

## II. 30 NOTICES OF COMMENCEMENT FROM: 01/11/03 TO 01/28/03—Continued

Case No.	Received Date	Commencement/ Import Date	Chemical
P-03-0043 P-98-1138	01/27/03 01/17/03	01/17/03 11/20/02	(G) Substituted phenolic polymer (S) Hexanoic acid, 6-[[[4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino]-, compound with 2,2',2''-nitrotris[ethanol](1:1)

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Premanufacturer notices.

Dated: February 6, 2003.

**Sandra R. Wilkins,**

*Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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**COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY****White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining**

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On May 18, 2001, the President signed Executive Order 13212, recognizing the importance of environmentally sound production and transmission of energy to all American people. The Order established a Federal interagency task force (Task Force), chaired by the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), to work with and monitor Federal Agencies' efforts to expedite their review of permits or take other actions necessary to accelerate and make more efficient the Federal decision making process for energy related projects, while maintaining safety, public health, and environmental protections. This Task Force was also charged with helping Agencies create mechanisms to coordinate Federal, State, tribal and local permitting in geographic areas where increased permitting activity is expected.

CEQ announces: (1) The availability of a proceedings report of the first year of effort by the Task Force; (2) invites suggestions for newly proposed or upcoming energy-related projects or issues that may benefit from facilitation by the Task Force in the decision making process; (3) extends an invitation to any interested party to request a meeting with the Task Force to discuss newly proposed or upcoming renewable or conventional energy-related projects, environmental

mitigation measures, best practices, or other topics that would help establish a more effective and efficient decision making process to allow the Nation's energy resources to be available to the American public in an environmentally responsible and safe manner.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before October 1, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the proceedings report can be obtained at: <http://www.etf.energy.gov>. If you would like a printed copy, please mail a request to Records Manager, White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining, WH-1, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Printed copies will be available by March 1, 2003.

Written suggestions for newly proposed or upcoming energy-related projects or issues that may benefit from facilitation of the decision making process by the Task Force, may be submitting by using the downloadable word processing forms found at <http://www.etf.energy.gov>. You may submit your comments or completed form, as an attachment, to an e-mail addressed to [whtf.projects@hq.doe.gov](mailto:whtf.projects@hq.doe.gov). You may fax a copy of your comments to 202-586-2999, Attn: Director or mail your comments to Director, White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining, WH-1, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Requests for meetings with the Task Force may be made by calling (202) 586-3464 or by utilizing the downloadable form and e-mailing it to [whtf.meetings@hq.doe.gov](mailto:whtf.meetings@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining at (202) 586-3464.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Abstract**

Executive Order 13212, signed by the President in Washington, DC, on May 18, 2001, Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects, established a Federal interagency task force, chaired by the Chairman, CEQ, to work with and monitor Federal Agencies in their efforts to expedite their review of permits or similar actions, as necessary, to accelerate the completion of energy

related projects, increase energy production and conservation, and improve transmission of energy. In addition, the Task Force would monitor and assist Agencies in setting up appropriate mechanisms to coordinate Federal, State, tribal, and local permitting in geographic areas where increased permitting activity is expected.

The Task Force worked during the first year to address ongoing permit application issues for a wide variety of energy projects that were submitted in response to the **Federal Register** notice published on August 20, 2001 (66 FR 43586), requesting comments from the public. By working through an operational approach that facilitated interagency coordination and addressed impediments to Federal Agencies' finalization of decisions on energy-related projects, the Task Force helped manage the Federal Agency decision making process by setting priorities, scheduling activities in accordance with those priorities, identifying staffing and resource needs, facilitating issue resolution, and measuring the achievements of federal agencies in implementing Executive Order 13212.

The experience gained by the Task Force while helping to streamline decisions about energy-related projects and working to resolve coordination issues—made it apparent that to identify and implement processes that address systemic improvements and, where appropriate, regulatory or legislative changes, the Task Force needed to be involved as early in the permit process as possible. This would allow the Task Force to identify impediments, to resolve interagency priority conflicts, to help incorporate and resolve environmental issues, and to develop more streamlined processes at an earlier stage in the permit application decision process.

To that end, the Council on Environmental Quality requests suggestions of energy-related projects that have either recently been submitted for permit approvals or will be submitted within nine (9) months of this notice and which meet the Administration's goal of providing for the environmentally sound production and transmission of energy to all

American people. The Council on Environmental Quality also requests submission of environmental mitigation measures, best practices, alternative dispute resolution, or other topics that would help establish a more effective and efficient decision making process.

The Council on Environmental Quality expects to receive information from many interested persons (e.g., public interest groups, government, academia, industry) about particular energy projects and opportunities to improve agency decision-making on energy projects.

Dated: February 19, 2003.

**James L. Connaughton,**

*Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

**Dates and Place:** March 3, 2003, Washington, DC. The meeting will be held in the Indian Treaty Room of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Guests must use the entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue.

**Pre-Clearance:** Guests must be pre-cleared to enter the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. U.S. citizens must provide their name, date of birth and Social Security Number to be pre-cleared into the building and on arrival must present a government-issued ID (e.g., drivers license) at the registration desk. Foreign nationals should provide their name, date of birth and their passport number to be pre-cleared. On arrival, they must present their passport at the registration desk. Guests should provide this pre-clearance information to Cynthia Chase at (202) 456-6010. Pre-clearance registration will also be available on the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

**Type of Meeting:** Open. A portion of the meeting will be closed, however, because it will be administrative in nature. For details on the agenda please

see the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

**Proposed Schedule and Agenda:** The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology is tentatively scheduled to meet in open session on Monday, March 3, 2003, at approximately 9 a.m., to discuss possible topics for PCAST study in 2003, as well as the status of the ongoing work being conducted by two PCAST subcommittees: (1) The science and technology of combating terrorism; and (2) the federal investment in science and technology research and development. This session will end at approximately 4 p.m. Additional information on the agenda can be found at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

**Public Comments:** There will be a time allocated for the public to speak on any of the above agenda items. Please make your request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. The time for public comments will be limited to no more than 5 minutes per person. Written comments are welcome at any time prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Stan Sokul, PCAST Executive Director, at (202) 456-6070, or fax your request/comments to (202) 456-6021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For information regarding time, place and agenda, please call Cynthia Chase at (202) 456-6010, prior to 3 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2003. Information will also be available at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 13226, on September 30, 2001. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of science and technology policy, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Council members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John H. Marburger, III, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and by E. Floyd

Kvamme, a Partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.

**Stanley S. Sokul,**

*Executive Director, PCAST, and Counsel, Office of Science and Technology Policy.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** *Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 10 a.m.*

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be closed to the public.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g. Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C. Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration. Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

**DATE AND TIME:** *Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.*

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC. (ninth floor).

**STATUS:** This hearing will be open to the public.

**MATTER BEFORE THE COMMISSION:** Leadership PACs.

**DATE AND TIME:** *Thursday, February 27, 2003, at 10 a.m.*

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC. (ninth floor).

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Correction and Approval of Minutes. Administrative Fines—Final Rules and Explanation and Justification. Administrative Matters.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank