

## II. Additional Information Submitted by FMC/Astaris Since the Notice of EPA's Proposed Decision

The March 16, 2001 **Federal Register** notice of proposed decision on the FMC/Astaris CBC extension renewal was premised on the commitment made by FMC/Astaris (and EPA's agreement with this commitment) that FMC/Astaris would complete construction of their planned LDR Treatment Plant and begin its operation by May, 2002. A description of the LDR Treatment Plant (and the schedule for constructing it and bringing it on line) is in the Docket for the March 16, 2001 **Federal Register** notice.

FMC/Astaris has informed EPA that they are now considering an entirely different technology, referred to as High Temperature Dust Filtration (HTDF), to address the generation of the five waste streams and possibly supplant the LDR Treatment Plant. EPA discussed this possibility in the Agency's March 16, 2001 **Federal Register** notice. FMC/Astaris states that this technology, if employed, would eliminate two of the five waste streams now generated and also cause a substantial change in the composition of the other three waste streams—such that the LDR Treatment Plant would no longer be necessary to treat these wastes. FMC/Astaris plans to make a final decision this month on which process or treatment option it will pursue.

### A. Potential Use of High Temperature Dust Filtration (HTDF) Technology

As described in the March 16, 2001 submittal of information, High Temperature Dust Filtration (HTDF) would be incorporated into the elemental phosphorus production process. Specifically, it would be located directly after the facility's electric arc furnaces, replacing a series of two electrostatic precipitators in the existing phosphorus recovery system.

Replacing the existing phosphorus recovery system would eliminate two of the five waste streams, Precipitator Slurry and NOSAP Slurry. FMC/Astaris also claims that the HTDF technology would significantly reduce the volume and alter the composition of the other three waste streams (Phossey Water, Medusa Scrubber Blowdown, and Furnace Building Washdown).

FMC/Astaris' March 16, 2001 information submittal is available for review in the RCRA Information Center. In this submittal, FMC/Astaris describes how employing the HTDF technology would allow them to meet each of the seven CBC demonstrations required in

40 CFR 268.5(a). It also describes in detail how this technology works.

### B. Managing the Waste Streams Not Eliminated by the HTDF System

As noted above, the HTDF system would not eliminate three of the five waste streams subject to the CBC extension renewal. FMC/Astaris sent EPA another package of information on March 29, 2001 that describes how, if the HTDF system is used, these remaining three waste streams would be managed using one or more of the following: pH adjustment followed by solids precipitation/clarification; reconfigured flow of these waste streams within the system; and recycling/reuse of the waste stream/clarified water. This submittal also describes why FMC/Astaris believes these waste streams would continue to necessitate the CBC extension renewal and how each of the seven demonstrations required under 40 CFR 268.5(a) are met. The March 29, 2001 information is available for review in the RCRA Information Center.

### C. Effect of Energy Shortages on Production and Generated Wastes

On March 30, 2001, FMC/Astaris sent us another letter stating that the current power shortages in the western United States will impact plant production, and thus reduce the generation of waste subject to the CBC extension. FMC/Astaris also states that despite the decrease in waste generation, construction of their LDR Treatment Plant is proceeding on schedule.

### D. Responses to Questions Raised by EPA

Our initial review of the additional information provided by FMC/Astaris raised questions for which we sought clarification. Specifically, we had questions regarding their planned management of the waste streams not wholly eliminated by the HTDF system, one question about the effect of the HTDF system on the facility's air emissions, and one question regarding the cutback in plant production as a result of the current energy shortage. On April 10, 2001, FMC/Astaris provided responses to each of these questions. Copies of their responses are included in the docket for this notice.

## III. How Can I Influence EPA's Decisionmaking?

We welcome your comments on the FMC/Astaris submission of additional information. Your comments will be most effective if you follow these suggestions:

- Explain your views clearly.

- Provide specific examples to illustrate your views.
- Offer specific alternatives.
- Submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
- Include your name, date, and the docket number.

## IV. What Happens After We Receive Your Comments?

We will use your comments in making a decision about whether to approve or deny the FMC/Astaris request for a one-year CBC extension renewal, as discussed in the March 16 **Federal Register** Notice (see 66 FR 15243). We plan to publish a final notice regarding the Agency's decision on this request prior to the May 26, 2001 expiration date of the existing CBC extension.

## V. Comments Received To-Date

The additional information provided by FMC/Astaris to EPA also has been provided to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, who are concerned about operations at the Pocatello facility. Because the Tribes were provided this information at the same time that it was submitted to EPA, we believe that a comment period of ten days is sufficient time for public review of the additional information. To date, only the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and FMC/Astaris have commented on the issues discussed in today's "Notice".

**Authority:** Sections 1006, 2002(a), 3001, and 3004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6905, 6912(a), 6921, and 6924).

Dated: April 17, 2001.

**Michael H. Shapiro,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Technical Experts Meeting to Discuss Issues Associated with Regulations of Cooling Water Intake Structures at Existing Facilities, Announcement of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice; announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA will conduct a public meeting of invited technical experts to discuss specific issues associated with the development of

regulations under section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act governing cooling water intake structures at existing facilities. The purpose of this meeting is to elicit individual comments from the technical experts regarding the Agency's preliminary data on cooling water intake structure technologies that are in place at existing facilities and the costs associated with the use of available technologies for reducing impingement and entrainment of aquatic organisms. The experts will be selected by the Director of the Office of Science and Technology within the Office of Water. The experts will represent, at a minimum, a balanced mix of individuals recommended by or associated with industry and public interest groups, with additional representation from two or three States and one academic institution. The public is invited to attend and will have an opportunity to express their views at the end of the meeting.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22202. The Crystal City Marriott telephone number is (703) 413-5500. The nearest Metro stop is Crystal City station on either the Blue or the Yellow Line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Claudio H. Ternieden, Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division, Cooling Water Intake Task Force, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number (202) 260-6026; and e-mail address Ternieden.Claudio@epa.gov. For any updates on the issues that EPA will discuss at the meeting, refer to <http://www.epa.gov/ost/guide>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA is developing regulations implementing Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act under the terms of an Amended Consent Decree in *Riverkeeper, Inc. v. Whitman*, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, No. 93-Civ.0314 (AGS). The Amended Consent Decree divides the regulatory process into three phases: (1) Phase I, governing new facilities that employ a cooling water intake structure; (2) Phase II, governing, at a minimum, existing utilities and non-utility power producers that employ a cooling water intake structure, and whose flow levels exceed a minimum threshold to be determined by EPA; and (3) Phase III, governing existing facilities that employ a cooling water intake structure, that are

not covered by the Phase II rule, and whose intake flow levels exceed a minimum threshold to be determined by EPA. EPA proposed Phase I regulations on July 20, 2000, 65 FR 49060. The remaining deadlines for rulemaking in each phase are as follows:

Phase I: Final action by November 9, 2001

Phase II: Proposal by February 28, 2002  
Final action by August 28, 2003

Phase III: Proposal by June 15, 2003  
Final action by December 15, 2004

Dated: April 11, 2001.

**Geoffrey H. Grubbs,**

*Director, Office of Science and Technology.*

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## FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

### Notice of New Exposure Draft Change in Certain Requirements for Reconciling Obligations and Net Cost of Operations—Amendment of SFFAS 7, Accounting for Revenue and Other Financing Sources

**AGENCY:** Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board.

**Board Action:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules of Procedure, as amended in October, 1999, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board has published a new exposure draft, *Change in Certain Requirements for Reconciling Obligations and Net Cost of Operations—Amendment to SFFAS 7, Accounting for Revenue and Other Financing Sources*.

**A summary of the proposed Statement follows:** On April 12, 2001, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) released for public comment an exposure draft (ED) to amend Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 7, Accounting for Revenue and Other Financing Sources and Concepts for Reconciling Budgetary and Financial Accounting. The Chairman of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board announced that the FASAB has issued an exposure draft of a proposed standard affecting the presentation of the reconciliation of obligations and the net cost of operations in the statement of financing. The new standard would delete the requirement to report changes in certain receivables from the public as a resource on the statement of financing. The effect of the change is that the location of this item in the statement of

financing is no longer specified by the standard. The Board is deferring a final solution regarding the placement of this element until it can be addressed within the context of a fuller review of the statement of financing. In the interim, flexibility will be permitted by the amended standard. The exposure draft entitle Change in Certain Requirements for Reconciling Obligations and Net Cost of Operations, Amendment of SFFAS 7, Accounting for Revenue and Other Financing Sources, will be out for comment until June 8, 2001. The proposed amendment of SFFAS No. 7 would be effective for periods beginning after September 30, 2000.

The exposure draft will be mailed to FASAB's mailing list subscribers. Additionally, it is available on FASAB's home page <http://www.financenet.gov/fasab.htm>. Copies can be obtained by contacting FASAB at (202) 512-7350, or [fontenrose.fasab@gao.gov](mailto:fontenrose.fasab@gao.gov). For further information call Richard Fontenrose (202) 512-7358.

Written comments are requested by June 8, 2001, and should be sent to: Wendy M. Comes, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, 441 G Street, NW, Suite 6814, Mail Stop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., NW., Room 6814, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pub. L. No. 92-463.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

**Wendy M. Comes,**  
*Executive Director.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank