

their annual meeting for final decision. If the Parties declare a specified use of a controlled substance as essential and issue the necessary exemptions from the production phaseout, EPA may propose regulatory changes to reflect the decisions by the Parties consistent with the CAAA.

The timing of the reviews is such that in any given year the Parties review nominations for exemption from the production phaseout intended for the following year and any subsequent years. This means that, if nominated, applications submitted in response to today's notice for CFC production in 1998 and beyond will be considered by the Parties in 1997 for final action at the Meeting of the Parties in September of that year.

## II. Information Required for Essential Use Applications for Production or Importation of Class I Substances in 1998 and Subsequent Years

Through this notice, EPA requests applications for essential use exemptions for all class I substances for 1998 and subsequent years. All requests for exemptions submitted to EPA must present the information relevant to the application as prescribed in the TEAP Handbook mentioned in the previous section, since the U.S. government does not forward incomplete or inadequate nominations to the Ozone Secretariat. In brief, the TEAP Handbook states that applicants must present information on:

- Role of use in society.
- Alternatives to use, including education programs on alternatives.
- Steps to minimize use, including development of CFC-free alternatives.
- Steps to minimize emissions.
- Amount of substance available through recycling and stockpiling.
- Quantity of controlled substances requested by year.

EPA anticipates that the 1997 review by the Parties of MDI essential use requests will focus extensively on research efforts underway to develop alternatives to CFC MDIs, on education programs to inform patients and providers of the phaseout and the transition to alternatives, and on steps taken to minimize CFC use and emissions including efforts to recapture or reprocess the controlled substance. Accordingly, applicants are strongly advised to present detailed information on these points including the scope and cost of such efforts and the medical and patient organizations involved in the work. Applicants can strengthen their exemption requests by submitting a complete set of education materials and including copies of printed, electronic or audio-visual tools. Applicants are

given notice that exemption requests without adequate information on research and education will not be considered complete.

Applicants should submit their exemption requests to EPA as noted in the Addresses section at the beginning of today's notice.

Dated: September 23, 1996.

Mary D. Nichols,

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.*

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### [FRL-5618-9]

#### **Proposed General NPDES Permit for Log Transfer Facilities in Alaska: General NPDES Permit No. AK-G70-0000**

**AGENCY:** Region 10, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed General NPDES Permit.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Office of Water, EPA Region 10, proposes to issue General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. AK-G70-0000 for marine discharges associated with log transfer facilities in Alaska. The EPA is soliciting comments on the draft general permit described in this public notice. At the end of this public comment period, the EPA will make a final determination on permit issuance.

**Administrative Record.** The draft general NPDES permit, fact sheet, and the draft technical report for the "Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation of the NPDES General Permit for Alaskan Log Transfer Facilities" are available for inspection and copying at the EPA office in Anchorage (Room 537) any time between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm., Monday through Friday. Copies and other information may also be requested by mail or by calling Susan Cantor at (907) 271-3413.

**Public Comments.** Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft general NPDES permit on or before October 30, 1996, to the attention of Susan Cantor at the address below. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter, a concise statement of comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based.

**State Certification.** Persons wishing to comment on State Certification of the proposed general NPDES permit should submit written comments within this public comment period to the State of Alaska, Alaska Department of

Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 105, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795. Comments should be addressed to the attention of Dave Sturdevant.

**State Consistency Determination.** The State of Alaska, Division of Governmental Coordination requests your comments on the proposed action's consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Under Alaska Statute 46.40.100, your comments must be received within the public comment period in order to preserve your right to petition the Coastal Policy Council for a review of the proposed consistency determination. The right to petition the Coastal Policy Council is limited to the applicant, an affected coastal resource district, a State agency, or a citizen of the affected coastal resource district. The comments must address whether the proposed action is consistent with the enforceable policies of the affected coastal district's management program. For more information on the consistency review process and the comment deadline, or to submit comments, please contact the Division of Governmental Coordination, P.O. Box 110030, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0030. Comments should be addressed to the attention of Rex Blazer.

**Final Determination.** After the public notice period expires, the Director of the Office of Water, EPA Region 10, will make a final determination on permit issuance in accordance with 40 CFR Part 124.15. The tentative requirements contained in this draft general NPDES permit will become final conditions if no substantive comments are received during the public comment period.

**Appeal.** Within 120 days following service of notice of EPA's final permit decision, any interested person may appeal that decision in the appropriate Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States, in accordance with Section 509 of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR Part 124.71. After 120 days, persons affected by a general permit may not challenge the conditions of the permit as a right of further EPA proceedings. Instead, they may either challenge the permit in court or apply for an individual NPDES permit and then request a formal hearing on the issuance or denial of an individual permit.

**DATES:** The public notice issuance date is September 30, 1996. The expiration date of this public notice is October 30, 1996. All comments must be submitted to EPA on or before October 30, 1996. Additional time may be granted where a commenter demonstrates the need for such time.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address all written comments to Susan Cantor, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Alaska Office, 222 W. Seventh Avenue #19, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. Comments may be mailed or submitted via facsimile to (907) 271-3424.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Cantor, of Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Alaska Office, at the address listed above or by telephone at (907) 271-3413. Inquiries may be submitted via facsimile to (907) 271-3424. Requests may be electronically mailed to CANTOR.SUSAN@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Additional services can be made available to persons with disabilities. For those with impaired hearing or speech, please contact EPA's telecommunication device for the deaf at (206) 553-1698.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the opinion of EPA, discharges associated with Alaskan log transfer facilities would be more appropriately controlled under a general permit rather than under individual permits. The proposed general permit would provide fair and uniform requirements for industry in accordance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, and would reduce paperwork and delays in permit issuance for qualifying dischargers.

If issued, this general NPDES permit would authorize qualifying log transfer facilities to discharge bark and woody debris into both near-shore and offshore marine waters in Alaska, except in areas excluded from coverage. The permit would not authorize discharges into waters identified as critical or protected resources, waters which do not meet the siting guidelines of the Alaska Timber Task Force, and waters already exceeding Alaska Water Quality Standards for parameters relating to bark and woody debris. The state of Alaska proposes to grant a one-acre zone of deposit for those log transfer facilities authorized under this permit.

Log transfer facilities authorized under this permit would be required to minimize the introduction of bark and woody debris into marine waters through implementation of effluent limitations and best management practices. Annual underwater bark monitoring would be required for facilities where bark accumulation was likely to occur. Those permittees would also be required to develop and implement a pollution prevention plan.

In order to be authorized under this general NPDES permit, new dischargers would be required to submit a notice of intent to EPA and to receive written

authorization to discharge from EPA. A notice of intent would also be required for those permitted facilities wishing to discharge after their individual NPDES permits have expired.

This general NPDES permit would modify existing permits issued under Section 404 of the Act for log transfer facilities constructed and operated prior to October 22, 1985. If this general NPDES permit is issued, the applicable Section 404 permits would be modified to incorporate the provisions of the general permit. Dischargers authorized under Section 404 prior to October 22, 1985, would be required to submit information to EPA regarding their location and discharge.

#### Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

After review of the facts presented in the notice printed above, I hereby certify pursuant to the provision of 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this general NPDES permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Moreover, the permit reduces a significant administrative burden on regulated sources.

Dated: September 20, 1996.

Roger K. Mochnick,

*Acting Director, Office of Water.*

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### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider (1) reports of the Office of Inspector General, (2) matters relating to the Corporation's corporate activities, and (3) a personnel matter.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., seconded by Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), concurred in by Director Jonathan L. Fiechter (Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), Director Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Ricki Helfer, that Corporation business required its

consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2) and (c)(6) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (c)(6)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: September 24, 1996.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

*Assistant Executive Secretary.*

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### FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

#### Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement at the Washington, DC Office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., 9th Floor. Interested parties may submit comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days after the date of the Federal Register in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments are found in section 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communicating with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

*Agreement No.:* 232-011391-003

*Title:* TMM/Tecomar Cooperative Working Agreement

#### *Parties:*

Transportacion Maritima Mexicana, S.A. de C.V.

Tecomar, S.A. de C.V.

*Synopsis:* The proposed amendment would delete the authority of the parties to discuss and agree upon rates and other transportation terms and conditions. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

Dated: September 25, 1996.