

directed to Ronald W. O'Neill at the address above. The WPSR is available on EIA's Internet site at http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html.

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I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) requires that EIA carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and long term domestic demands.

EIA provides the public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by EIA. As appropriate, EIA also requests comments on important issues relevant to EIA's dissemination of energy information. Comments received help EIA when preparing information collections and information products necessary to EIA's mission.

EIA's Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR) provides timely information on supply and selected prices of crude oil and principal petroleum products. It serves the industry, the press, planners, policymakers, consumers, analysts, and State and local governments with a ready, reliable source of current information.

The WPSR data are based primarily on weekly company submissions of information as of 7 am Eastern Standard Time (EST) Friday. Weekly data are filed with EIA by 5 pm EST on the following Monday. In the past, the WPSR data were publicly released electronically at 9 am EST each Wednesday, and the printed version was available on Friday. For weeks that included holidays, release of the WPSR was typically delayed by one day.

On December 3, 2002, EIA issued a Federal Register notice (67 FR 71959) requesting public comments on a proposed policy for changes in the release time of the WPSR. In that notice, EIA discussed the reasons for the proposed change and proposed moving the release time to 10:10 am EST on Wednesday to coincide with normal

New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) and International Petroleum Exchange (IPE) trading hours. EIA also solicited suggestions for alternative release times.

II. Summary of Comments

In response to the Federal Register notice requesting comments on the proposed WPSR release time policy, EIA received 26 comments. The comments were from members of Congress, investment companies, state governments, and traders.

Comments fell into one of two categories: Either they were in favor of moving the release time or they favored keeping it at 9 am EST. Below is a brief summary of the major reasons given for supporting each category.

Comments in favor of the current release time included:

- Having the petroleum data available before the NYMEX opens allows the trading community to make qualified evaluations of the oil market before trading begins.

- For some in the non-commodities trading community receiving the data earlier gives them more timely information for their use.

Comments in favor of changing the release time included:

- Releasing the data when both the European and United States markets are open enhances fairness, efficiency, and competition by allowing a greater number of market participants equal trading access. It essentially levels the playing field.

- Releasing the EIA petroleum data while both markets are open will contribute to reduced market volatility and greater transparency. Releasing the data while more trading opportunities exist and more traders are operating reduces the likelihood that a small number of traders could create volatile price swings. Markets with greater liquidity are less likely to be manipulated.

- With current market turbulence, never has the need for market competition and transparency been greater. Important functions of market oversight by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) would be diminished if much of the business was shifted to overseas markets or the less regulated Over-the-Counter (OTC) markets.

- Maintaining the current release time could have the unintended effect of shifting important price discovery and risk management functions to an overseas market. The domestic market is made less relevant, and its benefits to consumers and the economy reduced, because businesses will be forced to

utilize markets open at the time, thus depriving them of an important competitive choice.

III. Current Actions

EIA WPSR Release Time Policy. EIA has established a policy for the release time of the WPSR. Under this policy, the WPSR will be publicly released electronically at 10:30 am EST each Wednesday. For weeks that include holidays, release of the WPSR will typically be delayed by one day.

EIA reserves the right to revisit or amend this policy. However, EIA shall not modify the WPSR release time policy without prior notification in the WPSR or the **Federal Register**.

Statutory Authority: Section 52 of the Federal Energy Administration Act (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 790a).

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Administrator, Energy Information Administration.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Tribal Pesticide Program Council; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) will hold a 2-day meeting, on March 13 and 14, 2003. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including a closed session from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and Friday March 14, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including two closed sessions from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel - 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Crystal City, VA.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are interested in TPPC's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA's decisionmaking process. All parties are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate.

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). 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 Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0041. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. Tentative Agenda

This unit provides tentative agenda topics for the 2-day meeting.

1. TPPC state of the council report.
2. Presentation questions and answers by EPA Office of Pesticide Programs and by EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, Field and External Affairs Division.
3. Reports from Working Groups and TPPC participation in other meetings: Tribal Strategy and Forum on State and Tribal Toxic Actions (FOSTTA), Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee, Western Regional Pesticide Conference, Certification and Training Advisory Group, and Worker Protection.
4. Tribal caucus.
5. Reports from other organizations: State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group, American Indian Environmental Office, Tribal Operations Committee, Regional Tribal Operations Committee, Intertribal Agricultural Council, and National Tribal Environmental Council, Intertribal Agricultural Council, and Tribal Air Group.
6. Videos; EPA and Indian Country; Building Pesticide and Toxic Programs in Indian Country and Native American Grave Protection Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) issues; tainted legacy.
7. Report on Tribal Medicine Project.
8. EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) related issues and continuing issues reference data collections issues—Form 5700-33H; inspector credentials.
9. EPA Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) Tribal strategy—update.
10. Update—FIFRA section 18s and section 24c issues (including Shoalwater Bay Tribe issues).
11. Tribal issues raised; Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) issues.
12. Updates from the sub-regional lead officer.
13. Report from the Working Group—Tribal Traditional Lifeways (subsistence issues).

14. Update on the lifeline project.
15. Update on the West Nile Virus.
16. Announcement of requests for proposal—National Environmental Exchange Network Grant; other funding announcements.
17. Water Quality and Pesticides Management; United States Geological Survey (USGS) projects on future training efforts.
18. FIFRA and the Clean Water Act; the talent decision.
19. Update and overview—Biopesticides (*Bt* issues).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Open Commission Meeting, Thursday, February 13, 2003

February 6, 2003.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, February 13, 2003, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

Item No., Bureau, and Subject

- 1—Office of Engineering and Technology—*Title:* Revisions of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Ultra-Wideband Transmission Systems (ET Docket No. 98-153). *Summary:* The Commission will consider a Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking addressing the fourteen petitions for reconsideration filed in response to the First Report and Order in this proceeding. The First Report and Order established the standards that permit the unlicensed operation of ultra-wideband devices.
- 2—Consumer and Governmental Affairs—*Title:* Amendment of Part 1, Subpart N of the Commission's Rules Concerning Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in the Commission's Programs and Activities. *Summary:* The Commission will consider an Order to update and enhance its rules regarding access for persons with disabilities to Commission programs and activities, as found in Subpart N of Part 1 of the Commission's rules.
- 3—Wireline Competition—*Title:* Review of the section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (CC Docket No. 01-338), Implementation of the