

- 2 federally listed species (bald eagle and shortnose sturgeon);
- 11 gravel pits adjacent to the right-of-way;
- A total of 44.7 miles of wetlands crossed;
- 112 residences potentially within 100 feet of the pipeline centerline;
- Crossing of tribal land (Penobscot Indian Nation) and impact on fishing rights (Passamaquoddy Natural Resources Committee);
- Crossing of recreational areas including the Katahdin Scout Reservation; and
- Alternative routes making greater use of existing rights-of-way such as near Richmond, Maine and the mainline crossing of the Kennebec River; and

alternate alignments on private property.

Maritimes has stated that there are no nonjurisdictional facilities that would be built as a direct result of this project.

Public Participation and Scoping Meetings

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes or compressor station sites), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the

instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address two copies of your comments to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-089-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 20, 1997.

In addition to sending written comments, you may attend public scoping meetings that we will conduct at three locations. Meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, June 3, 1997	7:00 p.m.	Woodland Elementary School, Fourth Avenue, Woodland (Baileyville), Maine.
Wednesday, June 4, 1997	7:00 p.m.	Hichborn Middle School, Cross Street, Howland, Maine.
Thursday, June 5, 1997	7:00 p.m.	Richmond High School, Route 197, Richmond, Maine.

The purpose of the scoping meetings is to obtain input from state and local governments and from the public. Federal agencies have formal channels for input into the Federal process (including separate meetings where appropriate) on an interagency basis. Federal agencies are expected to transmit their comments directly to the FERC and not use the scoping meetings for this purpose. Local agencies are requested to provide information on other plans and projects which might conflict with, or have cumulative effects, when considered in combination with the Maritimes Phase II Project.

Maritimes will present a description of their proposals at the scoping meeting. Interested groups and individuals encouraged to attend the meetings and present oral comments on the environmental issues which they believe should be addressed in the Draft EIS.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents such as data requests and filings by other intervenors. We will provide our EIS to anyone who follows the instructions which appear later in this NOI. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene

according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all potential right-of-way grantors (i.e., landowners whose property would be crossed) to solicit focused comments regarding environmental considerations related to the proposed project.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list and receive a copy of our DEIS, please return the Information request (appendix 4). If you do not send comments on the NOI or return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5828-7]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council Source Water Protection Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of Source Water Protection Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*) will be held on June 2, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and June 3, 1997 from 8:30-4:00 at the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington D.C. The meeting is open to the public, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide recommendations and advice to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council on the coordinated implementation of the source water assessment and protection provisions of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act. The meeting is open to the public to observe. The working group members are meeting to analyze relevant issues and facts related to draft guidance available for public comment. Therefore, no statements will be taken from the public at this meeting. For more information, please contact, Beth Hall, Source Water Protection Working Group, U.S. EPA,

Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, 4606, 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is Area Code (202) 260-5553. The e-mail address is hall.beth@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: May 16, 1997.

Charlene Shaw,

Designated Federal Official, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5828-8]

Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In recent years, community officials and the general public have increased their attention to the waste generated by households, institutions, and commercial businesses. They have used information about municipal solid waste (MSW) to plan for programs to reduce and recycle this waste and to properly dispose of the remainder. The "Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States, 1960 to 2000" report was first prepared by EPA in 1986 in order to determine the amounts of waste generated, recovered, and discarded in the nation, and to project amounts of waste which will be managed in the future. The report has been updated five times since its initial publication in 1986. Planners nationwide use this special study to estimate the amount and types of MSW that may be generated in their communities, and thus are able to plan more effectively for the management of the wastes generated, recovered, and/or discarded.

The Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update report is now available. The 1996 Update is similar to the 1995 Update, but it contains updated information on the types and amounts of municipal solid waste generated, recovered, and discarded in the United States through 1995. Some new informational categories and also included in the 1996 Update. These include several case studies that illustrate the impact of source reduction on different product categories, a section on the infrastructure for MSW management, and revised projections for MSW generation and management

through 2010, including three possible scenarios for recovery.

Finally, due to sustained interest in tacking national generation, recovery, and discard rates for MSW, EPA plans to continue provided annual updates of this Report as a service to its stakeholders from State and local governments, industry, environmental groups, and the public.

DATES: May 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A paper copy of Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update (EPA Publication Number EPA530-97-R-015) or the Report's Executive Summary (EPA Publication Number EPA530-S-97-015) may be obtained by calling the RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346. The Report is also available in electronic format on the Internet System through the EPA Public Access Server at www.epa.gov.

Dated: April 30, 1997.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5828-1]

Notice of Proposed Settlement

SUMMARY: Under Sections 104, 106(a), 107 and 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has offered to a potentially responsible party an Administrative Order on Consent to settle claims for past and future removal actions at the Old ATC Refinery in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the Agreement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth St., Atlanta, GA 30303, 404-562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: April 25, 1997.

Anita Davis,

Acting Chief, Programs Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND PLACE: June 9, 1997. The White House Conference Center, Truman Room, Third Floor, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20500.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The PCAST will meet in an open session during the morning of Monday, June 9, 1997, at approximately 10:00 a.m. The morning session will focus on Congressional views on science and technology (S&T) and the FY 1998 Budget. This session will end at approximately 12:00 Noon.

The Committee will reconvene in open session on Monday afternoon, June 9, 1997, at approximately 1:30 p.m. The afternoon session will focus on 1997 PCAST Studies, discussions on the Competitiveness Policy Council Report, "Investing in Innovation: A Project Assessing Federal Technology Policies and Programs," and the Carnegie Commission Report, "Science and Technology and the President." There will also be a general discussion among Committee members and other Executive Office staff about current S&T activities of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding time, place, and agenda, please call Jeanie Hall at (202) 456-6100 prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 1997. Other questions may be directed to Angela Phillips Diaz, Executive Secretary for PCAST, or Yolanda Comedy at (202) 456-6100. The agenda will also be posted on the PCAST Home Page located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/>