

research on multimedia capabilities and issues and to media-specific problem-driven topics; and (c) balances attention to near-term and to long-term research issues. In addition, the Committee will offer its advice on: (a) Whether the objectives of the research and development program in ORD and the broader science and technology programs in EPA can be achieved at the resource levels requested; and (b) how can EPA use or improve upon the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) structure to communicate research plans, priorities, research requirements, and planned outcomes. A portion of the meeting will be devoted to development of the Committee's report. The Committee may also discuss the status of its review of the implementation of the peer review program at EPA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Dr. Jack Fowle, Designated Federal Officer, Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC), USEPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), Room 6450, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4547; fax at (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at <fowle.jack@epa.gov>. For a copy of the draft meeting agenda, please contact Ms. Wanda Fields, Management Assistant at (202) 564-4539 or by FAX at (202) 501-0582 or via e-mail at <fields.wanda@epa.gov>.

Materials that are the subject of this review are available from Mr. Mike Feldman of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer or from Ms. Amy Battaglia Office of Research and Development. Mr. Feldman can be reached on (202) 564-6951 or by e-mail at <feldman.mike@epa.gov> and Ms. Battaglia can be reached on (202) 564-6685 or via e-mail on <battaglia.amy@epa.gov>.

Providing Oral or Written Comments

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact Dr. Fowle *in writing* (by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Thursday, April 26, 2001 in order to be included on the Agenda. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the

presentation itself. Written comments will be accepted until close of business May 4, 2001. See below for more information on providing written or oral comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (10 minutes or less) must contact Dr. John "Jack" R. Fowle III, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4547; FAX (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at fowle.jack@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Dr. Fowle no later than noon Eastern Standard Time on April 26, 2001.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked

to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY1999 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Meeting Access

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Dr. Fowle at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: April 3, 2001.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6966-8]

Center Star Manufacturing Superfund Site Notice of Prospective Purchaser Agreement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY: Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to enter into a "Prospective Purchaser Agreement" (PPA.) with the purchaser of the Center Star Manufacturing Superfund Site ("Site") located in Oxford, Calhous County, Alabama, at a judicial foreclosure sale. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement for thirty days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

Region IV, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887.

Written comment may be submitted to Mrs. Ann Mayweather-Boyd at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: March 29, 2001.

Franklin E. Hill,

*Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch,
Waste Management Division.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6966-5]

Final Reissuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Multi- Sector General Permits for Industrial Activities for Alaska and for Indian Country in Montana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final NPDES storm water general permits for Alaska and for Indian country in Montana.

SUMMARY: This action provides notice of the reissuance of the "Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities" for the State of Alaska, and for Indian country within the State of Montana.

DATES: Today's action shall be effective on April 16, 2001. This effective date is necessary to provide dischargers with the immediate opportunity to comply with Clean Water Act requirements in light of the expiration of the existing Multi-Sector General Permit for the State of Alaska on February 9, 2001, and for the existing Baseline Industrial General Permit for Indian country lands within the State of Montana on September 9, 1997. The deadline for submission of notices of intent from sources in each of these areas is provided as part of this action.

ADDRESSES: The index to the administrative record for these final Multi-Sector General Permit is available at the appropriate Regional office or from the EPA Water Docket office in Washington, D.C. The administrative record, including documents immediately referenced in this reissuance notice, the reissuance of the permit for other areas of the country on October 30, 2000, and applicable documents used to support the original issuance of the Multi-Sector General Permits in 1995, are stored at the EPA

Water Docket Office at the following address: Water Docket, MC-4101, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW, Room EB-57, Washington, D.C. 20460. The records are available for inspection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. For appointments to examine any portion of the administrative record, please call the Water Docket Office at (202) 260-3027. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying. Specific record information can also be made available at the appropriate Regional Office upon request.

In accordance with 40 CFR 23.2, the permit reissuance for the State of Alaska and for Indian country within the State of Montana shall be considered final for the purposes of judicial review at 1 p.m. (Eastern time) on April 30, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Misha Vakoc, EPA Region 10, (206) 553-6650; vakoc.misha@epa.gov for Alaska; or Vern Berry, EPA Region 8, (303) 312-6234; berry.vern@epa.gov for Montana Indian country.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

On October 30, 2000 (65 FR 64746), EPA published final NPDES Multi-Sector General Permits (MSGP) for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity in the states of Arizona, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New Mexico; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; the District of Columbia; the Territories of Johnson Atoll, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Midway and Wake Islands; Indian Country lands in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, and Washington; for certain oil and gas facilities in the States of Oklahoma and Texas not on Indian Country lands; and Federal facilities located in Colorado, Delaware, Vermont and Washington. This final action was previously corrected on January 9, 2001 (66 FR 1675-1678) and March 23, 2001 (66 FR 16233-16237).

Today's notice provides final reissuance of the NPDES storm water MSGP for storm water discharges in the State of Alaska, and in Indian country within the State of Montana.

II. Notice of Final NPDES Storm Water Permit in Alaska

On March 30, 2000 (65 FR 17010), EPA proposed the MSGP for the State of

Alaska. EPA was not able to provide notice of the final permit in Alaska on October 30, 2000 when the MSGP was published, because at that time the State of Alaska had not concluded proceedings to certify compliance with Alaska water quality standards (pursuant to Clean Water Act section 401) and to determine consistency with the State's coastal zone management program.

Today's action reissues EPA's NPDES Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit for the State of Alaska. The permit's terms and conditions are those set forth at 65 FR 64801-64880 published on October 30, 2000 and corrected on January 9, 2001 (66 FR 1675-1678) and March 23, 2001 (66 FR 16233-16237). This action adds the state-specific requirements provided by the State of Alaska under section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and specifically sets the date by which facilities in Alaska must submit their Notice of Intent application.

The effective date of this MSGP permit for the State of Alaska is April 16, 2001. To accommodate a consistent permit schedule which aligns Alaska's MSGP with those of other states and territories, this permit and authorization to discharge from facilities located in Alaska expires at midnight, October 30, 2005.

Notices of Intent (NOIs) to be covered under this permit must be submitted to EPA as indicated in Part 2 of the MSGP published on October 30, 2000. For Alaskan facilities seeking continued coverage of existing discharges under the MSGP, Notices of Intent must be submitted no later than July 16, 2001, which is ninety (90) days after the effective date of this permit.

Section 401 of the Clean Water Act provides that no Federal license or permit, including NPDES permits to conduct any activity that may result in any discharge into navigable waters, shall be granted until the State in which the discharge originates certifies that the discharge will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the CWA, or waives certification. The section 401 certification process has been completed for the State of Alaska. Alaska CWA 401 conditions provide that the storm water pollution prevention plan shall be approved and sealed by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Alaska and submitted to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for review and approval at the address listed below. Approval must be obtained prior to discharge, and the state's plan review fee must be paid according to provisions of state law. A