

requested that will look at novel uses of the calcium sulfate and calcium sulfite-based FGD material.

#### Development of Advanced SCR Catalysts

National NO<sub>x</sub> emissions may be capped at levels well below current emissions under proposed multi-pollutant control initiatives to address continued concerns about secondary fine particles (including those formed by reactions with NO<sub>x</sub>) and ozone. Such proposals would essentially extend the current NO<sub>x</sub> State Implementation Plan Call to twelve months and expand it to all 48 contiguous states. While selective catalytic reduction (SCR) is the workhorse for the largest units of the existing generating fleet in meeting current NO<sub>x</sub> regulations, future more stringent requirements drive the need to lower the cost of this technology. Accordingly, development of advanced SCR catalyst technology that is cheaper and has fewer balance-of-plant issues than current SCR technology could offer a lower cost option for the smaller units. In order to adapt SCR technology to hard to retrofit boilers, three options are proposed for research:

a. Development of a more reactive catalyst than current commercially available catalysts that would require a smaller reactor with less catalyst and able to operate at higher gas velocities to achieve NO<sub>x</sub> removal efficiencies of 90%.

b. Development of a catalyst that would operate at low dust conditions and temperatures experienced after the particulate removal device to achieve NO<sub>x</sub> removal efficiencies of 90%.

c. Development of a catalyst for items (1) or (2) that has a dual function of oxidizing elemental mercury.

In both cases, it is suggested to have the reducing agent to be other than an ammonia-based reagent or methane due to their balance-of-plant issues, availability, and cost. Utilization of combustion gas constituents such as carbon monoxide would be a plus. In all cases, an economic goal of developing the technology at ¾ the leveled cost of the current state of the art SCR technology should be established.

The proposal of the successful applicants should be able to demonstrate knowledge of the process conditions of a coal-fired utility boiler equipped with low NO<sub>x</sub> burners for the targeted area of catalyst development.

#### Innovative Concepts Phase-II Program

The DOE anticipates funding two to four awards in the Phase-II Program. The goal of the Phase-II Program, the principal R&D effort of the IC Program,

is to solicit research that augments research previously funded through the Phase-I Program. Only the institutions receiving a Phase-I grant awarded in fiscal year 2002 will be eligible to submit an application for continuation of their Phase-I projects. The following institutions are eligible to participate in the Phase-II Program in FY04:

Drexel University

—“Ultrasensitive High-Temperature Selective Gas Detection Using Piezoelectric Microcantilevers”

University of Albany

—“Feasibility of a SOFC Stack Integrated Optical Chemical Sensor”

University of Nevada

—“Advanced Heat Exchanges Using Tunable Nanoscale-Molecular Assembly”

University of Pittsburgh

—“A Novel Concept for Reducing Water Usage and Increasing Efficiency in Power Generation”

The Pennsylvania State University

—“Reaction Mechanism of Magnesium Silicates with Carbon Dioxide in Microwave Fields”

Arizona State University

—“Simultaneous Mechanical & Heat Activation: A New Route to Enhanced Serpentine Carbonation Reactivity & Lower CO<sub>2</sub> Mineral Dequestration Process Cost”

University of Utah

—“Carbon Dioxide Sequestration by Mechano-chemical Carbonation of Mineral Silicates”

Iowa State University

—“Development of a Catalyst/Sorbent for Methane Reforming”

University of Maine

—“Inorganic Membranes”

University of North Dakota

—“Advanced Heterogeneous Reburn Fuel from Coal and Hog Manure”

The University of Mississippi

—“Heterogeneous Reburning by Mixed Fuels”

University of North Dakota

—“Mercury Oxidation via Catalytic Barrier Filters”

University of Pittsburgh

—“Engineered Coal Reburning in Oxidizing Environments”

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard

(paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>  
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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 030426, FINAL EIS, NOA, AK,* Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Stock, Federal Actions Associated with the Management and Recovery, Implementation, Cook Inlet, AK, Wait Period Ends: October 27, 2003, Contact: James W. Balsiger (907) 271-5006.

*EIS No. 030427, FINAL EIS, AFS, AK,* Licking Creek Timber Sale, Timber Harvest, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District, Revillagidedo Island, Ketchikan, AK, Wait Period

Ends: October 27, 2003. Contact: Thomas Puchlerz (907) 228-6281. EIS No. 030428, DRAFT EIS, NOA, Framework Adjustment 4 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Bullfish Fishery Management Plan, Extension of the Moratorium for the Illex Fishery, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Comment Period Ends: November 10, 2003, Contact: George H. Darcy (301) 713-1622.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.mafmc.org/mid-atlantic/publications/pubs-draft.htm>.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 020386, DRAFT EIS, COE, PR, Port of The Americas Project, Development of a Deep-Draft Terminal at the Port of Ponce to Receive Post-Panamax Ships, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Municipalities of Guayanilla-Penuelas and Ponce, Puerto Rico, Contact: Edwin E. Muniz (787) 289-7034.

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#### Joseph C. Montgomery,

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials, State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group, Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal, and Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notices.

**SUMMARY:** The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO)/ State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committees on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal (WC/WQ and PD) and Pesticide Operations & Management Working Committee (POM) will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on October 27, 2003, and ending October 28, 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 Monday, October 27, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and October 28, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Days Inn Crystal City, 2000 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Georgia McDuffie, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 605-0195; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address: [mcduffie.georgia@epa.gov](mailto:mcduffie.georgia@epa.gov).

or Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT 05843-1249; telephone number: (802) 472-6956; fax (802) 472-6957; e-mail address: [aapco@plainfield.bypass.com](mailto:aapco@plainfield.bypass.com).

#### 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 SFIREG's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA's decision-making process are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate. 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 ID number OPP-2003-0112. 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.

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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. WQ/PD issue team report.
2. National pesticide stewardship alliance conference report/label review manual and label language recommendations/discussions.
3. Clean air act presentation/recommendations and restrictions for burning.
4. CCA update(s) and risk assessment results/registration of alternatives active ingredient uses/disposal issues for old/new products.
6. Lab director's issue paper.
7. Method development and methods availability as registration criteria.
8. Office of General Council presentation re: CBI criteria and definitions.
9. Registration/cancellation policy and decisions (front end/back end issues).
10. Registration authority review/matrix - joint team creation.
11. Who, what, and why of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee and the mosquito labeling experience.
12. How to expand upon and utilize the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee or other groups (the marketing and expansion/extension of SFIREG).
3. Atrazine eco-monitoring and mitigation issues/reregistration eligibility decisions, use of label language and best management practices to implement reregistration eligibility decision.
14. AAPCO annual meeting/SFIREG Report.
15. EPA briefing/state issues discussion. Endangered species status. Status and Results of Clean Water Act/FIFRA Guidance Policy. OW and OPP Working Group Activities/Progress.