

south of the Minnesota-Iowa Border (120th Street) to Interstate 90 north of the City of Worthington, Funding, COE Section 404 and NPDES Permits, Nobles County, MN and Osceola County, IA, Comment Period Ends: October 8, 2002, Contact: Tamara Cameron (651) 291-6121. Revision of FR notice published on 8/23/2002: Correction to Comment Period from 10-14-2002 to 10-8-2002.

EIS No. 220352, Final EIS, BLM, CA, Northern and Eastern Mojave Planning Area (NEMO), Implementation, California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendments, Mojave Desert, CA, Wait Period Ends: September 23, 2002, Contact: Edythe Seehafer (760) 252-6021. Revision of FR notice published on 8/23/2002: Correction to Wait Period from 9/29/2002 to 9/23/2002.

EIS No. 220353, Draft Supplement, COE, FL, Coast of Florida Erosion and Storm Effects Study Region III, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Shore Protection Project, Palm Beach, Broward and Dade Counties, FL, Comment Period Ends: October 8, 2002, Contact: Dale Beter (561) 686-3441. Revision of FR Notice published on 8/23/2002: Correction to Comment Period from 10/14/2002 to 10/8/2002.

Dated: August 27, 2002.

Joseph C. Montgomery,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Gulf of Mexico Offshore Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Extraction National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on the proposed reissuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit (GP) applicable to oil and gas extraction facilities offshore of Mississippi, Alabama and Florida located in Gulf of Mexico waters that are under EPA Region 4 jurisdiction.

Purpose: Pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.7 and in accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy

Act (NEPA), EPA has identified the need to prepare a SEIS and therefore issues this Notice of Intent pursuant to 40 CFR 1507.7.

For Further Information, To Submit Comments and To Be Placed on the Project Mailing List Contact: Ms Lena Scott, Environmental Protection Agency—Region 4, Office of Environmental Assessment, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Telephone: (404) 562-9607 or FAX: (404) 562-9598 or E-mail: scott.lena@epa.gov.

SUMMARY: EPA intends to prepare the SEIS to evaluate the impacts of issuing a GP for regulating the discharge of pollutants into federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico under Region 4 jurisdiction that result from exploratory drilling, development and completion of productive wells and the production of oil and gas resources. On January 22, 2001, final effluent limitations for synthetic-based drilling fluids (SBF) were promulgated by EPA. SBF along with conventional water based-fluids will now be considered for allowable discharge under a reissued GP. EPA is required to conduct this environmental review because oil and gas production activities are defined as new sources pursuant to 40 CFR 122.29. A consultant under contract to EPA will assist in the preparation of the SEIS.

Need for Action: Regulations (40 CFR 122.28), pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act, authorize EPA to issue a general permit when it is appropriate for a category of point source discharges under the same operating conditions and within a specified geographic area. Based on the present information and the environmental review completed in 1998 for the GP presently in force, primary environmental concerns to be addressed in the SEIS include impacts from pollutant discharges to the marine environment including bottom-dwelling biota and water column biota. Bioaccumulation of pollutants in marine organisms consumed by humans will also be addressed. Based on the industry's interest in deep water areas of the Outer Continental Shelf, the SEIS will emphasize potential impacts to the deep water environment not fully addressed in the 1998 EIS. Absent EPA's reissuance, the existing GP will expire in 2003 and all NPDES permitting would require individual permits for each exploration and production project.

Alternatives: The following proposed alternatives have been defined:

- EPA reissues the GP in its present form.
- EPA revises the GP to include SBF.

- EPA withholds issuance of any general permit and the existing GP expires in 2003 (the No Action Alternative).

Scoping: EPA is requesting written comments from federal, state and local governments, industry and the general public on the need for action, scope of the alternatives, and environmental and economic concerns. The scoping process will last for 45 days beginning with the availability of this Notice.

Estimated Date of Draft SEIS Release: February 2003.

Responsible Official: J. I. Palmer, Jr., Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4.

Dated: August 26, 2002.

Anne Norton Miller,

Director, OFA.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0194; FRL-7197-6]

EPA Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs will hold a public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on September 17 and 18, 2002. An agenda will be available by September 13, 2002, and posted on EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/pesticides/ppdc/. An agenda is being developed and will include the following topics: Alternative, i.e., non-animal or reduced-animal testing (with special focus on acute toxicity testing), pesticide program resource allocations and expenditures, follow-up reports from the May 2002, PPDC meeting, and other topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Old Town Holiday Inn Select, 480 King Street, Carlyle Conference Room fifth floor, Alexandria, VA. Telephone: (703) 549-6080.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margie Fehrenbach, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-4775; fax

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however be of interest to persons who are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA); and the amendments to both of these major pesticide laws by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) (Public Law 104-170) of 1996.

Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

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2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0194. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available

for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. Background

The PPDC is composed of 42 members appointed by EPA's Deputy Administrator. Committee members were selected from a balanced group of participants from the following sectors:

1. Pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups.
2. Industry and trade associations.
3. Environmental/public interest and farmworker groups.
4. Federal, State and tribal governments.
5. Public health organizations.
5. Animal welfare and academia.

PPDC was established to provide a public forum to discuss a wide variety of pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy, program implementation issues, science policy issues associated with evaluating, and reducing risks from use of pesticides.

III. How Can I Participate in this Meeting?

The PPDC meetings and workshops are open to the public under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 3 to 5 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after the meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be available for public inspection at the address in Unit I.B.2.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: August 26, 2002.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0206; FRL-7193-9]

Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 69493-EUP-R from Interregional Research Project Number 4 (IR-4) requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the biochemical pesticide sodium metasilicate which is mixed with other ingredients to prepare the end use product known as TRIAD, which contains 2.41% sodium metasilicate. The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0206, must be received on or before September 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments and data may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0206 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Raderrio Wilkins, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-1259; e-mail address: wilkins.raderrio@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to the State of California. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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