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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces our finding that the emissions budgets contained in the submitted Maricopa County 2003 Carbon Monoxide (CO) Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan, submitted by the State of Arizona on behalf of the Maricopa Association of Governments, are adequate for conformity purposes. EPA Region IX made this finding in a letter to the State of Arizona, Department of Environmental Quality, on September 10, 2003. We are also announcing this finding on our conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequate.htm>, (once there, click on the "What SIP submissions has EPA already found adequate or inadequate?" button).

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). One of these criteria is that the motor vehicle emissions budgets, when considered together with all other emissions sources, are consistent with applicable requirements for a maintenance plan. We have preliminarily determined that the MAG 2003 CO Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan meets the necessary emissions reductions and therefore, the motor vehicle emissions budgets can be found adequate. Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review which is required by section 110(k)(1) of the Clean Air Act, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval of the submitted plan itself. Even if we find a budget adequate, the submitted plan could later be disapproved.

We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999

Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination on the emissions budgets contained in the MAG 2003 CO Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

Deborah Jordan,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7563-5]

Availability of FY 02 Grant Performance Reports for States of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and South Carolina; All Local Agencies Within the States of Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee; and the Local Agencies of Western North Carolina and Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of grantee performance evaluation reports.

SUMMARY: EPA's grant regulations (40 CFR 35.150) require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency (40 CFR 56.7) require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA performed end-of-year evaluations of four state air pollution control programs (Alabama Department of Environmental Management; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control); and 14 local programs (City of Huntsville Division of Natural Resources, AL; Jefferson County Department of Health, AL; Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, FL; Jacksonville Air and Water Quality Division, FL; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL; Dade County Air Quality Management Division, FL; Palm Beach County Health Department, FL; Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, FL; Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency, NC; Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency, NC; Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, TN; Memphis/Shelby County Health

Department, TN; Knox County Department of Air Quality Management, TN; and Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Public Health Department, TN). The 18 evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' performance under the grants awarded by EPA under authority of section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4 has prepared reports for each agency identified above and these reports are now available for public inspection. The evaluations for the remainder of the State and local governments will be published at a later date.

ADDRESSES: The reports may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie Persinger (404) 562-9048 for information concerning the State of Alabama; Gloria Knight (404) 562-9064 for the States of Florida and Mississippi; Mary Fox (404) 562-9053 for the State of North Carolina; and Rayna Brown (404) 562-9093 for the States of South Carolina and Tennessee. They may be contacted at the above Region 4 address.

Dated: September 10, 2003.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0334; FRL-7326-8]

Exposure Modeling Work Group; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Exposure Modeling Work Group (EMWG) will hold a 1-day meeting on September 30, 2003. This notice announces the location and time for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 30, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Crystal Mall #2, Room 1126 (Fishbowl), 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Barrett, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (7507C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental

Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6391; fax number: (703) 308-6309; e-mail address: *barrett.michael@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

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 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 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-2003-0334. 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/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 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. Background

On a quarterly interval, the Exposure Modeling Workgroup meets to discuss current issues in modeling pesticide fate, transport, and exposure to pesticides in support of risk assessment in a regulatory context.

III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

IV. Tentative Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Old action items.
3. Brief updates.
 - European Union Activities.
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture/ Agricultural Research Service (USDA/ ARS) Pesticide Properties Database.
 - Pesticide Root Zone Model/ Exposure Analysis Modeling System (PRZM/EXAMS) Model.
 - Rice modeling.
 - Watershed Regression for Pesticides (WARP) model.
 - Spray Drift Task Force progress.
 - AgDrift EPA review.
 - EXAMINER.
 - EXPRESS shell update.
 - Pesticide Leaching U.S. (PLUS).
 - Cumulative and Aggregate Risk Evaluation System (CARES).
 - Drinking water exposure estimates for dietary risk.
 - Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED) water quality projects.
 - Perspective Groundwater (PGW) Database.
 - EFED current issues in environmental fate for modeling.
4. Major Topics.
 - Morning Session*
 - Update on Tier II Ground Water Project.
 - Progress in development of a user friendly pesticide environmental fate database to support risk assessments.
 - Performance of PRZM in estimating pesticide leaching under different environmental conditions.
 - EUFRAM: Developing a framework for probabilistic risk assessment of the environmental impact of pesticides.
 - Afternoon Session*
 - A novel method to extrapolate pesticide water monitoring data to estimate exposure.

- Using WARP model predictions and climatic time series data to simulate daily.

- Pesticide concentrations.
- Hybrid model approach to FQPA drinking water assessment: Methods for estimating daily time step exposure to pesticides using modeling informed by monitoring.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Modeling, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

Steven Bradbury,

Director, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Receipt of Requests to Cancel Certain Creosote and Acid Copper Chromate Wood Preservative Products, and/or to Terminate Certain Uses of Other Creosote Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of requests by registrants of pesticide products containing either creosote or acid copper chromate (ACC) to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations and/or to amend to terminate certain uses of affected products. Specifically, the five registrants who are members of the Creosote Council III have requested to cancel the registrations for their creosote non-pressure treatment end-use products and/or to amend to terminate all non-pressure treatment uses of other creosote products. These registrants are requesting that these voluntary product cancellations and/or use terminations become effective December 31, 2004. Osmose, Inc., the sole registrant of ACC, is also requesting to immediately cancel the registration for its product with no provision for existing stocks. Neither the registrants of the affected creosote products nor that of the affected ACC product have requested any existing stocks provision. All registrants waived the 180-day comment period.

DATES: Unless a request is withdrawn by October 29, 2003, the Agency intends to issue orders granting these requests to