on a mailer–by–mailer basis, was identified as an issue by the Public Representatives in the review of the 2010 initiative. In their comments, they presented a variation of the trend–based approach to estimate the “loyalty growth” from participants in the 2009 initiative. While the Postal Service’s method was applied to aggregate participant volumes, the Public Representatives applied the same method to individual mailer data. For each participant that earned discounts, if the mailer’s actual spring 2009 volume exceeded that of its trend–based “spring threshold,” the difference was divided by the mailer’s actual spring 2008 volume. The resulting percentage (equivalent to the Postal Service’s 7.07 percent, but unique to each mailer) was multiplied by that mailer’s actual spring 2009 volume exceeded that of its trend–based approach. Whereas the Postal Service estimated a relatively low amount of revenue leakage from discounts on mail that would have been sent absent the incentive, the Public Representatives’ disaggregated method estimated a larger revenue leakage and a correspondingly smaller amount of contribution from new mail. As a result, the estimated net increase in contribution was nearly 90 percent less than the Postal Service’s estimate.

V. Comments

The Commission invites comments from interested persons on the volume–estimating methodologies to be used in conjunction with pricing incentive programs. The Commission also invites interested persons to propose other methodologies for estimating the new volume caused by pricing incentive programs and alternative estimates of price elasticity for use in evaluating these programs.

Initial comments are due 30 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Reply comments, if any, are due 60 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. The Commission will evaluate comments and, if appropriate, propose a new methodology for estimating volume changes due to pricing incentive programs. Interested persons will be provided an opportunity to comment on any such proposal.

John P. Klingenberg is appointed to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

VI. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Comments by interested parties are due 30 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Reply comments are due 60 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, John P. Klingenberg is appointed to serve as the officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

4. The Secretary of the Commission shall arrange for publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

The comments, if any, shall arrange for publication of this notice in the Federal Register. By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 761


RIN 2070–AJ38

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Reassessment of Use Authorizations; Extension of Comment Period and Additional Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking: extension of comment period and additional public meetings.

SUMMARY: EPA issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) in the Federal Register of April 7, 2010, concerning the reassessment of the use authorizations for PCBs. This document extends the comment period for 45 days, from July 6, 2010, to August 20, 2010. This extension is necessary to provide the public with an opportunity to provide additional and more thorough comments. Also, EPA is holding two additional public meetings to enable additional public comment on the ANPRM during the comment period extension.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2009–0757, must be received on or before August 20, 2010.

Meetings will be held on July 22, 2010, from 9 a.m. until the last speaker has spoken or until 1 p.m., in San Francisco, CA and on July 29, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., in New York, NY. Requests to participate in a meeting must be received 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

ADDRESSES: Follow the detailed instructions as provided under ADDRESSES in the Federal Register document of April 7, 2010, for submission of comments.

The July 22, 2010 meeting will held in the Hawaii/Palau Room, First Floor Conference Room, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105 and the July 29, 2010 meeting will be held in the Empire Room at the Hilton Times Square, 234 West 42nd St., New York, NY 10036. Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2009–0757, may be submitted to the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information contact: John H. Smith, National Program Chemicals Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 566–0512; e-mail address: smith.johnh@epa.gov.

For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY


12 The Public Representatives did not present an application of this trend–based approach to an ex ante analysis of the 2010 initiative in the manner that the Postal Service applied its aggregate 2009 “loyalty growth” rate (7.07 percent) to the 2010 initiative. The Public Representatives’ estimated net impact of the 2010 initiative on Postal Service finances was instead based on an analysis of historical distribution of annual mailer volume growth rates.

13 The Public Representatives also stated that because volume growth in the period after the sale exceeded the volume growth during the sale period, a “fall threshold” (as opposed to “spring threshold”), trend–based approach would lead to the conclusion that all of the discounted volume was anyhow.

14 The Commission has required the Postal Service to provide panel data on the results of each pricing initiative. This data should allow for improved understanding of mailers’ reactions to these incentive programs, including quantified measures of the response such as price elasticity. See, e.g., Docket No. R2010–3, Order Approving Standard Mail Volume Incentive Pricing Program, April 7, 2010, at 23–24.
Supplementary Information: This document extends the public comment period established in the Federal Register of April 7, 2010 (75 FR 7645) (FRL-8811-7). In that document, EPA seeks information about the use authorizations for PCBs. EPA is hereby extending the comment period, which was set to end on July 6, 2010, to August 20, 2010.

The additional meeting in New York, NY will be held in the evening at the request of New York City parents who would like to attend to comment on our request for comments on the excluded products provisions, e.g., caulking, of the current PCB regulations. The additional meeting in San Francisco, CA will be held to accommodate West Coast stakeholders. In San Francisco, the meeting attendees will need photo identification.

You may submit a request to participate in the public meeting as a speaker or observer either in person or as an observer only by teleconference. Do not submit any information in your request to participate that is considered Confidential Business Information (CBI).

To access the docket, please follow the detailed instructions as provided under ADDRESSES in the April 7, 2010 Federal Register document. If you have questions, consult the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 761

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Labeling, Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: June 9, 2010.

Stephen A. Owens,
Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[DOcket No. FWS–R1–ES–2010–0012]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Finding on Five Petitions to List Seven Species of Hawaiian Yellow-faced Bees as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 90–day petition finding and initiation of status review.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a 90–day finding on five petitions to list seven species of Hawaiian yellow-faced bees (Hylaenus anthracinus, H. assimulans, H. facilis, H. hilaris, H. kuakea, H. longiceps, and H. mana) as endangered and designate critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

We find that the petitions present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that listing these seven species of Hawaiian yellow-faced bees may be warranted. Therefore, with the publication of this notice we are initiating a status review of these species and will issue 12–month findings on our determination as to whether the petitioned actions are warranted. To ensure that the status reviews are comprehensive, we are soliciting scientific and commercial data and other information regarding these species. We will make a determination on critical habitat for these species if, and when, we initiate a listing action.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we request that information you submit be received by us on or before August 16, 2010. Please note that if you are using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see “ADDRESSES” section below), the deadline for submitting an electronic comment is Eastern Standard Time on this date.

We will post all information received on http://www.regulations.gov. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Request for Information section below for more details).

After August 16, 2010, you must submit information directly to the Field Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below). Please note that we might not be able to address or incorporate information that we receive after the above requested date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit information by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. In the box that reads “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter the Docket number for this finding, which is FWS-R1-ES-2010-0012. Check the box that reads “Open for Comment/Submission,” and then click the Search button. You should then see an icon that reads “Submit a Comment.” Please ensure that you have found the correct rulemaking before submitting your comment.

• U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R1-ES-2010-0012; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Loyal Mehrhoff, Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Honolulu, HI 96850; by telephone (808–792–9400); or by facsimile (808–792–9581). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800–877–8339.

Supplementary Information:

Request for Information

When we make a finding that a petition presents substantial information indicating that listing a species may be warranted, we are required to promptly review the status of the species (status review). For the status review to be complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request information on the seven species of Hawaiian yellow-faced bees (H. anthracinus, H. assimulans, H. facilis, H. hilaris, H. kuakea, H. longiceps, and H. mana) from governmental agencies, Native American Tribes, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties. We seek information on:

1. The species’ biology, range, and population trends, including:
   (a) Habitat requirements for feeding, breeding, and sheltering;
   (b) Genetics and taxonomy;
   (c) Historical and current range including distribution patterns;
   (d) Historical and current population levels, and current and projected trends; and
   (e) Past and ongoing conservation measures for the species, its habitat or both.

2. Information about the seven Hawaiian yellow-faced bees relevant to the factors that are the basis for making...