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Dated: January 31, 2006.

**Al McGartland,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Economics, Office of Policy Economics and Innovation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6672-1]

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) Off Gulfport, MS

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4.

*Purpose:* The U.S. EPA, Region 4, in accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and EPA's October 29, 1998 Notice of Policy and Procedures for Voluntary Preparation of National Environmental Policy (NEPA) Documents (63 FR 58045), and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District, will prepare a Draft EIS on the designation of a new ODMDS off Gulfport, Mississippi. An EIS is needed to provide the information necessary to designate an ODMDS. This Notice of Intent is issued pursuant to section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, and 40 CFR Part 228 (Criteria for the Management of Disposal Sites for Ocean Dumping).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Douglas K. Johnson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Coastal Programs section, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, phone (404) 562-9386 or Dr. Susan Ivester Rees, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Planning & Environmental Division, Coastal Environment, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628, phone (251) 694-4141.

**SUMMARY:** Ongoing needs for ocean disposal of dredged material and the proposed improvements to the Federal Gulfport Harbor navigation channel have resulted in the need for the designation of a new ODMDS off Gulfport, Mississippi. Gulfport Harbor is located in Harrison County, Mississippi, on Mississippi Sound about equidistant (80 miles) from New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama. There are currently two existing U.S. EPA-designated ODMDSs located east and west of the Federal channel; however,

these sites will not provide sufficient capacity to accommodate the anticipated disposal needs of the upcoming improvements at Gulfport Harbor.

*Need for Action:* The Corps, Mobile District has requested that U.S. EPA designate a new ODMDS off Gulfport, Mississippi for the disposal of dredged material from the Gulfport Harbor area, when ocean disposal of dredged material is the preferred disposal alternative. An EIS is required to provide the necessary information to evaluate alternatives and designate the preferred ODMDS.

*Alternatives:* "No action" alternative. The no action alternative is defined as not designating an ocean disposal site. Additional alternatives under consideration include: Nearshore Area Disposal Site; Mid-shelf Area Disposal Site; and a Deepwater Area Disposal Site.

*Scoping:* Scoping will be accomplished by correspondence with affected Federal, State, and local agencies, and with anticipated interested parties. Appropriate Federal, State, and local entities will be invited to participate as a cooperating agency.

*Estimated Date of Release:* It is anticipated that the Draft EIS will be made available for public review in spring 2006.

*Responsible Official:* J.I. Palmer, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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**Anne Norton Miller,**

*Director, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0561; FRL-7760-2]

### Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee, Workgroup on Pesticide Worker Safety Regulations; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), Workgroup on Pesticide Worker Safety Regulations will hold a public meeting on February 27, 2006. An agenda for this meeting is being developed and will be posted on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/cb/ppdc/>. The workgroup will provide input and advice on regulatory changes being considered to the Worker Protection Standard (40 CFR part 170)

and the Certification of Pesticide Applicators (40 CFR part 171).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at EPA's offices at 1801 S. Bell St. (formerly 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy.), Crystal Mall #2, Rm. 1110 (the Fishbowl), Arlington, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Davis, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-7002; fax number: (703) 308-2962; e-mail address: [davis.kathy@epa.gov](mailto:davis.kathy@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 persons who are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and amendments; and regulation for the Certification of Pesticide Applicators. Other 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. 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 questions about 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 EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0561. 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/>. EDOCKET, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system was replaced on November 25, 2005, by an enhanced, Federal-wide electronic docket management and comment system located at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions.

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.regulations.gov> 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. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

## II. Background

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of the American food supply, the protection and education of those who apply or are exposed to pesticides occupationally or through use of products, and the general protection of the environment and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides.

The PPDC was established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, in September 1995 for a 2-year term and has been renewed every 2 years since that time. PPDC provides advice and recommendations to OPP on a broad range of pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues that are associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The following sectors are represented on the PPDC: Pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental/public interest and consumer groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; Federal and State/local/Tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations. Copies of the PPDC charter are filed with appropriate committees of Congress and the Library

of Congress and are available upon request.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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**James Jones,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8029-8]

### Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office; Notification of Public Teleconferences of the Arsenic Review Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Arsenic Review Panel to continue discussions of its draft report, *Advisory on EPA's Assessments of Carcinogenic Effects of Organic and Inorganic Arsenic*.

**DATES:** The dates for the teleconference meetings are February 23, 2006 and February 28, 2006, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., eastern time on each day.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain the teleconference call-in number and access code to participate in the teleconferences may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by telephone at (202) 343-9982 or e-mail at [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto:miller.tom@epa.gov). General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the teleconference announced in this notice, may be found on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Human exposure to arsenic compounds may occur through various environmental media by their use as pesticides (e.g., desiccants/defoliants, wood preservatives) or from industrial wastes. EPA regulates environmental exposure to arsenic compounds pursuant to requirements of several laws (e.g., the Safe Drinking Water Act; the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; and the Food Quality Protection Act). EPA requested its Science Advisory Board (SAB) to

provide advice on scientific issues underlying the Agency's assessments of the carcinogenic potential of arsenic compounds.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Arsenic Review Panel will hold public teleconferences on the dates and times provided above. The purpose of these teleconference meetings is to allow the SAB Panel to continue the discussion of the Panel's draft report, *Advisory on EPA's Assessments of Carcinogenic Effects of Organic and Inorganic Arsenic*. This draft report was previously discussed at the telephone conference meeting held on January 24, 2006 (see 70 FR 76451-76452). Background on this advisory activity has been provided in **Federal Register** notices published on February 23, 2005 (70 FR 8803-8804) and July 26, 2005 (70 FR 43144-43145).

#### Availability of Meeting Materials

A roster of the Panel members, the teleconference agenda, the charge to the Panel may be found on the SAB Web Site at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/arsenic\\_review\\_panel.htm](http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/arsenic_review_panel.htm). The draft SAB report which is the subject of discussion may be found at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/arsenic\\_12-27-2005\\_dft\\_for\\_jan-24-2006.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/arsenic_12-27-2005_dft_for_jan-24-2006.pdf).

EPA's *Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic* and related background information on inorganic arsenic may be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/sab>. The technical contact for the above information on inorganic arsenic is Dr. Elizabeth Doyle, (202) 566-0056, of the Office of Water. EPA's assessment for organic arsenic, *Science Issue Paper: Cancer Mode of Action of Cacodylic Acid (Dimethylarsinic Acid, DMAV and Recommendations for Dose Response Extrapolation* and other related background information on organic arsenic may be found at: [http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/cacodylic\\_acid](http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/cacodylic_acid). The technical contact for the above information on organic arsenic is Dr. Anna Lowit, (703) 308-4135, of the Office of Pesticide Programs.

#### Procedures for Providing Public Input

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Panel to consider during the advisory process. Written and oral statements should not repeat information previously submitted to the Panel at its previous meetings.

**Written Statements:** Written statements should be submitted at least five days prior to the scheduled