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Dated: August 28, 2009.

**Rebecca Clark,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8962-3]

### Gulf of Mexico Program Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), EPA gives notice of a meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Gloria Car, U.S. EPA, at (228) 688-2421 or [car.gloria@epa.gov](mailto:car.gloria@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Gloria Car, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Mail Code EPA/GMPO, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed agenda includes the following topics: A discussion regarding CAC business (recruitment update, communication strategy, member updates, next meeting); Gulf of Mexico End of Fiscal Year Accomplishments; Wetlands Loss Presentation; and member participation in the Ocean Policy Public Listening Session.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: September 17, 2009.

**Gloria D. Car,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8962-9]

### NACEPT Subcommittee on Promoting Environmental Stewardship

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the NACEPT Subcommittee on Promoting Environmental Stewardship.

The purpose of the Subcommittee on Promoting Environmental Stewardship (SPES) of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) is to advise the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on how to promote environmental stewardship practices that encompass all environmental aspects of an organization in the regulated community and other sectors, as appropriate, in order to enhance human health and environmental protection. A copy of the meeting agenda will be posted at <http://epa.gov/ncei/dialogue.htm>. This Web site also includes the charge of the SPES, which provides further information about the purpose of the Subcommittee.

The agenda for the subject meeting will focus on discussions among the three current Subcommittee workgroups: (1) Gap Analysis Workgroup, which is exploring how stewardship activities may accomplish Agency goals that are not covered by statute or regulation; (2) Short-term Recommendations Workgroup, which is looking at relatively simple and quick actions for EPA to implement in the short term to promote stewardship; and (3) Long-term Recommendations Workgroup, which is exploring EPA's role in addressing issues that invite and require a cross-sector, cross-media, and long-term perspective (e.g., climate change and energy use).

**DATES:** The NACEPT Subcommittee on Promoting Environmental Stewardship will hold an open meeting on October 6 (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) and October 7, 2009 (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) Eastern standard time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, One Potomac Yard, Conference Center South (Room S-4370-80, Fourth Floor), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22202. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Regina Langton, Designated Federal Officer, [langton.regina@epa.gov](mailto:langton.regina@epa.gov), 202-566-2178, U.S. EPA Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation (MC1807T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests to make brief oral comments or provide written statements to the SPES should be sent to Jennifer Peyser at (202) 965-6215 or [jpeyser@RESOLV.org](mailto:jpeyser@RESOLV.org). All

requests must be received no later than September 30, 2009.

**Meeting Access:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Jennifer Peyser at [jpeyser@RESOLV.org](mailto:jpeyser@RESOLV.org). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Jennifer Peyser at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: September 21, 2009.

**Regina Langton,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8962-7]

### Notice of a Project Waiver of Section 1605 (Buy American Requirement) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to the City of Salem, New Jersey

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is hereby granting a project waiver of the Buy American requirements of ARRA Section 1605 under the authority of Section 1605(b)(2) [manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality] to the City of Salem, New Jersey (the City), for the purchase of a specific Canadian-manufactured membrane filtration system (ZeeWeed® 500). The ZeeWeed® 500 Immersed Ultra-filtration Membranes are manufactured outside of the United States by GE Water & Processes Technologies (GEW&PT), in Canada. The design and specifications of the City's proposed new Surface Water Treatment Plant were based on the performance and characteristics of the ZeeWeed® 500 membrane system, following pilot testing conducted from March through August 2007, which demonstrated that the equipment worked very well in removing total organic carbon, as well as other contaminants; the successful pilot testing of surface treatment plant technologies is a prerequisite to obtaining a construction permit from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). The Acting Regional Administrator is making this determination based on the review and recommendations of the State Revolving Fund Program Team.

The City has provided sufficient documentation to support its request. The Assistant Administrator of the Office of Administration and Resources Management has concurred on this decision to make an exception to Section 1605 of ARRA. This action permits the purchase of ZeeWeed® 500 Immersed Ultra-filtration Membranes for the proposed project being implemented by the City of Salem, New Jersey.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* August 27, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alicia Suárez, Environmental Engineer, (212) 637-3851, State Revolving Fund Program Team, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, U.S. EPA, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with ARRA Section 1605(c) and pursuant to Section 1605(b)(2) of Public Law 111-5, Buy American requirements, the EPA hereby provides notice that it is granting a project waiver to the City for the acquisition of ZeeWeed® 500 Immersed Ultra-filtration Membranes manufactured in Canada by GEW&PT.

Section 1605 of the ARRA requires that none of the appropriated funds may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States, unless a waiver is provided to the recipient by EPA. A waiver may be provided if EPA determines that (1) applying these requirements would be inconsistent with public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

The City proposes to replace its existing surface water treatment plant because the current plant, constructed in 1974, is unlikely to be able to provide water that complies with the Stage II Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule or appropriate log removal of microorganisms. The use of the ZeeWeed® 500 membrane system is based on a stated need for immersed ultra-filtration membranes that have a reinforced hollow fiber membrane with a very high tensile strength and a high solids tolerance that is necessary for direct filtration after enhanced coagulation without clarification. The

ZeeWeed® 500 Immersed Ultra-filtration Membranes were described by the City as meeting these specifications.

The City has stated that all surface treatment plant technologies must be piloted in New Jersey in order to receive a construction permit from the NJDEP. Successful pilot testing prior to NJDEP approval of a construction permit ensures that the completed facility will be in compliance with the Stage II Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule. The pilot testing results of the ZeeWeed® 500 membranes, conducted from March through August 2007, demonstrated that the equipment worked very well in removing total organic carbon, as well as other contaminants, and that the design of the new water treatment plan was based on the ZeeWeed® 500 ultra filtration membrane system. The City has provided information to the EPA representing that GEW&PT, manufacturer of the ZeeWeed® 500, is the only company capable of supplying a membrane system that meets the criteria of an immersed, reinforced, hollow fiber ultra filtration system that does not require clarification prior to filtration. The City's submission clearly articulates entirely functional reasons for its technical specifications, and has provided sufficient documentation that the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantity and of a satisfactory quality to meet its technical specifications.

The April 28, 2009, EPA Headquarters Memorandum, "Implementation of Buy American provisions of Public Law 111-5, the 'American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,'" defines: *reasonably available quantity* as "the quantity of iron, steel, or the relevant manufactured good is available or will be available at the time needed and place needed, and in the proper form or specification as specified in the project plans and design," and *satisfactory quality* as "the quality of iron, steel, or the relevant manufactured good as specified in the project plans and designs."

Based on additional research conducted by the State Revolving Fund Program Team of the Division of Environmental Planning and Protection and to the best of the Region's knowledge at the time of the review, there does not appear to be other membrane equipment that meets the City's exact technical specifications.

Furthermore, the purpose of the ARRA is to stimulate economic recovery in part by funding current infrastructure construction, not to delay projects that are "shovel ready" by requiring utilities,