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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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

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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.

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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