

Purpose Pipeline (MPP) Project, Construction and Operation of Raw Water Delivery System, Contra Costa Canal, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Contra Costa County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the significant potential cumulative impacts of the project and requested information on means to mitigate these impacts.

ERP No. D-NPS-J65285-MT Rating EO2, Interagency Bison Management Plan for State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park, Implementation, Maintain a wild, Free Ranging Population, Address the risk of Brucellosis Transmission, Park and Gallatin Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections about reasonable alternative that have not been considered in detail in the document. This document is an improper segmentation of NEPA and it appears that there has not been government-to-government consultation performed with concerned Tribes, especially when some tribes have officially requested that they be consulted with on this matter.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J67027-MT Stillwater Mine Revised Waste Management Plan and Hertzler Tailings Impoundment, Construction and Operation, Plan-of-Operation, and COE Section 404 Permit, Custer National Forest, Stillwater County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the cumulative effect of the mine on water quality. Nitrate levels in ground and surface waters are expected to increase over time.

ERP No. F-BLM-K65198-00 Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing on Public Rangelands in California and Northwestern Nevada, CA and NV.

Summary: The Final EIS addresses the majority of our concerns however EPA recommended the ROD include clear rationale for the differences between S&Gs for the three RACs, specific criteria to be used to prioritize allotments for corrective action, expand the implementation plan to include specific timelines and triggers for action and that BLM consider drinking water supplies when trying to meet water quality management objectives.

ERP No. F-BLM-K67047-NV, Trenton Canyon Mining Project, Construction, Operation and Expansion, Plan of Operation, Valma and North Peak Deposits, Humboldt and Lander Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA's concerns have been adequately addressed in the Final EIS. EPA requested that the Record of Decision (ROD) include specific mitigation and monitoring provisions to ensure protection of certain aquatic resources and describe contingency plans for unanticipated adverse environmental impacts.

ERP No. F-COE-E32196-FL, Jacksonville Harbor Navigation Channel Deepening Improvements, Construction, St. Johns River, Duval County, FL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the possibility of using the offshore disposal site for any of the limestone excavated during the deepening operations.

ERP No. F-FRC-J02035-00, Alliance Natural Gas Pipeline Project, Construction and Operation, Funding, NPDES Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, ND, MN, IA and IL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding system alternatives, route variations and wetland mitigation and compensation.

ERP No. F-NPS-K70007-00, P140 Coaxial Cable Removal Project, Plan Approval and Permits Issuance, Socorro, New Mexico to Mojave, California, NM, CA and NV.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-L61221-AK, Sitka National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, City and Borough of Sitka, AK.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. FA-COE-K36009-CA, Napa River and Napa Creek Flood Protection Project, New Information, City of Napa, Napa County, CA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6304-3]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council

Small Systems Implementation Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Small Systems Implementation Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on March 1 and 2, 1999 at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel, 110 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 5:30 pm each day. The meeting is open to the public, but seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify and discuss challenges faced by small water systems in complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended in 1996. The meeting is open to the public to observe. The working group members are meeting to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts and discuss options. Statements will be taken from the public at this meeting, as time allows.

For more information, please contact, Peter E. Shanaghan, Designated Federal Officer, Small Systems Implementation Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4606), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is 202-260-5813 and the email address is shanaghan.peter@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

Charlene E. Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Oxygenate Use in Gasoline

[FRL-6304-5]

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of oxygenate use in gasoline panel meeting.

SUMMARY: On November 30, 1998, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol M. Browner announced the creation of a blue-ribbon panel of leading experts from the public health and scientific communities, automotive fuels industry, water utilities, and local and State government to review the important issues posed by the use of MTBE and other oxygenates in gasoline. EPA created the panel to gain a better understanding of the public health concerns raised by the discovery of MTBE in some water supplies. The panel will be chaired by Mr. Daniel Greenbaum, President of the Health Effects Institute (HEI) of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Mr. Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, US EPA.

This notice announces the time and place for the second meeting of the panel.

DATES: The blue-ribbon panel reviewing the use of oxygenates in gasoline will conduct its second meeting on Monday and Tuesday, March 1 and 2, 1999, in Boston, MA beginning at 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held from 1:00–6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1st and from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd at the Hyatt Regency Harborside, Boston Logan International Airport, 101 Harborside Dr., Boston, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Smith at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation, 401 M Street, SW (6406J), Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 564–9674, or John Brophy at (202) 564–9068. Information can also be found at www.epa.gov/oms/consumer/fuels/oxypanel/blueribb.htm

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is the second in a series of meetings at locations around the country to hear from regional and national experts on the facts concerning oxygenate use in fuel. In addition to invited presentations, the panel has set aside time for public comment on Tuesday, March 2nd. A sign-up sheet will be available at the registration table the morning of the meeting and any person desiring to make a brief statement should sign-up by 10:00 a.m. or call Karen Smith at (202) 564–9674. These statements will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis and may be limited in length to allow for participation by all parties. The panel will also be accepting written submissions. Written submissions can be mailed to US EPA, 401 M Street, SW,

Mail Code 6406J (Attn: Blue-Ribbon Panel), Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: February 11, 1999.

Margo T. Oge,

Director, Office of Mobile Sources.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF–858; FRL–6057–3]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the amendment of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF–858, must be received on or before March 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under “SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.” No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as “Confidential Business Information” (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shanaz Bacchus, c/o PM 90, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide

Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 5th floor CS1 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. (703–308–8097, e-mail:

bacchus.shanaz@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received an amendment to a pesticide petition as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that this petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket control number [PF–858] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov.

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII File avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [PF–858]. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Dated: February 9, 1999.

Janet L. Andersen,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summaries of Petition

Petitioner summaries of the pesticide petitions are printed below as required by section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA. The summaries of the petitions were prepared by the petitioners and