

authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of this review period to object to State operating permits if EPA has not done so. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the State, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

Kawaihae Cogeneration Partners (KCP) submitted a petition to the Administrator on February 17, 1998, seeking EPA's objection to the PSD/Covered Source Permit issued to Maui Electric Company (MECO) for the construction and operation of two 20 megawatt combustion turbine generators at MECO's Maalaea Generating Station at Maalaea, Maui, Hawaii. KCP's petition alleges that the Covered Source Permit's requirement of water injection and low sulfur fuel oil is not BACT for oxides of nitrogen and sulfur dioxide. The order denying this petition explains the reasons behind EPA's conclusion that the petitioner has failed to demonstrate that the Maui Electric permit is not in compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

Dated: August 22, 1999.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region 9.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6432-3]

Futures Forum Discussion of Source Water Protection; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a one-day public meeting from 1:00 to 4:00 on September 13, 1999 in Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the protection of drinking water sources in the next 25 years, and how protection helps to provide the public with safe drinking water at the tap. Discussion of this question is part of the Safe Drinking Water Act 25th Anniversary Futures Forum.

The purpose of the Drinking Water Futures Forum is to evaluate the

challenges facing the nation in ensuring a safe supply of drinking water in 25 years, and develop a plan to meet these challenges. The overall question of the futures forum is: How should we ensure safe drinking water in 25 years? There are 7 sub-questions on: treatment technologies, source water quality and quantity, sensitive subpopulations, cost, small systems, unserved populations, and research.

The discussion on September 13 will focus on source water protection. The proposed vision is that in 25 years, all public drinking water supplies will have source water protection measures in place as the first step of a multi-barrier approach to provide safe drinking water to the public. What needs to happen over the next 25 years to reach this vision? Issues related to source water protection include: Do we need to reach national consensus on a definition of source water protection? Is public health protection significantly enhanced by source water protection, or is treatment technology more effective and economical? Are there adequate institutional frameworks for protecting sources of drinking water given the diversity of authorities responsible for contaminant sources, water supply and water quality? What are the catalysts that will accomplish protection at a local level, and integration of source water protection into a public water systems' management plan?

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 13, 1999 from 1 to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004, Room 4045.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or 703-285-1093 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EDT. For specific meeting information, please contact Betsy Henry by telephone at 202-260-2399 or by e-mail at henry.betsy@epa.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6432-2]

Drinking Water Futures Forum—Discussions on the Future of Drinking Water Protection; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a one-day public meeting from 9:00-4:00 on September 24, 1999 in Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss questions related to the Drinking Water Futures Forum.

The purpose of the Drinking Water Futures Forum is to evaluate the challenges facing the nation in ensuring a safe supply of drinking water in 25 years, and develop a plan to meet these challenges. The question to be discussed is: How should we ensure safe drinking water in 25 years? To help discussion, this all-encompassing question has been broken into 7 sub-questions on: treatment technologies, source water quality and quantity, vulnerable subpopulations, cost, small systems, unserved populations, and research. In discussions to date, several cross-cutting themes have emerged, and these will be the focus of the September 24 meeting.

Some of the questions to be discussed on September 24 include: What are the potential challenges to drinking water protection in 2025? What potential impact does the distribution system have on drinking water quality, and are there approaches to address any negative impact? What incentives can be created to promote voluntary programs that move beyond the baseline, either in treatment or pollution prevention? How do we promote comprehensive water supply planning?

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 24, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Room 6226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or 703-285-1093 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EDT. For specific meeting information, please contact Ron Bergman at 202-260-6187