

variations than the April 2000 proposal of AERMOD;

- where downwash is a significant factor in the air dispersion analysis, the revised version of AERMOD predicts maximum concentrations that are very similar to ISC-PRIME;
- for those source scenarios where maximum 1-hour cavity concentrations are calculated, the average AERMOD predicted cavity concentration tends to be about the same as the average ISC-PRIME cavity concentrations; and
- in general, the consequences of using the revised AERMOD, instead of the older model ISCST3, in complex terrain remained essentially unchanged, although they varied in individual circumstances.

Based on evaluations of the revisions described above, it appears that the modified AERMOD is ready to be incorporated into the *Guideline*, and we intend to promulgate the modified AERMOD (02222). This Notice of Data Availability concerning performance studies of the modified model is being provided to inform the public about the model performance and range of impacts which the improved version of AERMOD could have on estimated air quality concentrations. We invite public comment on the new studies (see **DATES**). Comments on the documents noticed today should be sent to the Docket Office (see **ADDRESSES**), and should clearly reference this Notice of Data Availability and Docket No. A-99-05.

Dated: August 26, 2003.

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Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0053; FRL-7327-4]

Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to

publish a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from August 1, 2003 to August 15, 2003, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

DATES: Comments identified by the docket ID number OPPT-2003-0053 and the specific PMN number or TME number, must be received on or before October 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Cunningham, Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitter of the premanufacture notices addressed in the 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 OPPT-2003-0053. 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 EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

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/fedrgstr/>.

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 submit or 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.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. 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. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether

submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

C. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number and specific PMN number or TME number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. If you wish to submit CBI or information that is otherwise protected by statute, please follow the instructions in Unit I.D. Do not use EPA Dockets or e-mail to submit CBI or information protected by statute.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed in this unit, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information

provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets.* Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once in the system, select "search," and then key in docket ID number OPPT-2003-0053. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by e-mail to oppt.ncic@epa.gov, Attention: Docket ID Number OPPT-2003-0053 and PMN Number or TME Number. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail.* Send your comments to: Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

3. *By hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in EPA East Building Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention: Docket ID Number OPPT-2003-0053 and PMN Number or TME Number. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930.

D. How Should I Submit CBI To the Agency?

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action and the specific PMN number you are commenting on in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Why is EPA Taking this Action?

Section 5 of TSCA requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a PMN or an application for a TME and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which

covers the period from August 1, 2003 to August 15, 2003, consists of the PMNs and TMEs, both pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

III. Receipt and Status Report for PMNs

This status report identifies the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period. If you are interested in

information that is not included in the following tables, you may contact EPA as described in Unit II. to access additional non-CBI information that may be available.

In Table I of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as CBI) on the PMNs received by EPA during this period: the EPA case number assigned to the PMN; the date the PMN was received by EPA; the projected end date for EPA's review of the PMN; the submitting manufacturer; the potential uses identified by the manufacturer in the PMN; and the chemical identity.

I. 20 PREMANUFACTURE NOTICES RECEIVED FROM: 08/01/03 TO 08/15/03

Case No.	Received Date	Projected Notice End Date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P-03-0753	08/01/03	10/29/03	Bedoukian Research, Inc.	(S) Fragrances uses as per FFDC; fragrances uses; scented papers, detergents, candles, etc.	(S) 6-nonen-1-ol, acetate, (6z)-*
P-03-0754	08/01/03	10/29/03	CBI	(G) Industrial structural materials	(G) Telechelic polyacrylates
P-03-0755	08/01/03	10/29/03	CBI	(G) Additive for paints and coatings	(G) Cross-linked acrylic copolymer
P-03-0756	08/04/03	11/01/03	BASF Corporation	(G) Component used in the manufacture of polyurethane parts	(G) Polyesterpolyol, reaction product of aliphatic alcohols and dicarboxylic acids
P-03-0757	08/04/03	11/01/03	CBI	(G) An open, non-dispersive use	(G) Polymeric modified vegetable oil
P-03-0758	08/04/03	11/01/03	Dupont Company	(G) Film	(G) Polyetherester
P-03-0759	08/04/03	11/01/03	Great Lakes Chemical Corporation	(G) Lubricant additive	(S) Phosphonic acid, di-C ₁₂₋₂₀ -alkyl esters
P-03-0760	08/04/03	11/01/03	Norquay Technology Inc.	(G) Surfactant	(S) 1-octanesulfonic acid
P-03-0761	08/04/03	11/01/03	Degussa Corporation	(S) Polyurethane monomer	(S) 6-nonyl-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine
P-03-0762	08/06/03	11/03/03	CBI	(G) Hardener	(G) Modified polyisocyanate
P-03-0763	08/06/03	11/03/03	CBI	(G) Hardener	(G) Modified polyisocyanate
P-03-0764	08/08/03	11/05/03	CMP Coatings, Inc.	(S) Binder polymer in paints	(S) 2-propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, methyl ester, polymer with ethyl 2-propenoate, zinc bis(2-methyl-2-propenoate) and zinc di-2-propenoate, 2,2'-azobis[2-methylbutanenitrile]- and 2,2'-azobis[2-methylpropanenitrile]-initiated
P-03-0765	08/08/03	11/05/03	Vantico Inc.	(S) Epoxy curing agent	(G) Phenol, 4,4'-(1-methylethylidene)bis, polymer with (chloromethyl)oxirane, reaction products with a cycloaliphatic amine
P-03-0766	08/08/03	11/05/03	CBI	(S) Monomeric intermediate	(G) Alkoxysilyldiesteramine
P-03-0767	08/08/03	11/05/03	BASF Corporation	(G) Components in composite formulations	(G) Aromatic isocyanate methacrylate blocked
P-03-0768	08/11/03	11/08/03	CBI	(S) Reactive dyestuff for the coloration of cellulosic fiber materials	(G) Reactive azo dye
P-03-0769	08/12/03	11/09/03	CBI	(S) Dispersant for solvent based coating	(G) Polyacrylate
P-03-0770	08/12/03	11/09/03	CBI	(G) Thickening agent	(G) Hydrophobically modified hydroethylcellulose
P-03-0771	08/13/03	11/10/03	CBI	(G) 1. Multi-purpose adhesive, open, non-dispersive use; 2. Laminating adhesive, open, non-dispersive use	(G) Polyurethane prepolymer; Polyurethane adhesive
P-03-0772	08/14/03	11/11/03	CBI	(G) Pigment dispersant	(G) Phosphated polyalkoxylate

In Table II of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as

CBI) on the Notices of Commencement to manufacture received:

II. 13 NOTICES OF COMMENCEMENT FROM: 08/01/03 TO 08/15/03

Case No.	Received Date	Commencement/ Import Date	Chemical
P-02-0150	08/05/03	05/21/03	(G) <i>N</i> -substituted-2-methyl-2-propenamides, polymer with 2-propenoic acid, sodium salt
P-02-0287	08/01/03	07/07/03	(G) Ethoxylated alkyl alcohol
P-03-0093	08/05/03	07/14/03	(G) Polyglycidyl ether of (<i>p</i> -hydroxy styrene) novolak
P-03-0306	08/05/03	07/14/03	(G) Polyalkyl-triethoxysilyl-alkyl-substituted heteromonocycle
P-03-0367	08/01/03	07/20/03	(G) Amino ketal
P-03-0370	08/11/03	07/14/03	(G) Polyol ester
P-03-0385	08/15/03	08/01/03	(G) Cyano substituted phenyl sulfonamide
P-03-0394	08/06/03	07/30/03	(S) 1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane, 2-[2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenoxy]-5-butyl-5-ethyl-
P-03-0424	08/01/03	07/22/03	(G) Amines adduct of epoxy resin
P-03-0470	08/05/03	07/22/03	(G) Acrylic ester, polymer with ethenyl acetate, hydrolyzed, sodium salt
P-03-0521	08/07/03	07/31/03	(G) Salt of a copolymer of acrylic acid and acrylic acid derivatives
P-03-0532	08/13/03	08/07/03	(G) Unsaturated alkyl grignard reagent
P-99-1120	08/05/03	08/03/03	(G) Amide resin

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Premanufacture notices

Dated: September 2, 2003.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7552-8]

Notice of Clarification of the Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for the Eastern Portion of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG280000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Regional Administrator (RA) of EPA Region 4 (the "Region") is today issuing a notice of clarification to the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for the Eastern Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) of the Gulf of Mexico (General Permit No. GMG280000), to address Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements for discharges covered by the permit after April 30, 2003. This permit was published at 63 FR 55745 on October 16, 1998, modified on March 14, 2001 at 66 FR 14988, and further revised on April 6, 2001 at 66 FR 18253 for discharges in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category (40 CFR part 435, subpart A). The permit issued by Region 4, authorizes discharges from exploration,

development, and production facilities located in and discharging to all Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico seaward of the outer boundary of the territorial seas.

This notice is applicable to new oil and gas operations (operations), which obtained coverage under the existing general permit coverage after April 30, 2003, and existing operations requesting continued coverage. The purpose of the notice is to clarify the procedure for these operations to request coverage under a continued general permit, since it does not clearly discuss this procedure. The language in the current permit referring to April 30, 2003, as the deadline for existing operations to submit Notices of Intent (NOIs) requesting continued coverage under this permit has been deleted. The clarification applies to both existing and new operations. Also, the word "Subsequent" in the title of Part I.A.6. of the current permit has been replaced with the word "Continued." The change is made because the language in this Section does not provide a procedure to obtain coverage under a subsequently issued (renewed) general permit. Part I.A.6. is clarified as discussed above:

6. Intent to be Covered by a Continued Permit

This permit shall expire on October 31, 2003. However, an expired general permit continues in force and effect until a new general permit is issued. Permittees must submit a new (a second) NOI in order to continue coverage under this general permit after it expires. In lieu of providing the information required by paragraph 4. of the section, the permittee may submit a list of facilities covered by the general permit and their associated permit coverage numbers. Facilities that have not submitted another NOI under the

permit by the expiration date cannot become authorized to discharge under any continuation of this NPDES general permit. All NOI's from permittees requesting coverage under a continued permit should be sent by certified mail to: Director, Water Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303-8960.

DATES: This clarification is effective September 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karrie-jo Robinson-Shell, USEPA, Region 4, NPDES and Biosolids Permits Section at (404) 562-9308 or by e-mail at shell.karrie-jo@epa.gov.

Gail Mitchell,

Acting Director, Water Management Division.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**Agency Information Collection Activities**

AGENCY: Equal Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection—no change: Local Union Report (EEO-3).

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) announces that it intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for a one-year extension of the existing collection as described below.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before November 7, 2003.