7(a)(9) for the tariff sheets to go into effect on said date. Additionally, ANR requests all such further relief as is appropriate.

ANR states that a copy of this filing is being mailed to the affected shipper and to each of ANR's FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2 customers, and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00439H; FRL-6755-3]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) and Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on November 29-30, and the PPDC Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup on November 28, 2000. Agendas for both of these public meetings are under development and will be available by November 20, 2000, on our website at www.epa.gov/pesticides/ppdc/.

DATES: The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup meeting will be held on November 28, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The PPDC meeting will be held on November 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on November 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Both public meetings will be held at Radisson Hotel Old Town, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, telephone number (703) 683-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the PPDC meeting, contact Margie Fehrenbach or Terria Northern, and for the Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup, contact Cameo Smoot. All are located within the Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances 7501C, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone numbers: (703) 308-4775 or (703) 305-7090; fax numbers: (703) 308-4776 or (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: Fehrenbach.Margie@epa.gov, Northern.Terria@epa.gov or Smoot.Cameo@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to persons who are concerned about implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) (Public Law 104-170) which was passed in 1996 to strengthen the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food; the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). PPDC was established in 1995 to provide a forum for a diverse group

of stakeholders to provide advice and recommendations to EPA regarding pesticide regulatory and policy issues. 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 persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. 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/>. To access information regarding PPDC, go directly to the Home Page for EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/> and select ppdc.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for all PPDC meetings and workgroups under docket control number OPP-00439A. The administrative record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to the PPDC and workgroups, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This administrative 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 administrative record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #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.

3. *By mail.* You may submit a request 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.

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

PPDC meetings are open to the public under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 3-5 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after a PPDC meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be provided to PPDC members. The permanent record will be available for public inspection at the address in Section II.2 "In person" above. The Agency requests that participants limit their use of fragranced products on behalf of persons attending who have expressed a concern about chemical sensitivity.

IV. Background

PPDC was established as an advisory committee in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act in 1995 for a two-year term; it was renewed in 1997 and again in 1999. The PPDC provides a continuing and transparent forum for a diverse group of stakeholders from across the country to provide advice and recommendations to EPA regarding a broad range of pesticide regulatory development and program implementation issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. Membership to the PPDC includes broad geographic representation from the following sectors: environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and trade associations; pesticide users; Federal and State/local governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup was formed in December 1999 to advise the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee regarding ways to make information on inert ingredients more available to the public while working within the mandates of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and related CBI concerns.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemicals, Pesticides, Pests, Inert ingredients.

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Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6900-2; RIN 2060-AG85]

Waste Characterization Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste From the Savannah River Site for Disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability; opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, or "we") is announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 30 days on, Department of Energy (DOE) documents applicable to characterization of transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Savannah River Site proposed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The documents are entitled: "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Quality Assurance Project Plan, WSRC-RP-99-01097," "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Quality Assurance Program Document, WSRC-RP-99-01119," and "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Waste Certification Plan, WSRC-RP-99-01095." They are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. We will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes and the quality assurance program for waste characterization at the Savannah River Site to verify that the site can characterize transuranic waste in accordance with EPA's WIPP compliance criteria. We will perform this inspection during the weeks of November 6 and November 13, 2000. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

DATES: EPA requests public comment on the documents. Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before December 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460. The DOE documents are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, DC, Docket No. A-98-49,

Category II-A2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 am-9 pm, Friday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday 1 pm-5 pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: vary by semester; and in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library, Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm.

As provided in EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, if copies of any docket materials are requested, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Monroe, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9310, or call EPA's toll-free WIPP Information Line, 1-800-331-WIPP.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

DOE operates the WIPP near Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico as a deep geologic repository for disposal of TRU radioactive waste. As defined by the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act (LWA) of 1992 (Public Law 102-579), as amended (Public Law 104-201), TRU waste consists of materials containing elements having atomic numbers greater than 92 (with half-lives greater than twenty years), in concentrations greater than 100 nanocuries of alpha-emitting TRU isotopes per gram of waste. Much of the existing TRU waste consists of items contaminated during the production of nuclear weapons, such as rags, equipment, tools, and sludges.

On May 13, 1998, we announced our final compliance certification decision to the Secretary of Energy (published May 18, 1998, 63 FR 27354). This decision stated that the WIPP will comply with EPA's radioactive waste disposal regulations at 40 CFR part 191, subparts B and C.

The final WIPP certification decision includes conditions that: (1) prohibit shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) until EPA determines that the site has established and executed a quality assurance program, in accordance with §§ 194.22(a)(2)(i), 194.24(c)(3), and 194.24(c)(5) for waste characterization activities and assumptions (condition 2 of appendix A to 40 CFR part 194); and (2) prohibit shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than LANL until EPA has approved the procedures developed to comply with the waste characterization requirements