

1997 (62 FR 46804), written comments on the proposed rule were to be submitted to the EPA on or before November 3, 1997 (a 60-day public comment period). The public comment period is being reopened for 30 days and will now end on December 3, 1997.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-96-38, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through electronic mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Svendsgaard; Organic Chemicals Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541-2380.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Filing.** Electronic comments can be sent directly to the EPA at: a-and-r-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments and data must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 or 6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number A-96-38. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

**Discussion**

On September 4, 1997, at 62 FR 46804, the EPA published the proposed National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Polyether Polyols Production and provided a 60-day public comment period. Requests have been received to extend the public comment period beyond the 60 days originally provided. These requests have been made by businesses that will be affected by the rule. In consideration of these requests, the EPA is reopening the comment period by 30 days (until December 3, 1997), in order to give all interested persons the opportunity to comment fully.

Dated: November 3, 1997.  
**Richard D. Wilson,**  
*Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 79**

[FRL-5919-5]

**Proposed Alternative Tier 2 Requirements for Baseline Gasoline and Oxygenated Gasoline Categories of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether, Ethyl Alcohol, and Other Oxygenates**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.  
**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this document is to announce that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment periods, which published on September 9, 1997 (62 FR 47400), on the proposed Alternative Tier 2 testing requirements under the fuel and fuel additive (F/FAs) registration testing requirements of 40 CFR part 79, subpart F an additional 60 days.

EPA has extended the comment periods for the following reasons. First, the API 211(b) Research Group has requested an extension because there are many inherent complexities in the proposed testing, especially in regard to the required exposure work. Second, the public has shown an interest in the testing being required under the proposed Alternative Tier 2 notification.  
**DATES:** Comments on these proposed Alternative Tier 2 provisions must be received from the public by January 7, 1998. Comments on the proposed Alternative Tier 2 provisions now must be received from the API 211(b) Research Group within 120 days of their initial receipt of the proposed testing regimen.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this proposed action should be addressed to Public Docket No. A-96-16, Waterside Mall (Room M-1500), Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket Section, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Materials relevant to this rulemaking have been placed in Docket A-96-16. Documents may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket material.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Brophy, Environmental Scientist, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, (202) 233-9068.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Regulated Entities**

Entities potentially regulated by this action are those that manufacture gasoline with or without the fuel additives MTBE, ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE), ethyl alcohol (EtOH), tertiary amyl methyl ether (TAME), diisopropyl ether (DIPE), and tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA) and manufacturers of these oxygenates and other gasoline additives. Regulated categories and entities include:

Category	Examples of regulated entities
Industry .....	Oil refiners, gasoline importers, oxygenate blenders, oxygenate and fuel additive manufacturers.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but, rather illustrates the types of entities that EPA is currently aware of that are likely to be regulated by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be regulated. To determine whether an entity not described by the examples listed in the table is subject to these requirements, refer to the applicability criteria in part 79 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If questions remain regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

This document serves as a notice to all manufacturers of the subject F/FAs, that are not exempted from these requirements section.

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Therefore, EPA has decided to extend the comment periods for both the the API 211(b) Research Group and for the public in order to assure that all commenters are able to fully review and comment on the proposed testing regimen.

The Agency notified the API 211(b) Research Group, by certified letter of the 60-day extension and a copy of this extension letter as well as the

notification letter of the proposed tests and schedule under the Alternative Tier 2 provisions have been placed in the public record.

In accordance with 40 CFR 79.56(a), manufacturers of F/FAs may satisfy the Subpart F testing requirements on a group basis, e.g. the API 211(b) Research Group. Each individual manufacturer that is a member of such a group, however, continues to be individually subject to the testing and data submission requirements.

This document serves as a notice to all manufacturers of the subject F/FAs, that are not exempted from these requirements under the small business provisions of 40 CFR 79.58(d), that they are subject to these requirements.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 79

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Gasoline, Conventional gasoline, Oxygenates, Methyl tertiary butyl ether, and Motor vehicle pollution.

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**Richard D. Wilson,**

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AE 27

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Public Hearing and Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Threatened Status for Newcomb's Snail From the Island of Kauai, Hawaii

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of public hearing and reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), provides notice of a public hearing on the proposed threatened status for Newcomb's snail (*Erinna newcombi*). In addition, the Service has reopened the comment period. All parties are invited to submit comments on this proposal.

**DATES:** The public comment period now closes on December 15, 1997. Any comments received by the closing date will be considered in the final decision on this proposal. The public hearing

will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing will be held at the Outrigger Kauai Beach Hotel, 4331 Kauai Beach Drive, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii. Written comments and materials concerning this proposal may be submitted at the hearing or sent directly to Mr. Brooks Harper, Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, Pacific Islands Ecoregion, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3108, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, HI 96850. Comments and materials will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Willis (see ADDRESSES section) or at 808/541-3441.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Newcomb's snail (*Erinna newcombi*) is a freshwater snail restricted to the island of Kauai, Hawaii. The distribution of this snail has greatly decreased from the known historic distribution and extant populations are presently limited to restricted habitats within five perennial streams on State land. The five known populations of this snail and its habitat are currently threatened by predation by a species of non-native predatory snail and two species of non-native marsh flies. These populations are also subject to an increased likelihood of extirpation from water development projects and naturally occurring events, including natural disasters such as hurricanes and landslides.

On July 21, 1997, the Service published a rule proposing threatened status for Newcomb's snail in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 38953-38958). Section 4(b)(5)(E) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that a public hearing be held if it is requested within 45 days of the publication of the proposed rule. A public hearing request by the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, was received within the allotted time period. The Service has scheduled a public hearing on Lihue, Kauai on Wednesday, December 3, 1997, at the Outrigger Kauai Beach Hotel from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Oral and written comments will be accepted and treated equally. Parties wishing to make statements for the record should bring a copy of their statements to the hearing. Oral statements may be limited in length, if the number of parties present at the hearing necessitates such a limitation.

There are no limits to the length of written comments or materials presented at the hearing or mailed to the Service. Written comments carry the same weight as oral comments. Legal notices announcing the date, time, and location of the hearing are being published in newspapers concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.

The comment period on the proposal was initially closed on September 19, 1997. To accommodate the hearing, the public comment period is reopened upon publication of this notice. Written comments may now be submitted until December 15, 1997, to the Service office in the ADDRESSES section.

**Author:** The primary author of this notice is Christine Willis (see ADDRESSES section).

#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 3, 1997.

**Cynthia U. Barry,**

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 971030259-7259-01; I.D. 101497C]

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#### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 24

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes regulations to implement Framework Adjustment 24 to the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This framework would implement measures to adjust the Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod trip limit provision (1,000 lbs (453.6 kg) per day; 1,500 lbs (680.4 kg) per day, starting with day 5) by requiring vessels to come into port and report to NMFS at least once every 14 days and, for those vessels that exceed the trip limit, to remain in port until days-at-sea (DAS) used equate to the allowable cod