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Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Declaration of Intention

August 22, 1996.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Type of Application: Declaration of Intention.

b. Docket No.: DI96-11-000.

c. Date Filed: 7/19/96.

d. Applicant: U.S. Forest Service (Ketchikan, AK).

e. Name of Project: Swan Lake-Lake Tyee Intertie.

f. Location: Between Swan Lake hydroelectric project switchyard (P-3015) and the Lake Tyee hydroelectric project switchyard (P-2911), Ketchikan and Stikine areas, AK.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Section 23(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).

h. Applicant Contact: Bill Angelus, EIS Coordinator, Ketchikan Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901, (907) 225-2148.

i. FERC Contact: Diane M. Murray, (202) 219-2682.

j. Comment Date: September 27, 1996.

k. Description of Project: The proposed transmission line would consist of: (1) A 138 kV electric transmission line that would intertie the electrical systems of Ketchikan Public Utilities.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation

l. Purpose of Project: The proposed transmission line would allow the City of Ketchikan to meet its energy needs by accessing surplus energy at the Lake Tyee project.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters and title "COMMENTS",

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00196; FRL-5394-3]

National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and chemicals to be addressed.

SUMMARY: The third meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL) will be held on September 17-19, 1996, in Washington, DC. At this meeting, the committee continue deliberations on various aspects of the acute toxicology and development of Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGLs) for the following chemicals: ammonia, methyl mercaptan, hydrogen fluoride, and cyanogen chloride. In addition, as time permits, the committee intends to address the development of AEGLs for the following chemicals: hydrogen cyanide, 1,2-dichloroethylene, arsine, dimethyldichlorosilane, and nitric acid.

DATES: The second meeting of the NAC/AEGL will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17; from 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on September 18; and from 9 a.m. to noon on September 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Green Room on the third floor of the Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Tobin, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (7406), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260-1736, e-mail: tobin.paul@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting of the NAC/AEGL will be open to the public. Oral statements will be limited to ten minutes. Since space is limited, those wishing to attend as observers should contact the NAC/AEGL Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Inquiries regarding the submission of written statements or chemical specific information should also be directed to the DFO.

Chemicals to be addressed at this meeting of the NAC/AEGL include ammonia, methyl mercaptan, hydrogen fluoride, cyanogen chloride, hydrogen cyanide, 1,2-dichloroethylene, arsine, dimethyldichlorosilane, and nitric acid. For available information, questions, or to submit information on these chemicals, contact Dr. Paul S. Tobin, DFO (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: August 23, 1996.

William H. Sanders III,
Director, Office Pollution Prevention and
Toxics.

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[FRL-5601-3]

Benchmark Dose Peer Consultation Workshop

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The EPA's Risk Assessment Forum is organizing a workshop on the use of the Benchmark Dose approach in cancer and noncancer risk assessments. A panel consisting of experts will discuss general principles related to the application of the Benchmark Dose approach as discussed in the EPA draft report Benchmark Dose Technical Guidance Document (EPA/600/P-96/002A). This draft guidance document is currently under development, but is being made available at this stage for a peer consultation workshop. Several experts in the areas of toxicology, statistics, and mathematical modeling have been asked to review the document and provide input at this early stage of development on several issues for which there is ongoing discussion within the Agency. The workshop will be open to members of the public as observers.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Tuesday, September 10, 1996, at 8:00 a.m. and end on Wednesday, September 11, 1996, at 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, is providing logistical support for the workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel: (617) 674-7474 by September 2, 1996. Space is limited so please register early.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning the workshop, please contact Dr. Carole Kimmel, U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., Telephone (202) 260-7331. To obtain a copy of the document, contact ORD Publications, Technology Transfer and Support Division, National Risk Management Laboratory, Cincinnati, OH; telephone 513-569-7562; fax: 513-569-7566. The document should be available on or about August 20, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The US EPA conducts risk assessments for an array of non-cancer health effects as well as for cancer. Historically, dose-response analysis has been done very differently, but with the recent publication of EPA's Proposed Guidance for Carcinogen Risk Assessment (61 FR 17960-18011), the dichotomy between quantitative approaches for cancer and noncancer risks will begin to breakdown. The EPA is exploring the use of the Benchmark Dose approach as a way of modeling effects data in the observable range and determining the point of departure that can be used as the basis for linear low-dose extrapolation, calculation of a margin of exposure (MOE), or application of uncertainty factors for calculating oral reference doses (RfDs), inhalation reference concentrations (RfCs), or other exposure estimates for human health risk assessment.

Issues to be discussed at the workshop include: the appropriate selection of studies and responses for benchmark dose analysis, use of biological significance or limit of detection for selection of the benchmark response, model selection and fitting, use of the lower confidence limit, and the default decision approach proposed in the document.

Dated: August 16, 1996.

Joseph Alexander,
Acting Assistant Administrator for Research
and Development.

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Revised Hours for Public Access to the Headquarters Library and INFOTERRA

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that beginning September 3, 1996, the Headquarters Library and INFOTERRA will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. This constitutes an expansion in hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Irvin Weiss, Library Manager at 202-260-9388 or Emma McNamara, INFOTERRA Manager at 202-260-1522.

Dated: August 23, 1996.

Irvin Weiss,
Library Manager.

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[OPP-00445; FRL-5390-7]

Testing Guidelines; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA has established a unified library for Test Guidelines issued by the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), and is announcing the availability of final testing guidelines for the following two series: Series 830-Product Properties Test Guidelines and Series 860-Residue Chemistry Test Guidelines. Guidelines in these series were peer reviewed on September 27, 1995, by the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) and have been revised in response to SAP and public comments. This notice also describes the unified library of OPPTS Test Guidelines. The Agency issues Federal Register notices periodically as new test guidelines are added to the OPPTS unified library.

ADDRESSES: The guidelines are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 on *The Federal Bulletin Board*. By modem dial (202) 512-1387, telnet and ftp: fedbbs.access.gpo.gov (IP 162.140.64.19), internet: http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov, or call (202) 512-1532 for disks or paper copies. The guidelines are also available electronically in ASCII and PDF (portable document format) from the EPA Public Access Gopher (gopher.epa.gov) under the heading "Environmental Test Methods and Guidelines."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information: By mail:

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) information: Contact the TSCA Hotline at: TAIS/7408, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (202) 554-1404; fax (202) 554-5603, e-mail: tsca-hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) information: Contact the Communications Branch (7506C), Field Operations Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (703) 305-5017; fax is (703) 305-5558.

For technical questions on series 830: Robert Boethling, (202) 260-3912, e-mail: boethling.robert@epamail.epa.gov or Francis Griffith, (703) 305-5826, e-mail: griffith.francis@epamail.epa.gov.

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