

framework to inform its assessment of whether permit requirements are appropriate and reasonable, EPA will also continue to ensure that all permits satisfy the requirements of the Clean Water Act. Accordingly, EPA has committed to operating in accordance with the RFA's framework and requirements during the Agency's issuance of CWA general permits (in other words, the Agency has committed that it will apply the RFA in its issuance of general permits as if those permits do qualify as "rules" that are subject to the RFA).

EPA anticipates that for most general permits the Agency will be able to conclude that there is not a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. In such cases, the requirements of the RFA framework are fulfilled by including a statement to this effect in the permit fact sheet, along with a statement providing the factual basis for the conclusion. A quantitative analysis of impacts would only be required for permits that may affect a substantial number of small entities, consistent with EPA guidance regarding RFA certification.¹

Consistent with the above discussion, EPA has concluded that the proposed issuance of the 2008 DGP would not affect a substantial number of small entities. An estimated 36 construction projects per year were authorized under the 2002 General Permits, a substantial number of which were not operated by small entities. The 2008 DGP includes expanded coverage for additional types of discharges; however, these discharges are temporary in nature. At any one time, fewer than 100 small entities are expected to be discharging and incurring costs. In addition, requirements in the draft 2008 DGP remain substantially similar to those in the 2002 General Permit, except for the addition of total residual chlorine (TRC) limits for discharges from municipal sources. Therefore, EPA has concluded that the proposed issuance of the 2008 DGP is unlikely to have an adverse economic impact on small entities.

¹ EPA's current guidance, entitled Final Guidance for EPA Rulewriters: Regulatory Flexibility Act as Amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act, was issued in November 2006 and is available on EPA's Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/sbrefa/documents/rfinalguidance06.pdf>. After considering the Guidance and the purpose of CWA general permits, EPA concludes that general permits affecting fewer than 100 small entities do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Dated: July 14, 2008.

Robert W. Varney,

Regional Administrator, Region 1.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Demonstration of Alternative Asbestos Control Method Demolition for Two Asbestos-Containing Buildings and Expert Peer Review Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of document availability and external peer review meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the availability for review and comment of two draft reports titled, Evaluation of the Alternative Asbestos Control Method at Site Two (AACM2) for Demolition of Asbestos-Containing Buildings, and Evaluation of the Alternative Asbestos Control Method at Site Three (AACM3) for Demolition of Asbestos-Containing Buildings. These reports were prepared by EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and are available through docket ID number EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0523 located at <http://www.regulations.gov> and through <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6xa/asbestos>.

EPA is also announcing that in the month of August or September an EPA contractor will convene a panel of experts and will organize and conduct an independent expert external peer review meeting of the two reports. The dates and location of the peer review meeting will be provided in a separate **Federal Register** Notice. The public will be invited to register to attend the peer review meeting as observers and also will be able to give oral or provide written comments at the meeting. The expert panel will review the scientific and technical aspects of the draft documents and consider public comments received prior to the meeting in the official public docket for this activity under docket ID number EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0523.

The public release of these draft documents is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and external peer review. The draft reports do not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA by policy, viewpoint, or determination.

DATES: The 30-day public comment period on the two draft documents begins July 22, 2008, and ends August 21, 2008. All comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by August 21, 2008. The dates and location of the peer review meeting will be announced at a later date in a subsequent **Federal Register** Notice.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on these documents to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0523 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* ORD.Docket@epa.gov.
- *Mail:* ORD Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery:* EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0523. Deliveries are only accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0523. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in

the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov/index>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the ORD Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the draft documents, please contact Roger Wilmoth, Office of Research and Development, Telephone (513) 569-7509, fax number (513) 569-7471, Wilmoth.epa.gov; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 445, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is submitting the draft reports for independent, external scientific and technical peer review. The draft reports provide the documentation and scientific evaluation of the environmental effectiveness of the draft AACM protocol as a possible alternative technology in controlling multimedia asbestos emissions during demolition of asbestos-containing buildings, as required by the existing Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). The draft AACM demolition protocol was used on two separate buildings. One building contained NESHAP-regulated quantities of asbestos-containing transite siding and the second building contained NESHAP-regulated quantities of asbestos-containing popcorn ceiling and wall surfacing material. In addition to assessing the environmental effectiveness of the draft AACM

technology, these two draft reports assess the costs and time requirements of the application of the AACM protocol in these situations, as well as document lessons learned in each instance.

Public comments received in the docket will be shared with the external peer review panel for their consideration. Although EPA is under no obligation to do so, EPA may consider comments received after the close of the comment period. The public release of this draft document is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and peer review, and does not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

Dated: July 15, 2008.

Fred S. Hauchman,

*Acting Director, Office of Science Policy,
Office of Research and Development.*

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Announcing a Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: A closed meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2008.

PLACE: Board Room, First Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1625 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

STATUS: The meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE

MEETING: Periodic Update of Examination Program Development and Supervisory Findings.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shelia Willis, Paralegal Specialist, Office of General Counsel, at 202-408-2876 or williss@fhfb.gov.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Dated: July 16, 2008.

Neil R. Crowley,

Deputy General Counsel.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank

holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than August 6, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *John Richard Doherty*, Oswego, Illinois, to retain voting shares of West End Financial Corporation, and thereby indirectly retain control of Gogebic Range Bank, both of Bessemer, Michigan.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *The Gayle Gourley Trust, The W.J. Gourley, 111, Trust, and The Mary Theresa Lott Trust, Richard A. Griffin, Charles Lasater, Henry W. Simon, Jr., John W. Windle, and B. Ted Woodle*, all of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jack S. Lewis, Arlington, Texas, all as trustees, to acquire an interest in Texas American Acquisition Group, Inc. Fort Worth, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire an interest in Liberty Bank, North Richland Hills, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 17, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.