

Management Plan. On November 6, 2007, EPA received concurrence from the ADNR OPMP prior to issuing the final permits.

Executive Order 12866

EPA has determined that these GPs are not “significant regulatory action” under the terms of Executive Order 12866 and are therefore not subject to OMB review.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements of this permit were previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned OMB control numbers 2040–0086 (NPDES permit application) and 2040–0004 (discharge monitoring reports).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, requires that EPA prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for rules subject to 5 U.S.C. 553(b) that have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Although general permits are considered to be adjudications and not rules and therefore are not legally subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as a matter of policy EPA is evaluating on an individual basis whether or not a specific general permit would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Upon considering EPA’s current guidance, entitled *Final Guidance for EPA Rulewriters: Regulatory Flexibility Act as Amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act*, and the fact that each of these general permits affects less than 100 facilities, EPA concludes that these general permits do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and that the RFA does not call for further quantitative analysis of impacts.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Section 201 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), Public Law 104–4, generally requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their “regulatory actions” (defined to be the same as “rules” subject to the RFA) on tribal, state, and local governments and the private sector. However, general NPDES permits are not “rules” subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) and are therefore not subject to the UMRA.

Appeal of Permits

Any interested person may appeal the general permits in the Federal Court of Appeals in accordance with Section 509(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. This appeal must be filed within 120 days after the permit effective date. Persons affected by the permits may not challenge the conditions of the permits in further EPA proceedings (See 40 CFR 124.19). Instead they may either challenge the permit in court or apply for an individual NPDES permit.

Signed this 20th day of October, 2008.

Michael F. Gearheard,

Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8734–1]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting; Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: *Notice of Meeting*—Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues. NACEPT is a committee of individuals who represent diverse interests from academia, industry, non-governmental organizations, and local, state, and tribal governments.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft findings from NACEPT’s 20th anniversary report, sustainable water infrastructure, biofuels, EPA’s 2009–2014 Strategic Plan Change Document, and EPA’s Draft Information Access Strategy. A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be posted at <http://www.epa.gov/ocem/nacept/cal-nacept.htm>.

Request for Comments—In recognition of its 20th anniversary in 2008, NACEPT is preparing two reports that seek to: (1) Identify the issues and challenges EPA will face and should focus on over the next 5–10 years (“prospective report”), and (2) review NACEPT’s activities and accomplishments during its 20-year history (“retrospective report”).

For the prospective report (#1 above), EPA has begun gathering input on the following ten questions about future environmental issues and trends and EPA’s role in addressing them.

1. What do you consider to be the most influential long-term trends or forces (whether social, economic, technological, or otherwise) that are most likely to impact the environment over the next ten years?

2. What is your opinion on whether EPA is adequately addressing these trends or developments?

3. What steps could EPA take to improve its ability to anticipate and address these trends and related issues?

4. What do you consider to be the top environmental issues or challenges that the EPA must address in the next 10 years?

5. What might limit the Agency’s ability to respond to the identified issues?

6. What are some specific steps that the Agency could take to respond to the issues and overcome the constraints?

7. What might the Agency look like ten years from now and what major changes in the way the Agency currently operates should be implemented now to achieve this ten year vision?

8. Over the next ten years, how would you define success for the EPA?

9. What measures would indicate success or failure for the Agency in the next ten years?

10. Is there anything else that you would like to add?

The initial findings that have emerged from the input received thus far include the following:

- Climate change presents a challenge that will require substantial EPA involvement over the next ten years and beyond.

- EPA does or should play a pivotal role as the nation’s leading source of environmental science and technology and should foster collaborative and cooperative relationships with all public and private sector interests.

- Some factors that will influence the degree to which EPA is successful over the next ten years remain largely beyond the Agency’s control.

The draft prospective report will be posted at <http://epa.gov/ocem/nacept/reports/index.html>. You may send your comments to Sonia Altieri at the contact information listed below. EPA will review the comments received, but will not respond to individual comments.

DATES: NACEPT will hold a two-day meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday, November 14, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, altieri.sonia@epa.gov, (202) 564-0243, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or to provide written comments to the Council should be sent to Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, at the contact information above. All requests must be submitted no later than November 7, 2008.

Meeting Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Sonia Altieri at 202-564-0243 or altieri.sonia@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Sonia Altieri, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: October 16, 2008.

Megan Moreau,

Acting, Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8734-7]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the R&H Oil/Tropicana Superfund Site in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

The settlement requires the four (4) settling parties to pay a total of \$5,271.47 as payment of response costs to the Hazardous Substances Superfund.

The settlement includes a covenant not to sue pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42, U.S.C. 9606 and 9607. The settlement amount for each party is a reduced amount based on ability-to-pay analyses.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to this notice and will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 26, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Kevin Shade, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733 or by calling (214) 665-2708. Comments should reference the R&H Oil/Tropicana Superfund Site in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and EPA Docket Number 06-06-08, and should be addressed to Kevin Shade at the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: I-Jung Chiang, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733 or call (214) 665-2160.

Dated: October 17, 2008.

Richard E. Greene,

Regional Administrator (6RA).

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FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Notice of Issuance of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS)

AGENCY: Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) No. 33, *Pensions, Other Retirement Benefits, and Other Post-employment benefits: Reporting Gains and Losses from Changes in Assumptions and Selecting Discount Rates and Valuation Dates.*

Board Action: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3511(d), the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules Of Procedure, as amended in April 2004, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) has issued Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standard 33, *Pensions, Other Retirement Benefits, and Other Post-employment benefits: Reporting Gains and Losses from Change in Assumptions and Selecting Discount Rates and Valuation Dates.*

A summary of the standard follows: The standard highlights gains and losses from changes in assumptions in federal financial reports. Some of the most significant changes in amounts on the statement of net cost for the consolidated Financial Report of the United States Government (CFR) and for certain component entities can result from such gains and losses.

Copies of the standard can be obtained by contacting FASAB at 202-512-7350. The standard is also available on FASAB's home page <http://www.fasab.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy M. Payne, Executive Director, 441 G St., NW., Mail Stop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pub. L. No. 92-463.

Dated: October 20, 2008.

Charles Jackson,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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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.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in