

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation****Environmental Water Account, San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, CA**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation/California Department of Water Resources, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) intend to prepare an EIS/EIR for implementing the Environmental Water Account (EWA) as described in the Programmatic Record of Decision for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

The EWA has been established to provide water for the protection and recovery of fish beyond water available through existing regulatory actions related to State Water Project/Central Valley Project operations. The EWA is a cooperative management program whose purpose is to provide protection to the fish of the Bay-Delta estuary through environmentally beneficial changes in project operations at no uncompensated water cost to the projects' water users. This approach to fish protection requires the acquisition of alternative sources of project water supply, called the "EWA assets," which will be used to augment streamflows, Delta outflows, to modify exports to provide fishery benefits, and to replace the regular project water supply interrupted by the changes to project operations. The replacement water will compensate for reductions in deliveries relative to existing facilities, project operations and the regulatory baseline that result from EWA actions.

Reclamation will be the lead federal agency; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service will be cooperating agencies for the EIS/EIR in accordance with NEPA. DWR will be the lead state agency; the Department of Fish and Game will be a responsible agency for the EIS/EIR in accordance with CEQA. A draft EIS/EIR is expected to be available in December 2001.

**DATES:** A series of public scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input on alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR as follows:

- Thursday, July 19, 10–12 noon, Sacramento, CA.
- Thursday, July 19, 7–9 p.m., Chico, CA.
- Monday, July 23, 7–9 p.m., Oakland, CA.
- Tuesday, July 24, 7–9 p.m., Tracy, CA.
- Wednesday, July 25, 7–9 p.m., Bakersfield, CA.
- Thursday, July 26, 7–9 p.m., Los Angeles, CA.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR may be mailed to Reclamation at the address below by August 20, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting locations are:

- Sacramento at Best Western Expo Inn, 1413 Howe Avenue.
- Chico at Chico Area Recreation District Community Center, 545 Vallambrosa.
- Oakland at the Federal Building, Room H, 5th Floor, North Tower.
- Tracy at the VFW Hall, 430 West Grant Line Road.
- Bakersfield at the Double Tree Inn, 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Sierra Room.
- Los Angeles at the Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 South Figueroa Street, Room 513.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR should be sent to Ms. Michelle Light, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-700, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Light at the above address or by telephone at 916-978-5060 or TDD 1-800-735-2922; or Ms. Delores Brown, Department of Water Resources, 3251 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 or by telephone at 916-227-2407.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The CALFED Bay Delta Program is a long-term comprehensive plan to restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Bay-Delta) estuary system. The agencies that signed the Record of Decision/Notice of Determination (ROD) for the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report on August 28, 2000, committed to implement the CALFED Bay Delta Program. The Environmental Water Account (EWA) is one component of the long-term comprehensive plan adopted in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program ROD.

To achieve the program purpose, the long-term plan addresses problems of the Bay-Delta system within each of four resource categories: ecosystem quality,

water quality, water supply reliability, and levee system integrity. CALFED agencies identified a need in the ROD for additional fisheries protection measures above and beyond the existing baseline regulatory measures to speed recovery of listed fish species. The establishment of the EWA was a key component of this additional protection.

The EWA is a cooperative management program involving five CALFED agencies that have responsibility for implementing the EWA. The three management agencies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), have primary responsibility for determining how to manage the EWA assets to benefit long-term survival of fish species, including those listed under the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts. The two Project Agencies are Reclamation and the Department. The Project Agencies will cooperate with the Management Agencies in administering the EWA, including banking, borrowing, transferring, selling, making operational changes, and arranging for the conveyance of EWA assets.

**Current Activities**

Following the signing of the ROD in August of 2000, the California Department of Water Resources undertook the initial required acquisitions and one-year transfers. As of June 2001, 294,000 acre-feet had been acquired, of which 281,000 acre-feet was used to protect threatened and endangered fish species. A critique and scientific review of the first year of EWA implementation will be conducted this summer, and the results will be used to help formulate strategies for managing the EWA in subsequent years.

**Alternative Measures**

The ROD for the CALFED Bay Delta Program described broad actions to be taken as part of a long-term plan to fix the problems in the Delta: ecosystem, water quality, water supply reliability and levee stability. As described above, the EWA is one element of the long-term plan to which the signatory agencies have committed. This EIS/EIR will focus on a project specific evaluation of the EWA including alternative strategies for banking, borrowing, transferring, and using water assets to achieve the EWA.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which

we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: June 22, 2001.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-951 and 952 (Preliminary)]

### Blast Furnace Coke From China and Japan

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-951 and 952 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from China and Japan of blast furnace coke provided for in statistical reporting numbers 2704.00.0025 and 2704.00.0050 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by August 13, 2001. The Commission's views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by August 20, 2001.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations and

rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 29, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Fischer (phone: 202-205-3179; e-mail: [ffischer@usitc.gov](mailto:ffischer@usitc.gov)), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background.**—These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed on June 29, 2001, by (1) the Committee for Fair Coke Trade and its member producers: Acme Steel Co., Chicago, IL; DTE Energy Services Inc., Ann Arbor, MI; Koppers Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA; and Shenango Inc., Pittsburgh, PA; and (2) the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Participation in the investigations and public service list.**—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to these investigations upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

**Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.**—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI

gathered in these investigations available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigations under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

**Conference.**—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with these investigations for 9:30 a.m. on July 20, 2001, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Fred Fischer (phone: 202-205-3179; e-mail: [ffischer@usitc.gov](mailto:ffischer@usitc.gov)) not later than July 16, 2001, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in these investigations and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

**Written submissions.**—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before July 25, 2001, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigations. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

**Authority:** These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.