

(OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

PPDC meetings are open to the public under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 3-5 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after a PPDC meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be provided to PPDC members. The permanent record will be available for public inspection at the address in Section II.2 "In person" above. The Agency requests that participants limit their use of fragranced products on behalf of persons attending who have expressed a concern about chemical sensitivity.

IV. Background

PPDC was established as an advisory committee in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act in 1995 for a two-year term; it was renewed in 1997 and again in 1999. The PPDC provides a continuing and transparent forum for a diverse group of stakeholders from across the country to provide advice and recommendations to EPA regarding a broad range of pesticide regulatory development and program implementation issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. Membership to the PPDC includes broad geographic representation from the following sectors: environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and trade associations; pesticide users; Federal and State/local governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup was formed in December 1999 to advise the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee regarding ways to make information on inert ingredients more available to the public while working within the mandates of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and related CBI concerns.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemicals, Pesticides, Pests, Inert ingredients.

Dated: November 7, 2000.

Joseph J. Merenda Jr.,
Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Waste Characterization Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste From the Savannah River Site for Disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability; opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, or "we") is announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 30 days on, Department of Energy (DOE) documents applicable to characterization of transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Savannah River Site proposed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The documents are entitled: "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Quality Assurance Project Plan, WSRC-RP-99-01097," "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Quality Assurance Program Document, WSRC-RP-99-01119," and "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Waste Certification Plan, WSRC-RP-99-01095." They are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. We will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes and the quality assurance program for waste characterization at the Savannah River Site to verify that the site can characterize transuranic waste in accordance with EPA's WIPP compliance criteria. We will perform this inspection during the weeks of November 6 and November 13, 2000. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

DATES: EPA requests public comment on the documents. Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before December 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460. The DOE documents are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, DC, Docket No. A-98-49,

Category II-A2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 am-9 pm, Friday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday 1 pm-5 pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: vary by semester; and in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library, Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm.

As provided in EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, if copies of any docket materials are requested, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Monroe, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9310, or call EPA's toll-free WIPP Information Line, 1-800-331-WIPP.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

DOE operates the WIPP near Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico as a deep geologic repository for disposal of TRU radioactive waste. As defined by the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act (LWA) of 1992 (Public Law 102-579), as amended (Public Law 104-201), TRU waste consists of materials containing elements having atomic numbers greater than 92 (with half-lives greater than twenty years), in concentrations greater than 100 nanocuries of alpha-emitting TRU isotopes per gram of waste. Much of the existing TRU waste consists of items contaminated during the production of nuclear weapons, such as rags, equipment, tools, and sludges.

On May 13, 1998, we announced our final compliance certification decision to the Secretary of Energy (published May 18, 1998, 63 FR 27354). This decision stated that the WIPP will comply with EPA's radioactive waste disposal regulations at 40 CFR part 191, subparts B and C.

The final WIPP certification decision includes conditions that: (1) prohibit shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) until EPA determines that the site has established and executed a quality assurance program, in accordance with §§ 194.22(a)(2)(i), 194.24(c)(3), and 194.24(c)(5) for waste characterization activities and assumptions (condition 2 of appendix A to 40 CFR part 194); and (2) prohibit shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than LANL until EPA has approved the procedures developed to comply with the waste characterization requirements

of § 194.22(c)(4) (condition 3 of appendix A to 40 CFR part 194). EPA's approval process for waste generator sites is described in § 194.8. As part of our decision-making process, the DOE is required to submit to EPA appropriate documentation of quality assurance and waste characterization programs at each DOE waste generator site seeking approval for shipment of TRU radioactive waste to WIPP. In accordance with § 194.8, we will place such documentation in the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, and informational dockets in the State of New Mexico for public review and comment.

DOE has notified EPA that the Savannah River Site is preparing to ship waste to the WIPP. EPA will perform an inspection of the site's technical and quality assurance programs for waste characterization in accordance with Conditions 2 and 3 of the WIPP certification. The inspection is scheduled to take place the weeks of November 6 and November 13, 2000.

EPA has placed two documents pertinent to the inspection in the public docket described in **ADDRESSES**. The documents are entitled: (1) "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Quality Assurance Project Plan, WSRC-RP-99-01097," (2) "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Quality Assurance Program Document, WSRC-RP-99-01119," and (3) "Savannah River Site WIPP Disposal Program Waste Certification Plan, WSRC-RP-99-01095" (Item II-A2-28). In accordance with 40 CFR 194.8, as amended by the final certification decision, we are providing the public 30 days to comment on these documents.

If we determine as a result of the inspection that the proposed processes and programs at the Savannah River Site adequately control the characterization of transuranic waste, we will notify DOE by letter and place the letter in the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, as well as in the informational docket locations in New Mexico. A letter of approval will allow DOE to ship transuranic waste from the Savannah River Site to the WIPP. We will not make a determination of compliance prior to the inspection or before the 30-day comment period has closed.

Information on the certification decision is filed in the official EPA Air Docket, Docket No. A-93-02 and is available for review in Washington, DC, and at three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico. The dockets in New Mexico contain only major items from the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, plus those documents added to the official Air

Docket since the October 1992 enactment of the WIPP LWA.

Dated: October 30, 2000.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6900-3]

Proposed Settlement Agreements on Regulations Under Section 126 of the Clean Air Act Reducing Regional Transport of Ozone

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA hereby gives notice of three proposed Settlement Agreements regarding certain issues in the case entitled *Appalachian Power v. EPA*, Nos. 99-1200, *et al.* (D.C. Cir.). Specifically, the Settlement Agreements address issues in the following cases, consolidated with *Appalachian Power v. EPA; Weyerhaeuser Co. v. EPA*, No. 00-1126; *West Virginia Manufacturers Ass'n, et al. v. EPA*, Nos. 99-1246 & 00-1125; *West Virginia Chamber of Commerce et al. v. EPA*, Nos. 99-1205 & 00-1024; *Birchwood Power Partners, et al. v. EPA*, No. 00-1116; *Southern Energy Gen. L.L.C. v. EPA*, No. 00-1117. EPA issues this notice in accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (the "ACT"), which requires EPA to give notice and provide an opportunity for public comment on proposed settlement agreements.

The litigation concerns EPA's promulgation of two final rules under section 126 of the Act (collectively the "section 126 rule") pertaining to control of interstate transport of ozone. See 64 FR 28250 (May 25, 1999); 65 FR 2674 (January 18, 2000). Under the section 126 rule, certain upwind stationary sources of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions in twelve states and the District of Columbia must hold NO_x emission allowances equivalent to the quantity of their NO_x emissions. The section 126 rule allocates quantities of NO_x allowances to each covered source. Various parties have filed petitions for review of the section 126 rule under section 307(b)(1) of the Act. Several of these parties have raised claims that EPA incorrectly allocated NO_x allowances to certain units under the section 126 rule and that the parties did not have the opportunity to comment on

the incorrect allocations during the rulemaking process. The proposed Settlement Agreements provide that EPA will propose a rule to modify the allowance allocations for certain units and that the parties will dismiss these claims if EPA issues a final rule consistent with the proposed rule.

Persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to this litigation may submit written comments on the proposed settlement agreement to EPA. EPA will accept such comments for a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notice. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed Settlement Agreement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicated that the agreement is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice makes such a determination following the comment period, EPA will take the actions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

A copy of the proposed Settlement Agreement is available from Phyllis Davis, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-5566. Written comments should be sent to Alexandra Teitz, Esq., at the above address and must be submitted on or before December 13, 2000.

Dated: October 31, 2000.

Anna Wolgast,

Acting General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6900-1]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for comment of the administrative record file for nine TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in Louisiana's Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche river basins, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). EPA prepared these TMDLs in response to a Court Order dated October 1, 1999, in the lawsuit *Sierra*