

Assessment Forum's RfD/RfC Technical Panel and its recommendations for improvements in the process of deriving reference values, including setting less than lifetime as well as chronic reference values. It discusses revisions to the overall framework for the derivation of reference values that broaden and expand the information considered in setting reference values. The document is a review, not guidance, and it evaluates the current state-of-the-art for hazard characterization with a focus on protection of potentially sensitive subpopulations. The report make a number of recommendations that should be considered in the implementation of changes in the current process and/or development of needed guidance. The Technical Panel views the RfD/RfC process as one that should be continually evolving as new information becomes available and new scientific and risk assessment approaches are developed. This does not mean that current RfDs or RfCs are invalid, but these new scientific issues should be included in the process of re-evaluating current reference values. As a follow-up to the recommendation for deriving less than lifetime reference values, the report includes a review of current testing guideline protocols to determine what data are collected that can be used in setting these reference values. The Technical Panel has provided specific recommendations for deriving reference values and the development of guidance in some cases and more general conclusions and recommendations in others. Case studies are included to illustrate the recommendations of the Technical Panel.

Dated: May 15, 2003.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7501-3]

Southern Solvents Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to enter into an Administrative Order on Consent pursuant to section 122(h)(1) of the

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended regarding the Southern Solvents Superfund Site located in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. This Agreement is made and entered into by EPA and by Southern Solvents, Inc., ("Settling Parties"). EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement until June 20, 2003.

EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement in appropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. EPA, Region 4, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. (404) 562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this publication.

Dated: April 28, 2003.

Archie Lee,

Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7501-6]

Proposed Reissuance of a General NPDES Permit for Facilities Related to Oil and Gas Extraction on the North Slope of the Brooks Range, AK (Permit Number AKG-33-0000 Formerly AKG-31-0000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed reissuance of a general permit.

SUMMARY: On April 10, 2002, the general permit regulating activities related to the extraction of oil and gas on the North Slope of the Brooks Range in the state of Alaska expired. This proposed reissuance of a general permit is intended to regulate activities related to the extraction of oil and gas on the North Slope of the Brooks Range in the state of Alaska. The proposed general permit would cover the same discharges as the previous general permit: domestic wastewater discharges, gravel pit dewatering, construction dewatering, and hydrostatic test water. The proposed reissuance also includes two new outfall designations for the

discharge of storm water from industrial activities and discharges of treated effluent from mobile spill response units. When issued, the proposed permit will establish effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions and other conditions on discharges from covered facilities. These conditions are based on existing national effluent guidelines, the state of Alaska's Water Quality Standards and material contained in the administrative record. A description of the basis for the conditions and requirements of the proposed general permit is given in the fact sheet. This is also notice of EPA's issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) coverage under this GP for the new source facility, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.'s Badami facility covered by NPDES permit AKG-31-0001 which will be reauthorized with the number AKG-33-0001.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed reissuance of the general permit to EPA, Region 10 at the address below. Comments must be postmarked by July 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed general permit reissuance should be sent to the attention of the Director, Office of Water, 1200 Sixth Avenue OW-130, Seattle, Washington 98101. Comments may also be submitted electronically to godsey.cindi@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed general permit and Fact Sheet are available upon request. Requests may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Cindi Godsey at (907) 271-6561. Requests may also be electronically mailed to: washington.audrey@epa.gov or godsey.cindi@epa.gov.

The proposed general permit and Fact Sheet may also be found on the EPA Region 10 Web site at www.epa.gov/r10earth/water.htm then click on NPDES permits under Programs and draft permits under EPA Region 10 Information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Executive Order 12866:* The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to section 6 of that order.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: After review of the facts presented in the notice printed above, I hereby certify pursuant to the provision of 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed general NPDES permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Moreover, the permit reduces a significant administrative burden on regulated sources.

Dated: May 12, 2003.

Randall F. Smith,

Director, Office of Water, Region 10.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 940. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 011623-002.

Title: APL/MOL/HMM Asia-U.S. Atlantic Coast Space Sharing Agreement.

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd., APL Co. Pte Ltd., Hyundai Merchant Marine Co. Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.

Synopsis: The agreement is amended to increase the number of vessels deployed and their capacity, rearrange certain of the vessel loops, adjust the space allocation among the parties and provide for certain operational actions.

Agreement No.: 011637-008.

Title: Ampac Cooperative Working Agreement.

Parties: TMM Lines Limited, LLC, Hamburg-Süüdamerikanische Dampfschiffahrts-gesellschaft KG d/b/a Columbus Line, Maruba S.C.A., Compania Chilena de Navegación Interoceánica, S.A.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement modification corrects the address of Columbus Line, deletes Japan from the geographic scope, revises Article 5(a) to reflect changes in the service operated under the agreement, revises Article 5(b)(1) to reflect changes in the chartering of slots under the agreement, revises Article 7 to eliminate the restriction on when a party may provide notice of resignation, and republishes the agreement in a third edition.

Agreement No.: 011692-003.

Title: Indamex Agreement.

Parties: Contship Containerlines, a division of CP Ships (UK) Limited, CMA CGM, S.A., The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement modification deletes all conference-related provisions from the agreement

and turns it into a rate discussion agreement. It also republishes the agreement in a fourth edition.

Agreement No.: 011794-002.

Title: COSCON/KL/YMUK/Hanjin/Senator Worldwide Slot Allocation & Sailing Agreement.

Parties: COSCO Container Lines Company, Limited, Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., Yangming (UK) Ltd., Hanjin Shipping Co., Ltd., Senator Lines GmbH.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement modification would restate the current vessel/TEU deployments by the parties, allow Senator Lines certain flexibility to adjust its vessel/TEU deployment without amendment of the agreement, change the arbitration clause to indicate that arbitration will occur in London under English law, and confirm that Senator Lines is not a VOCC.

Agreement No.: 011854.

Title: GreenSea Inc. Joint Service Agreement.

Parties: Green Chartering AS, Seatrade Group N.V.

Synopsis: The agreement establishes a joint service between the parties in the trade from ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States to ports in Continental Europe, to be operated by a corporate entity known as GreenSea, Inc. It will be owned equally by the parties.

Agreement No.: 011855.

Title: CCNI/Maruba Slot Charter Agreement for Central America and Caribe Service.

Parties: Compañia Chilena de Navegación Interoceánica, Maruba S.C.A.

Synopsis: The agreement authorizes the parties to charter slots to each other in the trade between Port Everglades and ports in Puerto Rico, on the one hand, and ports in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and the Caribbean Coast of Colombia, on the other hand. Initial operations will involve two CCNI vessels of 300-TEU capacity offering weekly service. Maruba will be allocated up to 60 TEUs per voyage. The parties request expedited review.

Agreement No.: 201143.

Title: West Coast MTO Discussion Agreement.

Parties: California United Terminals, Inc., Husky Terminals, Inc., International Transportation Service, Inc., Long Beach Container Terminal, Inc., Marine Terminals Corp., Metropolitan Stevedore Company, Pasha Stevedoring & Terminals, L.P., SSA Marine, Trans Bay Container Terminal, Inc., Trans Pacific Container Service Corporation, Yusen Terminals, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement would allow the parties to discuss and agree on rates, charges, rules, regulations, procedures, practices, terms and other conditions of service pertaining to the transport, handling, receipt, or delivery of cargo by marine terminal operators.

Dated: May 16, 2003.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for license as a Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR part 515).

Persons knowing of any reason why the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants:

Uraycar Transport Services, Inc., 87 Madison Avenue, Irvington, NJ 07111, Officers: Elhu M. Nisbett, President (Qualifying Individual), Louis W. Nisbett, Vice President
 Cargo Express International Shipping, Inc., 3010 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10469, Officer: Erol Lewis, President (Qualifying Individual)
 Global Ocean Freight, Inc., 4634 N. University Drive, Lauderhill, FL 33351-5733, Officers: Eti Cohen, Vice President (Qualifying Individual), Arik Y. Cohen, President
 Hye Mi Express U.S.A., Inc., 3545 McCall Place, Suite A, Officers: Yong J. Kim, Managing Director (Qualifying Individual), Seung Ku Cho, President
 Quality One International Shipping Inc., 3817 Dyre Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466, Officer: Howard Leslie, President, (Qualifying Individual)
 AAA Cargo LLC dba AAA Cargo Express LLC, 14536 Roscoe Blvd., Suite #101, Panorama City, CA 91402, Officers: Jake J. Son, President (Qualifying Individual), Belen Mercano, Vice President/Treasurer