

disposal) remain subject to their regular requirements. The universal waste regulations at part 273 were promulgated by EPA under the authority of Subtitle C in RCRA.

This information collection targets the collection of information for the following reporting or recordkeeping requirements: Notification, labeling and marking, storage time limitations, off-site shipments, tracking of universal waste shipments, and petitions to include other waste categories at the federal level. It is necessary for EPA to collect universal waste information to ensure that universal waste is collected and managed in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. EPA requires, among other things, Large Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste to notify the Agency of their universal waste management activities so that EPA can obtain general information on these handlers, and to facilitate enforcement of the regulations at part 273. In addition, EPA requires universal waste handlers to record the date on which they begin storing universal waste on-site to ensure that such accumulation is performed responsibly. EPA also requires certain universal waste handlers to track receipt of universal waste shipments as well as shipments sent off-site to ensure that universal waste is properly treated, recycled, and disposed. Finally, the submission of petitions in support of regulating other wastes or waste categories under part 273 helps EPA (1) to compile information on these wastes, and (2) to determine whether regulation as a universal waste is appropriate.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15. EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic,

mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Burden Statement:** The average public recordkeeping burden for Small Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste (SQHUWs) under this collection of information is estimated to be 1.4 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations, labeling universal waste, and maintaining records demonstrating the length of storage. The reporting burden for SQHUWs (for submitting notices of rejected or illegal universal waste shipments) is expected to be negligible. The recordkeeping burden for Large Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste (LQHUWs) under this collection of information is estimated to be 2.8 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations, labeling universal waste, maintaining records demonstrating the length of storage, and maintaining records of universal waste received and sent. The reporting burden for LQHUWs is estimated to be 0.5 hours per year. This estimate includes time for notifying EPA of universal waste management, and preparing and submitting notices of rejected or illegal universal waste shipments. The recordkeeping burden for destination facilities is estimated to be 183.1 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations and maintaining records of universal waste received. The reporting burden for destination facilities is estimated to be 18.4 hours per year. This estimate includes time for preparing and submitting notices of rejected or illegal universal waste shipments.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** SQHUWs, LQHUWs, and Destination Facilities.

**Estimated Number of Respondent:** 119,738 (118,367 SQHUWs, 1,313 LQHUWs, and 58 Destination Facilities).

**Frequency of Response:** as needed.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 185,682 hours.

**Over a 3 year period:** 556,872.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:** \$2,098.

**Over a three year period:** \$6,295.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and

providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: June 15, 2004.

**Robert Springer,**

*Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0203; FRL-7363-3]

### Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition; Request for Nominations for Appointment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is inviting nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (CARAT). The current CARAT Charter expires in June 2004. EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) intend to renew the CARAT Charter for another 2-year term, July 2004 to July 2006, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** Nominations must be postmarked no later than July 19, 2004.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margie Fehrenbach, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-4775; fax number: (703) 308-4776; e-mail address: [fehrehbach.margie@epa.gov](mailto:fehrehbach.margie@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general; however, persons may be interested who work in agricultural settings or persons who are concerned

about implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (Public Law 104-170). Passed in 1996, this law strengthens the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. CARAT is preceded by the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee which was established in 1998 in order for EPA and USDA to work together to ensure smooth implementation of FQPA. 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. Potentially affected entities may include but are not limited to: Agricultural workers and farmers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer and farmworker groups; pesticide users and growers; pest consultants; state, local and tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; food processors; and the public. 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-2004-0203. 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, 1801 S. Bell St., 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

The Food Quality Protection Act, Public Law 104-170, was passed in 1996 to strengthen the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. The Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition, CARAT, is preceded by the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC). Its purpose is to provide advice and counsel to the Administrator of EPA and the Secretary of Agriculture regarding strategic approaches for pest management planning and tolerance reassessment for pesticides as required by FQPA. Through CARAT, EPA and USDA are working together to ensure smooth implementation of FQPA through use of sound science, consultation with stakeholders, increased transparency, and reasonable transition for agriculture.

EPA and USDA intend to appoint members to 1- or 2-year terms. An important consideration in the selection of members will be to maintain balance and diversity of experience and expertise. EPA also intends to seek broad geographic representation from the following sectors: Pesticide industry and trade associations, farmers, environmental/public interest groups, public health officials, pediatric experts, food processors and distributors, academicians, and tribal, state and local government officials.

Copies of the CARAT Charter are filed with appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress and are available upon request.

## III. Nomination Submissions

Potential candidates should submit the following information: Name, occupation, organization, position, address, telephone number and a brief resume containing their background, experience, qualifications and other relevant information as part of the consideration process. Any interested person and/or organization may submit the name(s) of qualified persons.

Nominations may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier.

1. *Electronically.* By e-mail: [fehrenbach.margie@epa.gov](mailto:fehrenbach.margie@epa.gov).

2. *By mail:* Margie Fehrenbach, Designated Federal Officer for CARAT,

Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

3. *By hand delivery/courier.* Margie Fehrenbach, Environmental Protection Agency, CM #2, Rm. 1119, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA 22202, contact phone number: (703) 308-4775. The room at which submissions are accepted is only open until 5 p.m. Uniformed couriers are permitted to deliver directly to the contact person. Non-uniformed couriers will be met at the 1801 S. Bell St. entrance by EPA personnel.

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Agricultural workers, Chemicals, Fees, Foods, Pesticides, Pests, Registration, Tolerance reassessment, Public health.

Dated: June 21, 2004.

**James Jones,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements  
Filed June 14, 2004 Through June 18, 2004

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 040281, Final EIS, EPA, SC, Port Royal Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS), Designation, SC, Wait Period Ends: July 26, 2004, Contact: Wesley B. Crum (404) 562-9352.

EIS No. 040282, Draft Supplement, BLM, NV, Pipeline/South Pipeline Pit Expansion Project, Updated Information on Modifying the Extending Plan of Operations (Plan), Gold Acres Mining District, Launder County, NV, Comment Period Ends: August 9, 2004, Contact: Pam Jarnecke (775) 635-4144.

EIS No. 040283, Final EIS, JUS, TX, Rio Grande Operation Project, Reduction or Elimination of Illegal Drug Activities and Illegal Immigrants, Starr, Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, TX, Wait Period Ends: July 26, 2004, Contact: Dr. Terrell Roberts (409) 766-3035.