

s. *Agency Comments*: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

**Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

January 24, 2003.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so

requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

**EXEMPT**

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or Requester
1. Project No. 2042-000 .....	1-22-03	Frank Winchell.
2. Project No. 1927-000 .....	1-22-03	Richard Hoffman.*
3. Project No. 1971-000 .....	1-22-03	Kenneth C. Reid, Ph.D./ Susan Pengilly Neitzel.
4. Project No. 1971-000 .....	1-22-03	Jay Minthorn.
5. RT02-2-000 .....	1-23-03	Len Tao.
6. Project No. 5018-004 .....	1-24-03	Caleb Slater.

\*Copy of Programmatic Agreement.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL 7446-5]

**EPA Science Advisory Board; Notification of Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Meeting; Request for Comments on the Consultative Panel**

Purpose of this Notice—To: (1) Announce a public meeting of a Federal advisory committee, and (2) solicit public comment on the proposed consultative panel.

**1. Meeting of the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)—February 13-14, 2003**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Thursday and Friday, February 13-14, 2003 to conduct a consultation with the EPA Office of Water on its plans to revise the "Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses"; to receive Agency briefings on ecological science priorities; and to discuss potential future SAB studies. All times noted are Eastern Time. The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. *Important Notice:*

Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews or consultations are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents generated by the SAB and the relevant Program Office is included below.

The meeting will begin on Thursday, February 13 at 9 am and adjourn no later than 5:30 pm that day. On Friday, February 14 the meeting may begin at 8:30 am and adjourn no later than 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held in EPA Conference Room 4530 in the EPA Ariel Rios North Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. For further information concerning the meeting, please contact the individuals listed at the end of this FR notice.