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Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Establishment of a Federal Advisory Committee to Examine Detection and Quantitation Approaches in Clean Water Act Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; Establishment of FACA Committee and Meeting Announcement.

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, we are giving notice that the Environmental Protection Agency is establishing the Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act Programs. The purpose of this Committee is to evaluate and recommend detection and quantitation procedures for use in EPA's analytical methods programs for compliance monitoring under 40 CFR part 136. The Committee will analyze and evaluate relevant scientific and statistical approaches, protocols, review data and interpretations of data using current and recommended approaches. The major objectives are to provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on policy issues related to detection and quantitation and scientific and technical aspects of procedures for detection and quantitation. We have determined that this is in the public interest and will assist the Agency in performing its duties under the Clean Water Act, as amended.

Copies of the Committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marion Kelly, Engineering and Analysis Division, MC4303T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; Telephone number: (202) 566-1045; Fax number: (202) 566-1053; e-mail address: Kelly.Marion@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1999, several industry groups filed suit against EPA (*Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers v. EPA, DC Cir., No. 99-1420*) as a result of EPA revisions of a test used to measure mercury concentrations at low levels, and in October, 2000, EPA entered into a Settlement Agreement that required EPA to assess and revise procedures to determine detection and quantitation limits under EPA's CWA programs by November 1, 2004.

On March 12, 2003, EPA published two notices in the **Federal Register**. One announced the availability of a Technical Support Document that described EPA's reassessment of detection and quantitation concepts and procedures (68 FR 11791), and the second proposed revisions to the MDL and ML definitions and procedures (68 FR 11770).

Many of the 126 comments EPA received in response to the **Federal Register** notices were critical of the assessment and proposed revisions. Rather than proceeding with the revisions, EPA decided to contract with a neutral third party to conduct a situation assessment to explore the feasibility and design of a stakeholder process. This decision was announced in a **Federal Register** notice dated September 15, 2004.

In October and November 2004, Triangle Associates, Inc. of Seattle, a neutral third party contractor, conducted the situation assessment through phone interviews with 37 representatives of Federal and State agencies, industry, environmental groups, municipal wastewater treatment plants, environmental laboratories, and organizations that establish testing methods and standards.

On November 8, 2004, EPA published a notice of document availability giving EPA's revised assessment of detection and quantitation concepts and procedures (69 FR 64704), and published a notice withdrawing the March 12, 2003, proposal (69 FR 64708). The withdrawal stated that a vast majority of commenters did not favor the proposed revisions, and that EPA

planned to work with stakeholders to evaluate one or more of the approaches submitted in comments on the proposal.

As a result of the situation assessment, EPA agreed to establish a Federal Advisory Committee to obtain input from the stakeholder groups regarding detection and quantitation procedures and their use in the analytical methods in Clean Water Act programs. On December 29, 2004 (69 FR 77972), EPA published a notice announcing a public meeting on the Situation Assessment and to request nominations to the Federal Advisory Committee.

Participants: The Committee will be composed of approximately 20 members. As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the FACDQ will be, balanced in terms of points of view represented and the scope of the activities of the Committee. A full-time EPA employee will act as the Designated Federal Official who will be responsible for providing the necessary staffing, operations, and support for the Committee. The committee members will be comprised of qualified senior-level professionals from diverse sectors throughout the United States from among, but not limited to, State government; environmental professionals; regulated industry; environmental laboratories; Publicly Owned Treatment Works; and the environmental community. Establishing a balanced membership with a diversity of policy experience, knowledge, and judgment, will be an important consideration in the selection of members. EPA also plans to use technical experts who will be available to provide technical assistance to the Committee. Such experts will not be members of the Committee and will not participate in the Committee's deliberations.

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Benjamin H. Grumbles,

Assistant Administrator for Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental

Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 1, 2005, 70 FR 16815.

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20050000, ERP No. D-AFS-J65435-UT, Ogden Ranger District Travel Plan, To Update the Travel Management Plan, Wasatch-Cache National Plan, Ogden Ranger District, Box Elder, Cache, Morgan, Weber and Rich Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about potential adverse effects to both aquatic and terrestrial resources from the existing and proposed travel systems and from the indirect effects of unauthorized motorized use. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050075, ERP No. D-FRC-C03015-00, Crown Landing Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal, Construct and Operate in Gloucester County, NJ and New Castle County, DE; and Logan Lateral Project, Construct and Operate a New Natural Gas Pipeline and Ancillary Facilities in Gloucester County, NJ and Delaware, PA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns because the Draft EIS did not include detailed mitigation plans, a discussion of Clean Air Act general conformity requirements, and did not thoroughly analyze the cumulative effects on navigation and the environment. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050078, ERP No. D-AFS-H65023-00, Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units, Implementation, Dawes, Sioux, Blaine, Cherry, Thomas Counties, NE and Custer, Fall River, Jackson, Pennington, Jones, Lyman, Stanley Counties, SD.

Summary: EPA has no objections to any of the alternatives evaluated in the DEIS, but suggests considering non-lethal means to control prairie dog population where feasible. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20050086, ERP No. D-AFS-J65438-WY, Dean Project Area, Proposes to Implement Multiple Resource Management Actions, Black Hills National Forest, Bearlead Ranger District, Sundance, Crook County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to water quality from additional runoff, erosion and increased sediments, and potential cumulative

impacts from proposed changes to management action designations. The Final EIS should further quantify impacts and describe measures to minimize and/or mitigate environmental impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050093, ERP No. D-NOA-K39091-CA, Monterey Accelerated Research Systems (MARS) Cabled Observatory, Proposes to Install and Operate an Advanced Undersea Cabled Observatory, Monterey Bay, Pacific Ocean Offshore of Moss Landing, Monterey County, CA.

Summary: EPA had no objections to the project as proposed. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20050121, ERP No. D-AFS-J65440-MT, Northeast Yak Project, Proposed Harvest to Reduce Fuels in Old Growth, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Three River Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA acknowledges and supports the proposed benefits of the activities that will reduce impacts to water quality and fisheries and improve old growth and grizzly bear habitat. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns because it may take from 5-7 years to acquire the necessary funding and possibly longer to implement measures that will significantly reduce sediment loads. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050046, ERP No. DS-BLM-J67026-MT, Golden Sunlight Mine Pit Reclamation Alternatives, Updated Information, Operating Permit No. 00065 and Plan-of-Operation #MTM 82855, Whitehall, Jefferson County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the need for perpetual treatment to meet water quality standards under all alternatives, and requested additional consideration of potential mitigation to reduce risks to water quality primarily in the partial pit-backfill alternatives. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050087, ERP No. DS-BLM-K67038-NV, Ruby Hill Mine Expansion—East Archimedes Project, Extension of Existing Open Pit and Expansion of Two Existing Waste Rock Disposal Areas, Plan-of-Operations Permit, Eureka County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the potential impacts of pit lake water quality on aquatic life and water fowl, heap leach closure, and surface water diversion structure design and maintenance, and recommended the Final SEIS provide additional information and identify additional mitigation. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050109, ERP No. DS-NOA-C91004-00, Amendment to the Fishery Management Plans (FMP), Amendment 2 for the Spiny Lobster Fishery; Amendment 1 for the Queen Conch Resources; Amendment 3 for the Reef Fish Fishery; Amendment 2 Corals and Reef Associated Invertebrate, U.S. Caribbean to Address Required Provisions MSFCMA, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Island.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20050101, ERP No. F-AFS-K65266-AZ, Arizona Snowbowl Facilities Improvements, Proposal to Provide a Consistent/Reliable Operating Season, Coconino National Forest, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

EIS No. 20050130, ERP No. F-AFS-F65048-WI, Lakewood/Laona Plantation Thinning Project, To Implement Vegetation Management Activities, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Lakewood Ranger District, Forest, Langlade and Oconto Counties, WI.

Summary: The FEIS adequately addressed EPA's concerns about map depiction in the LRMP, the project's objectives, and indirect and cumulative impacts on surrounding northern hardwoods.

EIS No. 20050164, ERP No. F-FRC-G03024-TX, Vista del Sol Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal Project, Construct, Install and Operate and LNG Terminal and Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Vista del Sol LNG Terminal LP and Vista del Sol Pipeline LP, TX.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns about the preferred action, requested that the record of decision include acceptable wetland mitigation plan and recommended that the applicant identify a restoration project to fund within the Corpus Christi Bay watershed.

EIS No. 20050123, ERP No. FB-NOA-E91007-00, South Atlantic Shrimp Fishery Management Plan, Amendment 6, Propose to Amend the Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Testing Protocol System, South Atlantic Region.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the project as proposed.

EIS No. 20050069, ERP No. FS-BLM-K67050-NV, Pipeline/South Pipeline Pit Expansion Project, Updated

Information on Modifying the Extending Plan of Operations (Plan), Gold Acres Mining District, Launder County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns that BLM has deferred until mine closure the designation and evaluation of post-mining beneficial uses and applicability of beneficial use requirements for pit lakes and concerns regarding the long-term mitigation and monitoring fund. EPA is also concerned that the Final SEIS does not address the issues critical to establishing the effectiveness of the fund and whether it will be available for future mitigation and monitoring needs should they arise. EPA recommended additional information on these issues be included in the Record of Decision.

EIS No. 20050115, ERP No. FS-NRC-E06023-AL, Generic EIS—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plants, Units 1 and 2, Supplemental 18 to NUREG-1437 (TAC NOS. MC0768 and MC0769; Houston County, AL.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the availability of long-term offsite storages of radioactive waste, and future surface water withdrawals for plant operations which could be affected by State agreements. Radiological monitoring of all plant effluents, and appropriate storage of radioactive waste will be necessary during the license renewal period.

Dated: May 10, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 05/02/2005 Through 05/06/2005 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20050185, Final EIS, NRC, MI, Generic—Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units No. 1 and 2, (TAC No. MC1221 and MC1222) License Renewal, Supplement 20 to NUREG 1437, Berrien County, MI, Wait Period Ends: 06/13/2005, Contact: William Dam, 301-415-4014.

EIS No. 20050186, Draft EIS, AFS, NY, Finger Lakes National Forest Project, Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, Forest Plan Revision, Implementation, Seneca and Schuyler Counties, NY, Comment Period Ends: 08/15/2005, Contact: Jay Strand 802-767-4261. Ext 522.

EIS No. 20050187, Draft EIS, SFW, MN, Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) Implementation, MN, WI, IL and IA, Comment Period Ends: 08/31/2005, Contact: Don Hultman 507-452-4232.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/uppermiss/>

EIS No. 20050188, Final EIS, FTA, 00, Permanent World Trade Center (WTC) PATH Terminal Project, Reconstruction of a Permanent Terminal at the WTC Site in Lower Manhattan, Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH), Several Permits Required for Approval, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, NY and NJ, Wait Period Ends: 06/13/2005, Contact: Bernard Cohen 212-668-1770.

EIS No. 20050189, Draft EIS, COE, PA, The Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania Flood Damage Reduction Project, Implementation, Integrated Feasibility Report, Susquehanna River and Fishing Creek, Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, PA, Comment Period Ends: 06/27/2005, Contact: Jeff Trulick 410-962-6715.

EIS No. 20050190, Draft EIS, FHA, MI, Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal (DIFT) Project, Proposes Improvement to Intermodal Freight Terminals in Wayne and Oakland Counties, MI, Comment Period Ends: , 08/16/2005, Contact: Abdelmoez Abdalla 517-702-1820.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20050105, Draft EIS, AFS, MI, Huron-Manistee National Forests, Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Several Counties, MI, 06/20/2005, Contact: Jeff Pullen 231-775-2421 Revision of FR Notice Published on 03/18/2005: CEQ Comment Period Ending 06/16/2005 has been Extended to 06/20/2005.

EIS No. 20050118, Draft EIS, AFS, MI, Ottawa National Forest, Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, Forest Plan Revision, Implementation, Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Marquette and Ontonagan Counties, MI, Comment Period Ends 06/27/2005, Contact: Robert Brenner 906-

932-1330 Revision of FR Notice Published on 03/25/2005: CEQ Comment Period Ending on 06/23/2005 has been Extended to 06/27/2005.

EIS No. 20050153, Final EIS, FHW, UT, Southern Corridor Construction, I-15 at Reference Post 2 in St. George to UT-9 near Hurricane, Funding, Right-of-Way Grant and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, St. George, Washington and Hurricane, Washington County, UT, 06/22/2005, Wait Period Ends: 06/22/2005, Contact: Gregory Punske 801-963-0182.

Revision of FR Notice Published on 04/22/2005: CEQ Comment Period Ending 05/23/2005 has been Extended to 05/22/2005.

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Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from April 14, 2005 to April 27, 2005, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

DATES: Comments identified by the docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2005-0030 and the specific PMN