Summary of Rating Definitions

Environmental Impact of the Action

LO—Lack of Objections

The EPA review has not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal. The review may have disclosed opportunities for application of mitigation measures that could be accomplished with no more than minor changes to the proposal.

EC—Environmental Concerns

The EPA review has identified environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment. Corrective measures may require changes to the preferred alternative or application of mitigation measures to reduce the environmental impact. EPA would like to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

EO—Environmental Objections

The EPA review has identified significant environmental impacts that must be avoided in order to provide adequate protection for the environment. Corrective measures may require substantial changes to the preferred alternative or consideration of some other project alternative (including the no action alternative or a new alternative). EPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

EO—Environmetally Unsatisfactory

The EPA review has identified adverse environmental impacts that are of sufficient magnitude that they are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality. EPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts. If the potentially unsatisfactory impacts are not corrected at the final EIS stage, this proposal will be recommended for referral to the CEQ.

Adequacy of the Impact Statement

Category 1—Adequate

EPA believes the draft EIS adequately assesses the environmental impacts of the action and sufficiently informs the public of the environmental consequences of the proposed project. EPA believes the draft EIS adequately assesses the environmental impacts of the action and sufficiently informs the public of the environmental consequences of the proposed project.

Category 2—Insufficient Information

The draft EIS does not contain sufficient information for the EPA to fully assess environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment, or the EPA reviewer has identified new reasonably available alternatives that are outside of the spectrum of alternatives analyzed in the draft EIS, which could reduce the environmental impacts of the action. The identified additional information, data, analyses, or discussion should be included in the final EIS.

Category 3—Inadequate

EPA does not believe that the draft EIS adequately assesses potentially significant environmental impacts of the action, or the EPA reviewer has identified new, reasonably available alternatives that are outside of the spectrum of alternatives analyzed in the draft EIS, which should be analyzed in order to reduce the potentially significant environmental impacts. EPA believes that the identified additional information, data, analyses, or discussions are of such a magnitude that they should have full public review at a draft stage. EPA does not believe that the draft EIS is adequate for the purposes of the NEPA and/or Section 309 review, and thus should be formally revised and made available for public comment in a supplemental or revised draft EIS. On the basis of the potential significant impacts involved, this proposal could be a candidate for referral to the CEQ.

Draft EISs


Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the project’s economic viability, the scope of the project’s dredging and sediment disposal, the impacts to water quality, fish and wildlife species and habitat, and the indirect and cumulative impacts, and requested that additional information, especially Habitat Impairment Test results, be presented in the Final EIS to address these issues.


Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project. ERP No. D–FHW–F40428–OH Rating EC2, OH–823, Portsmouth Bypass Project, Transportation Improvements, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Appalachian Development Highway, Scioto County, OH.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns about the proposed project related to upland forest habitat losses, forest fragmentation, and potential for stream sedimentation. EPA also recommends additional analysis of the cumulative impacts related to forest fragmentation be included in the FEIS.

ERP No. D–FRC–G03024–TX Rating EC2, Vista del Sol liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal Project, Construct, Install and Operate an LNG Terminal and Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Vista del Sol LNG Terminal LP and Vista del Sol Pipeline LP, TX.

Summary: EPA identified environmental concerns that may require changes to the preferred alternative and mitigation measures to reduce environmental impact. EPA requested additional information to be included in the FEIS, including information regarding wetland impacts, mitigation, contaminant testing and the suitability of dredged material for beneficial use.

Final EISs


Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns about potential effects to air quality, and requested additional mitigation measures to reduce airport-related emissions of particulate matter and air toxic. ERP No. FS–BIA–A63165–00 Programmatic EIS—Navajo Nation 10-Year Forest Management Plan, Selected Preferred Alternative Four, Chuska Mountain and Defiance Plateau Area, AZ and NM.

Summary: EPA has continuing concerns regarding cumulative impacts to water quality and riparian habitat from existing impaired conditions, including exceedances of Navajo Nation Water Quality Standards.

Dated: March 29, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


EFED Exposure Modeling Work Group; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: This notice announces an April meeting of the Exposure Modeling Work Group (EMWG). The EMWG meetings are sponsored by the Office of Pesticide Programs’ Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED). The theme for this meeting is “pesticides in air” and will include presentations on pesticide volatilization from soil, pesticide spray drift and pesticide in rain water. The purpose of the meetings is to update those in the pesticide regulatory community on advances in estimating pesticide concentrations in media of concern through computer simulation. Improvements in estimation of pesticide exposure lead directly to improvements in estimation of risk both to the environment and to human health.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 11, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at 1126 Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Parker, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (7507C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–5505, fax number: (703) 305–6309; e-mail address: parker.ronald@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be interested in this meeting if you perform exposure risk assessments for pesticides. This action may, however, be of interest to persons who are pesticide industry scientists, government regulatory scientists, or environmental group scientists. 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–2005–0909. 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, 1801 S. Bell St., 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/fedrgstr/.

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

Exposure Modeling Work Group Meetings are sponsored by EFED, and are held quarterly. The purpose of the meetings is to stimulate discussion on the subject of pesticide environmental fate and transport computer modeling, with the objective of improving the science and practice of estimating exposure to pesticides. Media of concern include surface water, ground water, soil, air, items that may serve as food for wildlife and items that may be food for human consumption. Presentations are sometimes focused around a theme. The agenda for the meeting follows:

1. Welcome and Introductions – (9 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.)
2. Old Action Items – (9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.)
3. Brief Updates (9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)
   • PRZM3.12.2 Evaluation (J. Hetrick)
   • EXPRESS (R. Parker)
   • Carbamate Cumulative Assessment (N. Thurman)

4. Major Topics

Morning Session

9:45 a.m.—10:15 a.m. – Soil Fumigant Critical Input Parameter Selection for Air Dispersion Modeling, Ian van Wesenbeeck, Ph.D. Dow AgroSciences

10:15 a.m.—10:45 a.m. – Fumigant Exposure Modeling System (FEMS): David Sullivan – Sullivan Consulting

10:45 a.m.—11 a.m. – Break

11 a.m.—11:30 a.m. – Probabilistic Exposure and Risk model for Fumigants (PERFUM): Rick Reiss Sciences International

11:30 a.m.—12 noon – Predicting Soil Fumigant Acute, Sub-chronic, and Chronic Air Concentrations Under Diverse Agricultural Practices: An overview of the SOFEA(c) System. Steve Cryer, Ph.D. - Dow AgroSciences

12 noon–1 p.m. – Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

1 p.m.—1:30 p.m. – Environmental and Agricultural Factors Controlling Pesticide Volatilization, Transport, and Deposition. Laura McConnell, Ph.D. USDA/ARS Beltsville, MD

1:30 p.m.—1:45 EFED Spray Drift Modeling Activities: Norm Birchfield, Ph.D - OPP/EFED

1:45 p.m.—2:05 – Drift Reducing Technology Project: 2:05 p.m.–2:20 p.m. Norm Birchfield

2:20 p.m.—2:45 p.m. – AgDrift/AgDisp Modeling Issues: Dave Valcore, Ph.D. - Dow AgroSciences

2:45 p.m.–3 p.m. – Wrap-Up.

Next Meeting - R. Parker
Environmental protection, Pesticide exposure assessment, Pesticide risk assessment, Pesticide volatilization, Pesticide spray drift, Pesticide environmental fate and transport computer modeling.

Dated: March 22, 2005.

Elizabeth M. Leovey,
Acting Director, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
[OPP–2005–0067; FRL–7708–2]

Sulfuryl Fluoride; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish Tolerances for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA issued a notice in the Federal Register of March 4, 2005, concerning the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of sulfuryl fluoride in or on various food commodities with a 30–day public comment period. That comment period will end on April 4, 2005. This document is extending the comment period for an additional 15 days.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number OPP–2005–0067 must be received on or before April 19, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.C. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION of the March 4, 2005 Federal Register document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suku Oonnithan, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 605–0368; e-mail address: oonnithan.suku@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

The Agency included in the notice a list of those who may be potentially affected by this action. If you have 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 ID number OPP–2005–0067. 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, 1801 S. Bell St., 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.

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C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

To submit comments, or access the official public docket, please follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.C. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION of the March 4, 2005 Federal Register document. If you have questions, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

II. What Action is EPA Taking?

This document extends the public comment period established in the Federal Register of March 4, 2005 (70 FR 10621) (FRL–7701–8) for the sulfuryl fluoride notice of filing. The original comment period will expire on April 4, 2005. EPA is hereby extending the comment period an additional 15 days so that the new comment period ends on April 19, 2005.