

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ExxonMobil Production Company, a division of Exxon Mobil Corporation (ExxonMobil) and its partners, the Point Thomson Unit Owners, are proposing to develop oil and gas reserves in or near the Point Thomson Unit located approximately 46 miles east of Prudhoe Bay on the Beaufort Sea coast, in the State of Alaska, with the goal of production and transport of sales-quality gas condensate to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). The Point Thomson Gas Cycling Project involves the cycling of gas in the high pressure Thomson Sands reservoir to recover liquid gas condensate. The axis of the Thomson Sands reservoir is roughly aligned with the lagoon system located immediately south of Flaxman Island and extends offshore to the northwest. ExxonMobil and its partners intend to develop this reservoir from onshore locations using extended reach drilling technology.

The proposed development may involve:

- Construction of ice roads;
- Development of gravel mine;
- Construction of gravel roads, pads, airstrip;
- Construction of a gravel fill dock extending into the Beaufort Sea;
- Dredging a channel to the dock from the open sea;
- Disposal, offshore, of the dredged material (ocean dumping);
- Construction of a pipeline system and connection to existing pipelines in other units;
- Construction of production facilities;
- Drilling production wells;
- Drilling underground waste injection wells;
- Operation of production facilities; and
- Abandonment following extraction of recoverable reserves.

Alternatives will be identified and evaluated throughout the Scoping and EIS process with a preferred alternative identified in the Draft EIS.

EPA has determined that the proposed project will or may require

review, concurrence, permits or authorizations from EPA which has regulatory responsibility pursuant to a number of laws including the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), and Clean Air Act (CAA). Other permits and/or authorizations may be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), State agencies, and the North Slope Borough.

Based upon our review of the proposed project and our understanding of both the regulatory needs for this and associated projects, EPA has determined that to most efficiently meet our NEPA compliance responsibilities, it is prudent to now begin an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). EPA will be the lead agency for this effort and will invite all interested Federal agencies, tribal governments, State agencies, and the North Slope Borough to participate in the preparation of the EIS as they deem necessary for their needs. Letters to that effect already have been sent to the Federal agencies and the following have stated their intent to participate as a cooperating agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District; U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. State agencies, the North Slope Borough, Borough residents, and the general public will be contacted during the scoping process.

EPA anticipates the preparation of this EIS will be carried forward via a third-party contract process in which ExxonMobil works with EPA to acquire an independent third-party contractor to collect information, prepare the documents for Agency review, revision and acceptance.

**Scoping:** EPA expects to hold scoping meetings in Anchorage, Barrow, Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, Arctic Village, and Fairbanks. Further information about these meetings will be published locally or can be obtained by contacting the EPA as described above. A description of the project will be circulated prior to these meetings to help the public focus their scoping comments.

The draft EIS is tentatively scheduled for release to the public and agencies for review in mid-2003. The EPA plans to conduct a series of public meetings hearings after release of the draft EIS. Actual times and locations for the public hearings will be announced by advance public notice and local

publications following release of the draft EIS.

**L. John Iani,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 10.*

Dated: April 15, 2002.

**Anne Norton Miller,**

*Director, Office of Federal Activities.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Notice of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S3300f *et seq.*), will be held on May 8, 2002, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and May 9, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Room 1133, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20460. The Council will hear presentations and have discussions on topics important to the Environmental Protection Agency's national drinking water program, including: The States' perspectives on drinking water program implementation; the Agency's approach to developing future contaminant candidate lists; progress and key issues regarding water infrastructure protection activities; updates on key regulatory activities; and arsenic rule implementation, including exemptions, unreasonable risk to health, and point-of-use devices.

The Council encourages the hearing of outside statements and will allocate one hour for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes, and it is preferred that only one person present the statement. Any outside parties interested in presenting an oral statement should petition the Council by telephone at (202) 564-3791 before April 25, 2002.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received prior to the meeting

will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on May 8th and May 9th in Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Brenda Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is Area Code (202) 564-3791 or E-Mail [johnson.brendap@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.brendap@epa.gov)

Dated: April 15, 2002.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Announces Agenda for the May 3, 2002, Rescheduled Public Forum and Technology Expo on Telecommunications Relay Service; Ex Parte Comments Invited

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission invites interested persons to a Public Forum and Technology Expo on Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS). The purpose of this Forum and Expo is for TRS administrators, consumers, providers, and Commission staff to share information on, among other things, current State TRS, renewal of State TRS certifications and new TRS technologies.

**DATES:** The Public Forum and Technology Expo on TRS will be held on Friday, May 3, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room, (Room TW-C305) and adjacent rooms, at 445 12th St., SW., Washington, DC 20554. *Ex parte* comments are due by May 10, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information about the TRS Forum or Technology Expo, including how to exhibit at the Expo, please contact Suzanne Perrin at (202) 418-2874 (voice), (202) 418-1085 (TTY), or [sperrin@fcc.gov](mailto:sperrin@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forum will offer an opportunity for everyone, including consumers and industry representatives, to exchange ideas with the Commission and TRS administrators and to have their comments become part of the formal public record in CC Docket 98-67. In conjunction with the Forum, the CGB will hold a Technology Expo to showcase TRS and other accessibility technologies.

The Forum agenda is tentatively as follows:

9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Technology Expo  
 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Opening Remarks  
 10:30 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Status of TRS and Current Issues  
 11:15 a.m.–12 a.m. Renewal of State TRS Certifications  
 12 p.m.–1 p.m. Expo Demonstrations (Lunch Break)  
 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Panel on TRS Technologies for the 21st Century  
 2:30 p.m.–3 p.m. Open Microphone  
 3 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Expo Demonstrations

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file *Ex parte* comments on or before May 10, 2002. *Ex parte* comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998. *Ex parte* comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body

of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Those unable to attend the Forum can watch and listen to it live over the Internet with open captioning in Real Audio/Real Video format at: <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. Individuals can send their views and/or questions before or during the Forum to: [TRSFORUM@fcc.gov](mailto:TRSFORUM@fcc.gov) (e-mail). The e-mails should have the heading, "Ex Parte Submission in CC Docket 98-67." These views will be included in the record of the TRS proceeding. A transcript of the forum will be available 10 business days after the event on the FCC's Internet site at the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb>. Transcripts may also be obtained from the FCC's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, 445 12th St., SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com). Audio and video tapes of the forum may be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, by calling Infocus at (703) 834-0100 or by faxing Infocus at (703) 834-0111. Sign language interpretation, open captioning and