

*ERP No. F-FHW-H40171-NE*

Lincoln South and East Beltways Project, Circumferential Transportation System Completion linking I-80 on the north and US 77 on the west, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit Issuance, Lancaster County, NE.

*Summary:* EPA's environmental concerns were adequately addressed in the FEIS, therefore EPA has no objections to the proposed action.

*ERP No. F-FRC-J03014-00*

Kern River 2003 Gas Transmission Project, Expansion of the existing (KRG T) Interstate Pipeline System from southwestern Wyoming to southern California, Right-of-Way Grant, NPDES and US Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance, (FERC Docket NO. CP01-422-000), WY, UT, NV and CA.

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*ERP No. F-GSA-E80003-GA*

Chamblee Campus Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Expansion, Atlanta Metro Area, City of Chamblee, DeKalb County, GA.

*Summary:* While EPA has no objection to the action as proposed, it did request that our previous comments on the draft EIS be further addressed during the final project design and implementation phase.

*ERP No. F-HUD-C85043-NY*

1105-1135 Warburton Avenue, River Club Apartment Complex Development and Operation, Funding, City of Yonkers, Westchester County, NY.

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the action proposed as our previous issues have been adequately addressed.

*ERP No. F-NOA-A91067-00*

Deep-sea Red Crab (*Chaconne quinquegens*) Fisheries, Fishery Management Plan, Development and Implementation, Norfolk Canyon in the south to the Haque Line in the north, Continental United States and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the action as proposed.

Dated: August 13, 2002.

**Joseph C. Montgomery,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7260-2]

**ISCMEM Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling; Notice of Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The annual public meeting of the Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling (ISCMEM) will convene to review progress by the working groups and to discuss initiatives for FY 2003.

**DATES:** September 12, 2002, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) (Thomas Jefferson Auditorium), 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Designated Federal Official: Gary J. Foley, 919-541-2106; General Information: Dave Brown, 706-355-8300.

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

On July 5, 2001, six Federal agencies entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on research and development of multimedia environmental models. The MOU establishes a framework for facilitating cooperation and coordination among the following agencies (the specific research organization within the agency is in parenthesis): U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Engineer Research and Development Center); U.S. Department of Agriculture (Agricultural Research Service); U.S. Department of Energy (Office of Science and Technology); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Office of Research and Development); U.S. Geological Survey; and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research) in research and development (R&D) of multimedia environmental models, software and related databases, including development, enhancements, applications and assessments of site-specific, generic, and process-oriented multimedia environmental models as they pertain to human and environmental health risk assessment. Specifically, the MOU supports the exchange of technical information through data bases, information systems, clearinghouses, conferences, workshops, activities for developing a

common model-data framework, collaboration on scientific projects supporting the modeling framework, and other means pertaining to multimedia model development, enhancements and applications focusing on environmental risk assessments.

**Goals of the MOU**

Provide a mechanism for the cooperating Federal Agencies to pursue a common technology in multimedia environmental modeling with a shared scientific basis; Reduce redundancies and improve the common technology through exchange and comparisons of multimedia environmental models, software and related databases; Seek mutual benefit from their respective R&D programs related to multimedia environmental model development and enhancement activities, and to ensure effective exchange of information between their technical staff and contractors; Facilitate the establishment of working partnerships among the cooperating Federal Agencies' technical staff and designated contractors in order to enhance productivity and mutual benefit through collaboration on mutually-defined research studies such as the development of a common model-data framework; Develop high-quality research and modeling products and commit to following established quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) procedures.

**Focus of the MOU**

Exchange of information related to multimedia environmental modeling tools and supporting scientific information for environmental risk assessments, protocols for establishing linkages between disparate databases and models, and development and use of a common model-data framework; Research and development programs include development and field applications of a wide variety of software modules, data processing tools, and uncertainty assessment approaches for understanding and predicting contaminant transport processes including the impact of chemical and non-chemical stressors on human and ecological health.

**Public Meeting Purpose**

The annual public meeting provides an opportunity for the scientific community, other Federal and State agencies, and the public to be briefed on the progress of the MOU working groups and their initiatives for the upcoming year, and to discuss technological advancements in multimedia environmental modeling. Copies of the

agenda are available upon request to Dr. Dave Brown, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Ecosystems Research Division, 960 College Station Road, Athens, Georgia 30605-2720; telephone number: (706) 355-8300; fax number: (706) 355-8302; e-mail address: [brown.dave@epa.gov](mailto:brown.dave@epa.gov).

### Meeting Synopsis

The tentative agenda is for the ISCMEM Chair to report on two initiatives: progress on establishing Web sites for technology transfer; and new participating Federal agencies. The four MOU working groups: Software System Design and Implementation; Uncertainty and Parameter Estimation; Modeling Reactive Transport; and Watershed Modeling will report on their progress during the year. A series of three technical presentations will focus on: "Modeling Frameworks—G.I.S. Integration" be presented by Olaf David, PhD., Research Scientist, Colorado State University/Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Fort Collins, CO; "Multi-Objective Parameter Estimation and Uncertainty Analysis for Watershed Modeling" to be presented by Steve Markstrom, U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, CO; and "Object Modeling System<sup>1</sup> (OMS) Implementation Implications for Technology Transfer and E-Government" to be presented by Jack Carlson, Director, Information Technology Center, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, Fort Collins, CO.

### Access

The USDA Jefferson Auditorium is located on the first floor of the South Agriculture Building at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC between the fourth and fifth wings. To access the Jefferson Auditorium, please use the fourth wing entrance on Independence Avenue. The most convenient transportation to the meeting venue is via Metro. Please take Metro to the Smithsonian stop on the Blue or Orange Lines, exit via the Independence Avenue escalator, proceed west on Independence Avenue to the South Agriculture Building and enter through the wing 4 which is the visitors entrance. Please inform the security personnel that you are attending the public meeting on multimedia modeling in the Jefferson Auditorium.

<sup>1</sup> Object Modeling System information can be viewed at: <http://xml.gov/efforts/oms.htm>.

Dated: August 9, 2002.

**David S. Brown,**

*Chief, Regulatory Support Branch.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7260-5]

### EPA Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Metals Assessment Panel of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. *Important Notice:* Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

#### Metals Assessment Panel (MAP)—Meeting Dates

The Metals Assessment Panel of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet September 10-12, 2002 in the Dewey room on the plaza level of the Hilton Crystal City at Ronald Reagan National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202 (Tel. 703-418-6800). The meeting will begin by 9 a.m. on Tuesday September 10 and adjourn no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday September 12.

*Purpose of the Meeting*—The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB, Board) announced in 67 FR 38957-38959, June 6, 2002 that it had been asked to undertake a review of EPA's draft Action Plan for the "Framework for Metals Assessment and Cross-Agency Guidance for Assessing Metals-Related Hazard and Risk." The background, charge, and description of the review documents appear in the above referenced **Federal Register** notice and are also available at the SAB Web site ([www.epa.gov/sab](http://www.epa.gov/sab)).

*Charge to the Subcommittee*—The charge for this review was published in 67 FR 38957-38959, June 6, 2002.

*Availability of Review Materials:* The review documents and their availability was published in 67 FR 46505-46506, July 15, 2002.

*For Further Information*—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (10 minutes or less) must contact Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4559; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [white.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:white.kathleen@epa.gov). Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Kathleen White no later than noon Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, September 3.

#### Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA 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 (unless otherwise indicated). 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 EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the