

hazardous substance can be found in Table 302.4 of 40 CFR 302.4.

Section 311 of the CWA, as amended, requires the person in charge of a vessel to immediately notify the NRC of an oil spill into U.S. navigable waters if the spill causes a sheen, violates applicable water quality standards, or causes a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon adjoining shorelines.

The reporting of a hazardous substance release that is above the substance's RQ allows the Federal Government to determine whether a Federal response action is required to control or mitigate any potential adverse effects to public health or welfare or the environment. Likewise, the reporting of oil spills allows the Federal government to determine whether cleaning up the oil spill is necessary to mitigate or prevent damage to public health or welfare or the environment.

The hazardous substance and oil release information collected under CERCLA section 103(a) and CWA section 311 also is available to EPA program offices and other Federal agencies who use the information to evaluate the potential need for additional regulations, new permitting requirements for specific substances or sources, or improved emergency response planning. Release notification information, which is stored in the national Emergency Response Notification System (ERNS) data base, is available to State and local government authorities as well as the general public. State and local government authorities and the regulated community use release information for purposes of local emergency response planning. Members of the general public, who have access to release information through the Freedom of Information Act, may request release information for purposes of maintaining an awareness of what types of releases are occurring in different localities and what actions, if any, are being taken to protect public health and welfare and the environment. ERNS fact sheets, which provide summary and statistical information about hazardous substance and oil release notifications, also are available to the public. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement:

Estimated total number of reportable releases of hazardous substances and oil per year: 24,082.

Frequency of response: When a reportable release occurs.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 98,736 hours.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$7,230,537.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

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Deborah Y. Dietrich,

Director, Office of Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, and Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0383; FRL-7337-2]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is giving notice of the renewal of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) and its Charter.

DATES: The PPDC Charter, which was filed with Congress on November 7, 2003, will be in effect for 2 years, until November 7, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margie Fehrenbach, Designated Federal Officer for PPDC, Office of Pesticide Programs, 7501C, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-308-4775; fax number: 703-308-4776; e-mail address: *Fehrenbach.Margie@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general; however, persons may be interested who work in agricultural settings or persons who are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA); and the amendments to both of these major pesticide laws by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), (Public Law 104-170) of 1996. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0383. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal

holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. Background

The Office of Pesticide Programs is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of the American food supply, the protection and education of those who apply or are exposed to pesticides occupationally or through use of products from unreasonable risk, and general protection of the environment and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides.

The Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) was established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463 in September 1995, for a 2-year term and renewed every 2 years since that time. EPA has renewed the PPDC Charter for another 2-year term, from November 7, 2003 to November 7, 2005. PPDC provides advice and recommendations to the Office of Pesticide Programs on a broad range of pesticide regulatory, policy and program implementation issues that are associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The following sectors are represented on the PPDC: Pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental/public interest and consumer groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; Federal and State/local/Tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations. It is determined that PPDC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Copies of the PPDC charter are filed with appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress and are available upon request.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Agricultural workers, Chemicals, Pesticides, Pests, Public health, Risk assessment, Tolerance reassessment.

Dated: December 2, 2003.

James Jones,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6646-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7146. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 04, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65260-AZ Rating EC2, Rodeo-Chediski Fire Salvage Project, Timber Harvest of Merchantable Dead Trees as Sawtimber and Products other than Lumber (POL), Implementation, Apache-Sitgreaves and Tonto National Forest, Apache, Coconino and Navajo Counties, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts to water quality and wildlife. The preferred alternative requires harvesting on steep slopes with highly erosive soils which may further impact 303(d) listed streams, aquatic resources and habitat for the Western Spotted Owl.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65428-ID Rating NS, Twin Creek Timber Sale Project, Proposal to Cut and Remove Lodgepole Pine Sawtimber and Road Construction/Reconstruction, Montpelier Ranger District, Caribou National Forest, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit, Bear Lake County, ID.

Summary: Region 10 has used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of this action. Based upon this screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65435-ID Rating EC2, Mission Brush Project, Proposes Vegetation, Wildlife Habitat, Recreation and Aquatic Improvement Treatments, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Bounty County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to water quality, invasive species, biodiversity, and cumulative impacts.

ERP No. D-HHS-D81034-MD Rating EC2, Integrated Research Facility (IRF) at Fort Detrick Construction and Operation, Adjacent to Existing U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases Facilities, City of Frederick, Frederick County, MD.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding the Laboratory Sewer System's (LSS) possible contamination from biological warfare liquid wastes and radioactive materials to the proposed integrated Research Facility (IRF). EPA requested the FEIS specify the degree of contamination and remedial efforts to mitigate contamination from the LSS and indicate the U.S. Army's commitment to provide follow-up studies on post IRF activities.

ERP No. DA-FTA-K40237-CA Rating LO, Orange County Centerline Project, Transportation Improvements, Updated Information concerning Four New Alternatives and Re-examining an Updated New No Build Alternative, City of Santa Ana through the City of Casta Mesa to the City of Irvine, Funding, Orange County, CA.

Summary: EPA has no objections regarding the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-E65087-AL Forest Health and Restoration Project, Proposal to Determine the Desired Future Conditions of all Existing Loblolly Pine Stands, National Forests in Alabama, Bankhead National Forest, Winston, Lawrence and Franklin Counties, AL.

Summary: EPA has no objections to this project, provided mitigation measures and monitoring programs described in the final EIS are implemented.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65409-AK, Licking Creek Timber Sale, Timber Harvest, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District, Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan, AK.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65419-ID, Upper and Lower East Fork Cattle and Horse Allotment Management Plans, Updating