

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed agenda is attached.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

Gloria D. Car,

Designated Federal Officer.

Gulf of Mexico Program*Policy Review Board Meeting*

Embassy Suites Hotel, Bayou Jean Lafitte Rooms, 6th Floor, New Orleans, Louisiana, Thursday, December 12, 2002.

Agenda

- 7:30—Continental Breakfast (in meeting room).
- 8:30—Welcome and Introductions, Jimmy Palmer, EPA Regional Administrator, Region 4, Atlanta Hall Bohlinger, Acting Secretary, LA Department of Env. Quality.
- 8:40—Overview of Meeting Agenda & Objectives, Status Review of Follow-up Action Items, Bryon Griffith, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.
- 9:00—Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System Pilot Project Status, Dr. Bill Benson, Director, EPA ORD's Gulf Ecology Division Laboratory.
Purpose: To receive an update on the progress of the Hazardous Algal Blooms Observing System (HABSOS) pilot.
- 9:45—Bacterial Source Tracking Research, Dr. R.D. Ellender, Assistant Dean for Research & Development, College of Science & Technology, University of Southern Mississippi.
Purpose: To receive an overview of the current state of the research in this topic area and to solicit broad Gulf State involvement in a collaborative EPA Region 4 and University of Southern Mississippi initiative to provide Gulf State coordination and support for applied Bacterial Source Tracking research.
- 10:30—Break.
- 10:45—GMP Mercury Project Update—re: Gulf State Marine Fish Advisory Consistency Dr. Fred Kopfler, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.
Purpose: To receive an update on the status of the GMP initiative to achieve consistent marine fish advisories re: Mercury in Gulf Seafood.
- 11:15—President's Interagency Work Group on Mercury Presentation, Gene Whitney, Policy Analyst, Office of Science & Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.
Purpose: To receive an Executive Briefing on the development and status of President's Interagency Workgroup on Mercury and their future plans relative to the Gulf of Mexico region.
- 12:00—Catered Lunch—2002 Gulf Guardian Awards Video Presentation.

12:45—Presidential Executive Order Recommendations—Final Review, Bryon Griffith, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

Purpose: (1) To conduct the final review of the Management Committee's recommendations regarding the proposed Presidential Executive Order establishing the Gulf of Mexico Program; (2) To discuss and finalize a supporting implementation strategy and schedule for submitting the Executive proposal to the EPA Administrator.

1:30—GMP's Assistance Role in the Advancing Development and Deployment of NASA's Space-based Earth Sciences Support, Dr. David Powe, Director, Earth Science Applications Directorate, NASA, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

Purpose: To explore stronger partnership opportunities through NASA's Space-based Earth Science Applications Development Program.

2:00—Hypoxia Action Plan Status: Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Team Development Report (Agricultural Sector)—Lower Mississippi Valley Initiative's (LMVI) Watershed Approach, Invited speaker.

Purpose: To receive an update on the status of the Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Team's development re: Agriculture's organization (e.g., LMVI) and process (i.e., Watershed Approach) approach to addressing many of the sub-basin's industry led solutions.

2:30—Wrap-up and next steps, Jimmy Palmer and Hall Bohlinger.

2:35—Adjourn .

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES**Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank)**

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee was established Pub. L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

TIME AND PLACE: Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 10 am to 1 pm. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571.

AGENDA: Agenda items include reports and discussion on proposed revisions to Ex-Im Bank's Economic Impact Procedures, discussion on the Advisory Committee's Sub-Committees, and the presentation of the Advisory Committee's recommendations to Ex-Im Bank.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to December 3, 2002, Nichole Westin, Room 1257, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3542 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Nichole Westin, Room 1257, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3542.

Peter Saba,

General Counsel.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 2002-23]

Filing Dates for the Hawaii Special Election in the 2nd Congressional District

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Notice of filing dates for special election.

SUMMARY: Hawaii has scheduled a special election on January 4, 2003, to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat in the Second Congressional District to which the late Representative Patsy T. Mink was reelected on November 5, 2002.

Committees participating in the Hawaii special election are required to file pre- and post-election reports.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kevin R. Salley, Information Division, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463; Telephone: (202) 694-1100; Toll Free (800) 424-9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Principal Campaign Committees**

All principal campaign committees of candidates participating in the Hawaii Special General shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report on December 23, 2002; and a 30-day Post-General Report on February 3, 2003. (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

Unauthorized Committees (PACs and Party Committees)

Political Committees that file on a quarterly basis in 2002 are subject to special election reporting if they make previously undisclosed contributions or

expenditures in connection with the Hawaii Special General Election by the close of books for the applicable report(s). (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

Since disclosing financial activity from two different calendar years on one report would conflict with the calendar

year aggregation requirements stated in the Commission's disclosure rules, unauthorized committees that trigger the filing of the Post-General Report will be required to file this report on two separate forms. One form to cover 2002 activity, labeled as the Year-End Report; and the other form to cover only 2003

activity, labeled as the Post-General Report. Both forms must be filed by February 3, 2003.

Committees filing monthly that support candidates in the Hawaii Special General should continue to file according to the monthly reporting schedule.

CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES FOR HAWAII SPECIAL ELECTION

Report	Close of Books ¹	Reg./cert. mailing date ²	Filing date
Committees Involved In The Special General (01/04/03) Must File:			
Pre-General	12/15/02	12/20/02	12/23/02
Year-End	(³)	(³)	(³)
Post-General	01/24/03	02/03/03	02/03/03

¹ The period begins with the close of books of the last report filed by the committee. If the committee has filed no previous reports, the period begins with the date of the committee's first activity.

² Reports sent registered or certified mail must be postmarked by the mailing date; otherwise, they must be received by the filing date.

³ Waived.

Dated: November 19, 2002.

David M. Mason,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1440-DR]

Alaska; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Alaska (FEMA-1440-DR), dated November 8, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated November 8, 2002, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Alaska, resulting from an earthquake on November 3, 2002, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance

Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Alaska.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program in the designated areas, and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate subject to completion of Preliminary Damage Assessments. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act is later warranted, Federal funding under that program will be also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint William Lokey of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Alaska to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Fairbanks North Star Borough, Denali Borough, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the Regional Education Attendance Areas of Delta Greely, Alaska Gateway, Copper River and Yukon-Koyukuk, and the cities of Tetlin, Mentasta Lake, Northway, Dot Lake, Chistochina, Tanacross and the

unincorporated communities of Slana and Tok for emergency protective measures (Category A) and debris removal (Category B) under the Public Assistance program.

All areas within the State of Alaska are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. (The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Joe M. Allbaugh,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1439-DR]

Texas; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas, (FEMA-1439-DR), dated November 5, 2002, and related determinations.