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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Public Meetings on the Pesticide Formulating, Packaging and Repackaging Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards' Pollution Prevention Alternative

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science and Technology announces five meetings on the Pollution Prevention (P2) Alternative, a compliance alternative of the November 1996 effluent guidelines for the Pesticide Formulating, Packaging, and Repackaging (PFPR) Industry (61 FR 57518). The meetings were designed for the regulated community and the state/local regulators to provide guidance on this compliance alternative. These meetings will *not* cover implementation of the zero discharge limitations and standards for "Refilling Establishments" (Subcategory E) facilities (i.e., facilities regulated by 40 CFR 455.60).

DATES: EPA will conduct five public meetings on the Pollution Prevention Alternative on: Tuesday, July 15, 1997, and Wednesday, July 16, 1997, in Chicago, Illinois; on Thursday, July 24, 1997, and Friday, July 25, 1997, in Atlanta, Georgia; on Tuesday, August 26, 1997, and Wednesday, August 27, 1997, in Dallas, Texas; on Monday, September 22, 1997, and Tuesday, September 23, 1997, in Portland, Oregon; and on Thursday, September 25, 1997, and Friday, September 26, 1997, in Kansas City, Missouri.

ADDRESSES: The workshop on July 15-16, 1997, will be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental, 505 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The workshop on July 24-25, 1997, will be

held at the Harvey Hotel—Atlanta Powers Ferry, 6345 Powers Ferry Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia. The workshop on August 26-27, 1997, will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, 1717 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas. The workshop on September 22-23, 1997, will be held at the Doubletree Portland—Columbia River, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon. The workshop on September 25-26, 1997, will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 9103 East 39th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shari Zuskin by facsimile at (202) 260-7185, or by E-mail: zuskin.shari@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting/Hotel Arrangements

Meeting arrangements are being coordinated by DynCorp, Inc. For information on registration and a registration form, contact Cindy Simbanin, 300 N. Lee Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (703) 519-1386. Facsimile number: (703) 684-0610. Space is limited and reservations are being taken on a first come, first served basis. No fees will be charged to attend. Attendees must fax or mail a completed registration form to Cindy Simbanin. Please note that participants will be encouraged to select a first and second choice workshop location; however, if you are choosing to attend the Chicago or Atlanta meetings make your hotel reservation immediately, do not wait for your workshop registration confirmation. Upon receipt of your registration form, a confirmation will be faxed, mailed, or e-mailed to you.

Hotel reservations for Chicago may be made by contacting the Inter-Continental Hotel, (312) 944-4100. Guest rates are \$119 single and \$142 double occupancy, including tax. Reservations must be made by June 21, 1997. When making reservations, you must specify that you are affiliated with the EPA PFPR Workshop to qualify for the quoted rate.

For the Atlanta meeting, hotel reservations may be made by contacting the Harvey Hotel—Atlanta Powers Ferry at (770) 955-1700. Tax exempt government guest rates are \$96 single and \$116 double occupancy. Non-government, tax inclusive guest rates are \$108.48/single and \$131.08/double occupancy. Reservations must be made by July 10, 1997, and you must reference the event as the EPA PFPR Workshop.

Hotel reservations for the Dallas meeting may be made by contacting the Fairmont Hotel at (800) 527-4727. Ask for reservations and identify the group

as the EPA PFPR Workshop. The tax exempt government room rate is \$84 single/double occupancy. The non-government, tax inclusive rates are \$134.47/single and \$145.77/double occupancy. To receive the group rates quoted above all reservations must be made by August 1, 1997.

For the Portland meeting, reservations may be made by contacting the Doubletree Portland—Columbia River, (800) 733-5466, ask for the Reservations Department, and identify the group as the EPA PFPR Workshop. Reservations must be made by August 31, 1997. Tax exempt government room rates are \$87/single and \$105/double occupancy. Non-government, tax inclusive rates are \$95.00/single and \$114.45/double occupancy.

Hotel reservations for the Kansas City meeting may be made by contacting the Adam's Mark Hotel, (816) 737-0200, ask for Reservations, and identify the group as the EPA PFPR Workshop. Reservations must be made by August 29, 1997. Tax exempt government rates are \$78/single and \$88/double. Non-government rates are \$106.38/single and \$117.57/double occupancy, inclusive of taxes.

Accommodations are limited at each location, so please make your reservations early. Contact Cindy Simbanin for information on government tax exempt rates, guarantee, and cancellation policies for the hotels listed above. Phone: (703) 519-1386; Facsimile: (703) 684-0610.

Background

On November 6, 1996, EPA published the final rule: Pesticide Formulating, Packaging, and Repackaging (PFPR) Industry Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards (61 FR 57518). The regulation provides Subcategory C facilities (approximately 1,500 facilities) a choice between zero discharge and a compliance alternative, named the "Pollution Prevention (P2) Alternative." This structure provides a compliance option to PFPR facilities who agree to implement certain pollution prevention, recycle and reuse practices (and wastewater treatment when necessary). Facilities choosing and implementing the P2 Alternative will receive a discharge allowance.

The P2 Alternative is the first of its kind to be utilized in an effluent guideline. For this reason, EPA will provide guidance on implementing the P2 Alternative at the five regional meetings and in manual titled, "Pollution Prevention (P2) Guidance Manual for the Pesticide Formulating, Packaging, and Repackaging Industry: Implementing the P2 Alternative." The

guidance manual can be obtained by contacting Shari Zuskin by facsimile at (202)260-7185, or by E-mail: zuskin.shari@epamail.epa.gov.

The P2 Alternative is based on a list of specified pollution prevention, recycle, and reuse practices which are listed on Table 8 (61 FR 57553) of the final rule. Modification of these practices is allowed with acceptable justification (as listed on Table 8 or as approved by the permitting/control authority). The Alternative also requires certain paperwork for compliance with the alternative (i.e., initial certification, periodic certification, and on-site compliance paperwork). This paperwork documents the facility's choice between zero discharge and the P2 Alternative; any justifications allowing modification to the listed P2 practices on Table 8; the treatment technologies that are being used to obtain a "P2 allowable discharge," as defined in the regulation; the method by which the facility has chosen to demonstrate that the treatment system is well operated and maintained; and the rationale for choosing the method of demonstration.

The PFPR Meetings (and the guidance manual) have been designed to provide detailed guidance to industry and Regional/State/Local regulators, including guidance on conducting the P2 audit, completing/approving the compliance paperwork for the regulation, selecting/approving the "appropriate" treatment technologies, setting up treatability tests, evaluating test results, and demonstrating/enforcing compliance in lieu of analytical methods and national numerical limitations.

The agenda and breakout session summaries for the meetings are as follows:

Preliminary Agenda for the Pesticide Formulating, Packaging, and Repackaging Pollution Prevention Workshops

(Note: Agenda is subject to change prior to first workshop)

Day 1

8:00 am Registration and Check-in
9:00 am Welcome and Workshop Structure
9:20 am Overview of PFPR Effluent Guidelines and Standards

A basic overview of effluent guidelines and standards, pollution prevention (P2), the EPA P2 hierarchy, PFPR operations, and compliance with the PFPR rule.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Pollution Prevention Equipment and Practices

A discussion of the P2 equipment and practices effective for PFPR operations.

12:00 pm Lunch On Your Own

1:15 pm The PFPR Pollution Prevention Audit

Explanations of compliance with the P2 Alternative through the P2 Audit.

Introduction to the audit checklist and an example audit.

3:00 pm Break

3:15 PM P2 Audit Group Exercise

Participants work in groups to complete audit tables for an example facility.

4:00 pm Description of Treatment Technologies

5:00 pm Day 1 Wrap-up

Day 2

8:30 am Day 2 Introduction

8:45 am The PFPR Treatability Test

Discussion of various treatability test issues, including how to determine if a treatability test is necessary, how to plan the test, how to document and evaluate the test results, and how to make a final compliance decision.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Compliance Documentation

Discussion of the required compliance documentation, including initial and periodic certification statements and on-site compliance paperwork required by the rule.

11:45 am Lunch On Your Own

1:00 pm Breakout Session I

Registrants attend a breakout session offered during this time period.

2:00 pm Breakout Session II

Registrants attend a breakout session offered during this time period.

3:00 pm Break

Day 2—continued

3:15 pm Workshop Conclusion

Summarize the highlights of breakout sessions. Provide sources of additional information and answer remaining questions.

Day 2 Breakout Sessions—Topic Descriptions

1. Approval of Modifications to P2 Practices and Use of BPJ: Review a case study of a fictitious facility referencing listed modifications from Table 8 of the final rule and a case study of a facility seeking approval for an unlisted modification. Explore the issues of proper documentation and the approval process for unlisted modifications.

2. Treatability Test Results Evaluation and Determination of Equivalent Systems: Work through a detailed example using treatability test data from an EPA-sponsored test using wastewater from an actual PFPR facility. Explore how to determine whether a system is equivalent to Table 10 technologies, how to choose a compliance scheme, and how treatability test data may be useful in determining permit or pretreatment agreement limits. Evaluate the data from both the facility and permitting control authority perspective.

3. Installation and Optimization of Treatment Systems: Open discussion on

the issues surrounding treatment system installation and operation. Review case study materials on useful operating parameters, issues involved with scale-up, and cost considerations.

4. How to Determine Whether a System Is Well Operated and Maintained: Complete a group exercise on treatment system compliance issues. Develop the rationale for the operation and maintenance of a PFPR treatment system, and review the proper documentation of and approval process for the treatment system compliance methodology.

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Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Reduced-Risk Initiative Guidelines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is soliciting comments on a proposed expedited review policy as required by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996. The proposal is available in a draft Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice entitled "Draft Guidelines for Expedited Review of Conventional Pesticides under the Reduced-Risk Initiative and for Biological Pesticides" which is available upon request.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket control number "OPP-00485," must be received on or before July 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The PR Notice is available by contacting the person whose name appears under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Submit written comments identified by the docket control number OPP-00485 by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments directly to the OPP docket which is located in Rm. 1132 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under Unit V. of this