

the required test methods have not previously been required for offshore oil and gas discharges. Industry is therefore expected to need some time to get the necessary equipment in place and train personnel prior to beginning the monitoring. The effective date of the permit is being delayed by thirty days to accommodate those needs.

EPA also expects that many operators will not be able to comply with several of the permit's new limits on the effective date. Operators may be unable to get new equipment in place to meet the new limits for retention of drilling fluid on drill cuttings. There may be an insufficient stock of synthetic base fluids which comply with the new limits. Also, time will be needed to complete the 275 day biodegradation test and to develop sufficient laboratory capacity and stocks of organisms to conduct the sediment toxicity test. For those reasons administrative compliance orders are being issued requiring those discharges not in compliance with the new limitations to comply within six months.

The industry has requested an additional delay in the compliance requirements for the 4-day sediment toxicity limit until February 1, 2003. There are several complicating factors that will initially make compliance with the limit more difficult than with the stock base fluid sediment toxicity limit. Since the 4-day sediment toxicity test is used to measure toxicity of discharged drilling fluids, not just stock base fluids, components and additives to the drilling fluids will initially make compliance with the limits more difficult. The four day test has been shown to have more inherent variability than the ten day test. Also, demand on laboratories conducting the four day test will be much greater than for the ten day test; thus, there is more of a need to build laboratory capacity and develop an adequate supply of test organisms. The administrative compliance order will therefore require operators to comply with the 4-day sediment toxicity limit by February 1, 2003.

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Meeting of the Drug Control Research, Data, and Evaluation Committee

AGENCY: Office of National Drug Control Policy.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: ONDCP will convene a meeting of the Drug Control Research, Data, and Evaluation Advisory Committee on January 17-18, 2002, at the White House Conference Center located at 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin promptly each day at 9 am and adjourn at 4 pm. The agenda will include general discussion and briefs on national drug use indicators and other federal drug control initiatives including, but not limited to the following: (1) Interagency Oxycontin Work Group Progress Report on an Early Warning System for Pharmaceutical Diversion Abuse; (2) a Redesign Proposal for the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN); (3) ONDCP's Anti-Drug Media Campaign Evaluation; (4) 2001 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse State Estimates of Treatment Need and Drug Use Prevalence; (5) The RAMONA Project (Random Access Monitoring of Narcotics Addicts); (6) HHS's Report on Closing the Drug Abuse Treatment Gap: A Report to the President of the U.S.; (7) Updates on Drug Free Communities Grant Program; and (8) Activities related to: prevention, families, schools, and workplaces. There will be an opportunity for public comment from 11:30 am to 12 Noon on Thursday, January 17, 2002.

DATES: January 17-18, 2002, 9 am to 4:00 pm. Opportunity for public comment from 11:30 am to 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES: White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Pine Belt Cellular and Pine Belt PCS Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Alabama

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In a Public Notice in this proceeding released on December 7, 2001, the Common Carrier Bureau sought comment on the Pine Belt Cellular and Pine Belt PCS Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Alabama, including the requested service area.

DATES: Comments are due on or before January 17, 2002. Reply comments are due on or before February 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for where and how to file comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard D. Smith or Anita Cheng, Attorney, or Sheryl Todd, Management Analyst, Common Carrier Bureau, Accounting Policy Division, (202) 418-7400 TTY: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 26, 2001, Pine Belt Cellular and Pine Belt PCS (Pine Belt) filed with the Commission a petition under section 214(e)(6) seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to receive federal universal service support for service offered in Alabama. Specifically, Pine Belt contends that the Alabama Public Service Commission has provided an affirmative statement that it lacks jurisdiction to consider Pine Belt's petition, Pine Belt meets all the statutory and regulatory prerequisites for ETC designation, and designating Pine Belt as an ETC will serve the public interest. The Common Carrier Bureau seeks comment on the Pine Belt Petition, including the requested service area.

The petitioner must provide copies of its petition to the Alabama Public Service Commission at the time of filing with the Commission. The Commission will also send a copy of this Notice to the Alabama Public Service Commission by overnight express mail to ensure that the Alabama Public Service Commission is notified of the notice and comment period.