ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  

Cambridge Environmental Inc;  
Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA’s Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to Cambridge Environmental Inc. in accordance with 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2). Cambridge Environmental Inc. has been awarded a contract to perform work for OPP, and access to this information will enable Cambridge Environmental Inc. to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: Cambridge Environmental Inc., will be given access to this information on or before March 7, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mario Steadman, Information Technology and Resources Management Division (7502P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–8338 e-mail address: steadman.mario@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, 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?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2011–0038. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at http://www.regulations.gov, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

II. Contractor Requirements

Under contract number, [EP–W–11–020], Cambridge Environmental Inc., will review, evaluate a portion of a risk assessment, or investigate issues related to a submitted risk assessment to inform Agency scientists in evaluating assessments. This includes evaluating the applicability of the data and methods used in the assessment, and the soundness of the conclusions.

Develop and enhance risk assessment methods and tools which includes: Investigating and developing new assessment methods and tools, developing, evaluating and recommending improvements to existing tools and methods, or investigating issues related to the risk assessment process to include literature searches and preparation of options and other recommendations. This procurement will also provide additional support to EPA in investigating science policy issues related to probabilistic risk assessments and the development of science issues and problems associated with assessing pesticide data or risk. The contractor may develop policy options for evaluation and consideration by EPA.

Upon request, the contractor shall organize workshops to facilitate gathering scientific input and discussion on issues related to specific chemicals, groups of chemicals, or generic risk exposure and risk assessment issues. The contractor will organize and facilitate the meetings, organize materials in preparation for the meetings, take notes, gather the comments and presentations, organize and distribute notes and summaries from the meetings, and develop recommendations and options papers from the workshops.

In most instances, the project officer will make available to the contractor the data, studies, and information which are to be used. Occasionally the project officer will request that the contractor search open literature and collect and aggregate extant monitoring data or additional information to support an assessment. The material will be provided in printed form (originals or reprints of each study) and/or electronic form. Due dates for each data package and/or assessment and/or project shall be negotiated between the project officer and the contractor. The contractor shall supply the necessary labor, materials, equipment, software, services and facilities required for the performance of each work assignment. The scientific quality of reviews, assessments, reports, model tools, and software and their timely preparation in accordance with negotiated schedules are of paramount importance in the performance of this contract.

This contract involves no subcontractors.

OPP has determined that the contract described in this document involves work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under this contract. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3), the contract with Cambridge Environmental Inc. prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in this contract; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release and to handle it in accordance with the FIFRA Information Security Manual. In addition, Cambridge Environmental Inc. is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to Cambridge Environmental Inc. until the requirements in this document have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to Cambridge Environmental Inc. will be maintained by EPA Project Officers for this contract. All information supplied to Cambridge Environmental Inc. by EPA for use in connection with this contract will be returned to EPA when Cambridge Environmental Inc. has completed its work.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Business and industry, Government contracts, Government property, Security measures.
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Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Objection to State Operating Permit for U.S. Steel–Granite City Works

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final order on petition to object to Clean Air Act operating permit.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the EPA Administrator partially granted and partially denied a petition from the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic at the Washington University School of Law submitted to EPA on behalf of the American Bottom Conservancy (Petitioner) to object to the operating permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to the U.S. Steel—Granite City Works (USS).

The petition was received on October 1, 2009. On January 28, 2011, pursuant to Title V of the Clean Air Act, EPA issued a Title V permit to operate (Title V permit) to the USS. Petitioner alleged that the permit fails to include all applicable permits and permit requirements; (2) the permit fails to provide periodic monitoring sufficient to assure compliance; (3) the permit lacks compliance schedules to remedy all current violations; (4) the permit unlawfully exempts emissions during startup, shutdown, and malfunctions; (5) the permit fails to include compliance assurance monitoring requirements; and (6) numerous permit provisions are not practically enforceable.

On January 28, 2011, the Administrator issued an order partially granting and partially denying the petition. The order explains the reasons behind EPA’s conclusion.


Susan Hedman,
Regional Administrator, Region 5.

ADDRESS: You may review copies of the final order, the petition, and other supporting information at the EPA Region 5 Office, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment with Genevieve Damico at least 24 hours before visiting the Region 5 offices.

Additionally, the order for the USS petition is available electronically at: http://yosemite.epa.gov/r5/r5ard.nsf/OpenView/ Tribal+Permits

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This supplemental information is organized as follows:

A. What is the Background Information?

B. What is the Purpose of this Notice?

A. What is the background information?

Great Lakes Gas operates nearly 2,000 miles of large diameter underground pipeline, which transports natural gas for delivery to customers in the midwestern and northeastern United States and eastern Canada. The Great Lakes Gas pipeline system and other interstate natural gas transmission pipelines make up the long-distance link between natural gas production fields, local distribution companies, and end users. The pipeline’s 14 compressor stations, located approximately 75 miles apart, operate to keep natural gas moving through the system.

Compressors at these stations add pressure to natural gas in the pipeline, causing it to flow to the next compressor station. The pipeline normally operates continuously, but at varying load, 24 hours per day and 365 days per year. CS#5 currently consists of three stationary natural gas-fired turbines, which in turn drive two natural gas compressors. Additionally, one natural gas-fired standby electrical generator provides electrical power for critical operations during temporary electrical power outages and during peak loading.