

Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6966-2]

Notice of Approval of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permits to Elk Hills Power, LLC. (Permit No. SJ-99-02), Pastoria Energy Facility (Permit No. SJ-99-03), and Blythe Energy Project, LLC (Permit No. SE-00-01)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 9 is hereby providing notice that it issued PSD permits to Elk Hills Power, LLC., Pastoria Energy Facility, and Blythe Energy Project, LLC.

The permit (Authority to Construct) for Elk Hills Power, LLC. was issued on February 5, 2001. Since no comments were received during the public comment period and the proposed draft permit conditions were not changed in the final permit, the final permit became effective immediately. This proposed power plant, located about 25 miles west of Bakersfield, California, will have a nominal electrical output of 500 MW and will be fired on locally-produced natural gas from the Elk Hills Oil and Gas Field. The proposed facility is subject to PSD for Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) and Carbon Monoxide (CO). The permit includes the following Best Available Control Technology (BACT) emission limits: NO_x at 2.5 ppmvd (based on 1-hour averaging at 15% O₂), and 4 ppmvd CO (based on 3-hour averaging at 15% O₂). The BACT requirements include use of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) or SCONOX for the control of NO_x emissions, and use of catalytic oxidation combined with good combustion design and operation for the control of CO emissions. Continuous emission monitoring is required for NO_x, CO and O₂. The facility is also subject to New Source Performance Standards, Subparts A and GG, and the Acid Rain program under title IV of the Clean Air Act.

The permit (Authority to Construct) for Pastoria Energy Facility was issued on February 12, 2001. Since no comments were received during the public comment period and the proposed draft permit conditions were not changed in the final permit, the final permit became effective immediately. This proposed power plant is located in the southern part of Kern County, has a rated output of 750 MW, and will be fired on natural gas. The proposed facility is subject to PSD for Nitrogen

Oxides (NO_x), Sulfur Oxides (SO_x), and CO. The Best Available Control Technology (BACT) requirements include use of XONON Catalytic combustion to meet NO_x and CO emission limits. The permit includes the following emission limits: NO_x at 2.5 ppmvd (based on 1-hour averaging at 15% O₂), and 6 ppmvd CO (based on 3-hour averaging at 15% O₂). If XONON is not available, the facility may use Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) and also catalytic oxidation combined with good combustion design and operation for the control of CO emissions. The facility is limited to the use of pipeline-quality natural gas to limit SO_x emissions. Continuous emission monitoring is required for NO_x, CO and opacity and the facility is also subject to New Source Performance Standards, Subparts A and GG, and the Acid Rain program under title IV of the Clean Air Act.

The permit (Authority to Construct) for Blythe Energy Project, LLC was issued on March 5, 2001. Since no comments were received during the public comment period, and the proposed draft permit conditions were not changed in the final permit, the final permit became effective immediately. This proposed power plant, located near the city of Blythe, California, will have a nominal electrical output of 520 MW and will be fired on natural gas. The proposed facility will be subject to PSD for Nitrogen Oxides, Carbon Monoxide, and Particulate Matter (PM₁₀). The permit includes the following Best Available Control Technology (BACT) emission limits: NO_x at 2.5 ppmvd (based on 1-hour averaging at 15% O₂), 5 ppmvd CO (8.4 ppmvd for loads between 70-80% of full load and during duct firing) (based on 3-hour averaging at 15% O₂), and PM₁₀ at 11.5 lbs/hr. The BACT requirements include use of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) for the control of NO_x emissions, good combustion control for CO emissions, and a combination of good combustion control and natural gas for the control of PM₁₀ emissions. Continuous emission monitoring is required for NO_x, CO and opacity and the facility is also subject to New Source Performance Standards, Subparts A and GG, and the Acid Rain program under title IV of the Clean Air Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have any questions or would like a copy of the permits, please contact Nahid Zoueshtigh at (415) 744-1261 for Elk Hills; Ed Pike at (415) 744-1211 for Pastoria Energy Facility; or Duong Nguyen at (415) 744-1142 for Blythe. You may also contact us by mail at:

Permits Office (Air-3), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Judicial Review: No comments were received on the permits for Elk Hills, Pastoria, and Blythe and no appeals were filed concerning these permits before the Environmental Appeals Board pursuant to 40 CFR 124.19.

40 CFR 124.19(f)(2) requires notice of any final agency action regarding a PSD permit to be published in the **Federal Register**. Section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act provides for review of final agency action that is locally or regionally applicable in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit. Such a petition for review of final agency action must be filed within 60 days from the date of notice of such action in the **Federal Register**. (However, 40 CFR 124.19(f)(1) provides that, for purposes of judicial review under the Clean Air Act, final agency action occurs when a final PSD permit is issued or denied by EPA and agency review procedures are exhausted.)

Dated: April 2, 2001.

Amy K. Zimpfer,

Acting Director, Air Division, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Technical Workshop on Research Issues Associated With the Gathering and Use of Micro- and Macro-Activity Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a meeting, organized and convened by E.H. Pechan & Associates, Inc., a contractor to EPA's Office of Research and Development, National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), for external scientific peer consultation on research issues related to the gathering and use of micro- and macro-level human activity data. The meeting is being held by NERL to discuss the state-of-the-science on human activity data for multi-media, multi-pathway exposure and dose assessments and suggestions on additional research needed to improve the science.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on May 17, 2001 and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on May

18, 2001. To register to attend the workshop as an observer, contact Kathy Manwaring of E.H. Pechan & Associates, Inc. at 919-493-3144 x123, email: kathy.m@pechan.com by May 9, 2001. Space is limited so please register early.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the Environmental Research Center of the Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, located at the corner of T.W. Alexander Drive and Highway 54.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas McCurdy of EPA NERL, tel. 919-541-0782, email: mcurdy.thomas@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In human exposure assessments, macro-activities are general activity descriptors (e.g., "cooking", "playing games") that describe what a person is doing in a particular location at a particular time. Micro-activities are those detailed activities (e.g., hand-to-surface, hand-to-mouth, and object-to-mouth contacts) that a person is engaged in during a macro-activity. Information on both macro- and micro-activities is important for accurately quantifying real-time multimedia, multipathway human exposures that account for dermal contact, inhalation, dietary ingestion, and non-dietary ingestion of pollutants.

Although a fair amount of data on macro-activity information exists from surveys, micro-activity data are very limited and expensive to obtain via current methods and protocols. In addition, micro-activity methods and protocols are not standardized, so it often is difficult to combine the limited data that do exist into a coherent database. Thus, there is a need to discuss how micro-activity data should be gathered and reported for maximum usefulness in exposure assessments. There also is a need to determine if the existing macro-activity database can be used to provide useful estimates of micro-activity levels if a functional relationship can be derived between them for specific population groups of interest, especially children. Finally, there is a need to develop research protocols and strategies that simultaneously will provide integrated micro- and macro-activity data for human exposure and dose assessment purposes. Discussing and addressing these needs can help improve quantification of children's aggregate exposures to agricultural pesticides, as required by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996.

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit—after a sharing of information on the state-of-the-science regarding the subject issues—individual written

expert opinion of scientists and analysts on the research needed to address the collection and integration of micro- and macro-activity data in order to improve aggregate exposure and dose assessments of multimedia, multipathway chemicals. NERL specifically is not interested in obtaining a consensus, or joint, recommendation from the meeting participants and observers regarding a possible NERL research strategy/program to obtain better micro-, macro-, or integrated activity information; developing such a strategy and program is an inherently governmental function. The Laboratory is interested, however, in eliciting expert views on what data are needed, and what approaches and methods should be used to most effectively obtain these data.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

Jewel Morris,

Acting Deputy Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 6966-7]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2, 2001 at EPA headquarters in room 6013 of the Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meeting will begin by 8:30 a.m. and adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard time on both days. The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Purpose of the Meeting

The Science Advisory Board (SAB) has been asked to review and comment on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 Presidential Budget proposed for EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and the overall Science and Technology (S&T) budget proposed for the EPA. The RSAC will consider how well the budget request: (a) Reflects priorities identified in the EPA and ORD strategic plans; (b) supports a reasonable balance in terms of attention to core