

Tank Closure (DOE/EIS-0303D), Implementation, Industrial Wastewater Closure Plan for the F and H-Area High-Level Waste Tank Systems, Aiken County, SC, Due: January 23, 2001, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 881-7292.

EIS No. 000402, FINAL EIS, COE, IL, Hunter Lake New Supplemental Water Supply Reservoir, Construction, City of Springfield Application for Permit, Sangamon County, IL, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Charlene Carmack (309) 794-5570.

EIS No. 000403, FINAL EIS, COE, NE, Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Flood Reduction Study Including Environmental Restoration Component, Lower Platte River and Tributaries, Saunders and Sarpy Counties, NE, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Nelson S. Carpenter (402) 221-4450.

EIS No. 000404, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, AFS, CA, WA, OR, Northern Spotted Owl Management Plan, Updated Information for Amendment to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer and Other Mitigating Measures, Standards and Guidelines (to the Northwest Forest Plan), Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, OR, WA and CA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Dick Prather (503) 808-2165.

EIS No. 000405, FINAL EIS, COE, CA, Whitewater River Basin (Thousand Palms) Flood Control Project, Construction of Facilities to Provide Flood Protection, Coachella Valley, Riverside County, CA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Hayley Lovan (213) 452-3863.

EIS No. 000406, FINAL EIS, FHW, WA, NE 8TH/I-405 Interchange Project, Construction, Funding, Right-of-Way Use Permit and NPDES Stormwater Permit, City of Bellevue, King County, WA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Gene Fong (360) 753-9413.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 000331, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, AFS, WA, Huckleberry Land Exchange Consolidate Ownership and Enhance Future Conservation and Management, Updated Information, Proposal to Exchange Land and Mineral Estates, Federal Land and Non Federal Land, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skagit Snohomish, King, Pierce, Kittitas, and Lewis Counties, WA Revision of FR notice published on 09/22/2000: CEQ Comment Date Extended from 11/13/2000 to 11/27/2000.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

Joseph C. Montgomery,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6905-4]

Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS); Extension of Waiver

ACTION: Notice of FIPS waiver.

SUMMARY: The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted an extension to the waiver (published October 1, 1998, at 63 FR 52693) authorizing the Agency to continue to use the cryptographic features in the commercial software application, Travel Manager Plus. The software's cryptographic features do not comply with Federal Information Processing Standards: 46-3 Data Encryption Standard (DES); 140-1, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules; 180-1, Secure Hash Standard; and 186-2, Digital Signature Standard. This waiver is being issued pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 1441.

DATES: This waiver extension takes effect on November 24, 2000 and expires on January 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Day, Director, Office of Technology, Operations, and Planning, Office of Environmental Information, 401 M Street SW, Mail Code 2831, Washington, DC 20460, 202-260-4465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 46-3 Data Encryption Standard (DES); 140-1, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules; 180-1, Secure Hash Standard; and 186-2, Digital Signature Standard publications establish standards for generating digital signatures (which can be used to verify authenticity) and for the encryption of sensitive information transmitted and stored electronically. As authorized by 40 U.S.C. 1441(c), these FIPS publications permit Federal agencies to waive them under certain circumstances: A waiver may be granted if (1) compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system; or (2) compliance with a standard would cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator

which is not offset by Governmentwide savings.

Travel Manager Plus is commercial off the shelf (COTS) software that is on the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule. The application complies with a broad range of governmentwide requirements including Travel System Requirements issued by the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program.

EPA plans to deploy Travel Manager Plus agency-wide so that the process of reimbursing EPA employees can be fully automated. In addition to gaining efficiencies, by dramatically shortening the reimbursement process cycle, the Travel Manager Plus software will help ensure that the Agency complies with new legal requirements that travelers be reimbursed promptly.

The EPA Chief Information Officer has granted a waiver from the four FIPS cited above to enable EPA to continue to use the built-in cryptographic features in Travel Manager Plus. EPA determined that the cryptographic protection embedded in Travel Manager Plus provides an appropriate level of security to protect the unclassified information used, communicated, and stored on the system.

If the Agency were to purchase and maintain FIPS-compliant applications for its automated travel reimbursement system, the additional costs would be prohibitive. By relying on the FIPS non-compliant cryptographic features embedded in Travel Manager Plus, EPA will be able to achieve a fully automated travel reimbursement system that has adequate and cost-effective security.

In accordance with FIPS requirements, notice of this waiver has been sent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

Dated: November 7, 2000.

Edwin A. Levine,

Interim Chief Information Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00689; FRL-6757-6]

State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committee on Pesticide Operations & Management; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committee on Pesticide Operations & Management will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on December 4, 2000, and ending on December 5, 2000. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to Friday, December 5, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington - Crystal City, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT 05843-1249; telephone number: (802) 472-6956; fax: (802) 472-6957; e-mail address: aapco@plainfield.bypass.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. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all parties interested in SFIREG's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA's decision-making process are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate. 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**.

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/fedrgrstr/>.

2. *In person.* Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT 05843-1239.

III. Tentative Agenda:

1. USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services' Proposal for Specific Pesticide Certification and Training Program
2. Worker Protection Standard Activities Update
3. National Pesticide Data Improvement Workgroup Report
4. Management of Biotech Pesticide Products
5. SFIREG Issue Paper Status Report
6. Regional Reports
7. Committee Reports and Introductions of Issue Papers
8. Other Topics as appropriate

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

Jay Ellenberger,

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

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Renewal of Charter and Meeting of Drug Control Research, Data, and Evaluation Committee

AGENCY: Office of National Drug Control Policy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 and 41 CFR 101-6.1013, the Office of National Drug Control Policy renewed the charter of the Drug Control Research, Data, and Evaluation Committee on October 16, 2000. The renewed charter is available for viewing through the Library of Congress and the United States General Services Administration.

A meeting of the Drug Control Research, Data, and Evaluation Committee will be held on December 7, 2000 at the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 750 17th Street NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC. The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday December 7th and adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

The agenda will include: The National Research Council Study of ONDCP's Data and Research for Policy on Illegal Drugs; the National Drug Control Strategy's Performance Measures of Effectiveness; the Medicaid IMD Exclusion; Substance Abuse Treatment Parity; Prevention Principles; Neuroimaging and Treatment Technology; and Using technology to combat drug-related crime. There will be an opportunity for public comment from 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct any questions to Linda V. Priebe, Attorney-Advisor, (202) 395-6622, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC 20503.

Linda V. Priebe,

Attorney-Advisor.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission

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DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 28, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor)

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-32; U.S. Representative Matthew G. Martinez.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-35: Green Party of Washington State by Theodore Schlagel, Treasurer.

Final Rules and Explanation and Justification on General Public Political