

more information to ensure that antidegradation requirements for water quality will be met, to discuss project impact to health ecosystem, and to further address cumulative impacts of this and other projects in the area.

ERP No. D-COE-L03008-AK Rating EO2, Beaufort Sea Oil and Gas Development Northstar Project, Implementation, NPDES Permit, Sea Island, Alaskan Beaufort Sea, Offshore Marine Environment and Onshore Northslope of Alaskan Coastal Plain, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections to the proposed Northstar project which were related to the risks of leaks and spills associated with the use of undersea pipelines in the Beaufort Sea, the technological/logistical difficulties in responding to oil spills, and the extent to which issues and concerns of the Inupiat Eskimos have been addressed in the development of the project and the EIS. EPA believes that further evaluation of double-walled undersea pipeline option and the Northstar Oil Discharges Prevention and Contingency Plan is necessary, and that further development of the project and EIS should be conducted in consultation with the Inupiat to ensure that their issues are addressed in a manner consistent with Executive Orders 12898 and 13084.

ERP No. D-FHW-G40151-TX Rating LO, US-190 Corridor from FM2657 to the East City Limits of Copperas Cove, Transportation Improvements, Major Investment Study, Coryell and Lampasas Counties, TX.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative, Alternative G, as described in the draft EIS.

ERP No. DA-COE-K32023-HI Rating EO2, Ma'aLaea Harbor Improvements for Light-Draft-Vessels, Entrance Channel Realignment and Breakwater Modification, Additional Information, Island of Maui, Maui County, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections related to water quality and Clean Water Act Section 404 issues. The SDEIS showed exceedances in water quality standards for turbidity during construction and project operation due to increased turbulence caused by additional vessel traffic from the 130 new berths. EPA believes that the Corps should ensure that there are mechanisms in place to maintain EPA-approved Water Quality Standards. EPA asked that the Corps' final report to Congress on fiscal authorization not proceed until there are satisfactory assurances from the State

that onshore sewage improvements would be put into place.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65272-CA, Chico Genetic Resource Center for Pest Management Program, Implementation, Mendocino National Forest, Willow, Butte County, CA.

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

ERP No. F-AFS-L65160-ID, North Round Valley Timber Sales and Road Construction, Implementation, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District, Adams County, ID.

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

ERP No. F-FHW-E40761-NC, US 64 Bypass Transportation Improvements Project, from I-440 to US 64 west of Wendell and Eastern Wake Expressway from existing US 64 to NC-1007 (Poole Road), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Wake County, NC.

Summary: EPA found the document generally addressed the agency's comments on the draft EIS. However, lack of coordinated multi-modal transportation planning was noted.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00254; FRL-6041-6]

Development of Voluntary Consensus Standards for Environmentally Preferable Goods and Services

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In association with its efforts to implement Presidential Executive Order 12873, "Federal Acquisition, Recycling and Waste Prevention," and Executive Order 13101, "Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition," EPA is interested in working with non-governmental standards developers to promote the development of voluntary consensus standards for environmentally preferable goods and services. EPA is seeking opinions and comments on the availability of using

voluntary consensus standards to implement the President's Order. The purpose of this notice is to help EPA determine the level of interest among standards developers in the development of environmental attributes and associated voluntary standards for specific product categories. EPA is seeking comments about what types of markets are most suited to incorporation of environmentally preferable products. EPA also seeks to gather information on the level of activity and expertise already available through standard setting organizations for determining environmental preferability in specific product categories and comment on whether EPA should adopt those standards.

DATES: Comments must be postmarked by March 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Each comment must bear the docket control number "OPPTS-00254." All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this action. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lena Ferris, Pollution Prevention Division (7409), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20450, Telephone: (202) 260-2237, or e-mail: ferris.lena@epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

EPA is seeking general comments on the issues mentioned in the "SUMMARY" statement above. EPA is particularly interested in comments from persons who are already actively involved in voluntary standards development or if you are considering establishing a program for developing voluntary standards incorporating environmental attributes for products or services, please respond to the questions addressed and send all information, postmarked no later than March 31, 1999, to the docket listed under the "ADDRESSES" section above. All comments will be accepted and considered.

To help EPA determine the level of interest among standards developers in the development of environmental attributes and associated voluntary standards for specific product categories and services, please provide responses to the following questions.

1. The name, address, and contact information for the organization.
2. Does the organization develop standards for specific business or industry sectors, e.g., automotive, telecommunications, etc., or does it develop standards in all areas?
3. Does the organization operate under procedures set forth by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or do you have other written procedures that you use for standards development? If available, please provide a copy.
4. Does the organization currently have, or plan to have, standards development activities focusing on, or specifically integrating, environmental attributes as part of the scope of the standard(s)?
5. Does the organization do product certification?
6. Does the organization typically engage in product attribute development as well as standards development? If so, what kinds of products are generally involved?
7. Do members of government departments or agencies participate in your standards development activities? If so, are there any members from regulatory agencies or departments?
8. Has the organization done any assessment of the market needs for environmentally preferable products? If so, and the information is available, what is your assessment of product categories and/or market sectors where the interest is likely to be high for environmentally related standards?

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been established for this action under docket control number "OPPTS-00254" (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 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-00254." Electronic comments on this action may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.
Dated: December 23, 1998.

William H. Sanders, III

Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6220-7]

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104; Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the 1999 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposal deadlines, revised guidelines.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin to accept proposals for the 1999 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving

Loan Fund Pilots on January 15, 1999. The brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund pilots (each funded up to \$500,000) test cleanup and redevelopment planning models, direct special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness, and facilitate coordinated environmental cleanup and redevelopment efforts at the federal, state, and local levels. EPA expects to select up to 63 additional brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund pilots by May 1999. The deadline for new proposals for the 1999 brownfields revolving loan fund pilots is March 8, 1999. Proposals must be postmarked by March 8, 1999, and sent to U.S. EPA Headquarters. In addition, duplicate copies of the proposal must also be submitted to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office, ATTN: Brownfields Coordinator.

The Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilot proposals are selected on a competitive basis. To ensure a fair selection process, evaluation panels consisting of EPA Regional and Headquarters staff and other federal agency representatives will assess how well the proposals meet the selection criteria outlined in the newly revised application booklet *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund* (January 1999).

DATES: This action is effective as of January 15, 1999. All proposals must be postmarked or sent to U.S. EPA Headquarters and a duplicate copy sent to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office via registered or tracked mail no later than March 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: BCRLF guidelines can be obtained by calling the Superfund Hotline at the following numbers: Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810, Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346, TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672.

Copies of the Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund are available via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Outreach and Special Projects Staff, Barbara Bassuener (202) 260-9347 or Jennifer Millett (202) 260-6454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, local governments, communities, and other stakeholders involved in economic redevelopment to