be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL99-2-000]

Anticipated Demand for Natural Gas in the Northeastern United States; Schedule and Information Regarding Public Conference

May 21, 1999.

The public conference previously noticed in the above-captioned proceeding will be held in the Commission meeting room, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., on June 7, 1999, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Because the Commission has received numerous requests to make oral presentations at the conference, the Commission has established six panels. In order to accommodate all of the requests to speak, it will be necessary for the Commission to limit the individual presentations to five (5) minutes. Parties may address any of the issues within the scope of the conference and, if necessary, file with the Secretary additional written comments to highlight other areas of interest. There will be a question and answer period following the presentations of each panel. Parties making oral presentations that have not already identified their speakers are asked to contact Joel Arneson at (202) 208-2169 by May 28, 1999, with the name of their speaker.

The public conference will follow, approximately, the schedule set forth below.

Opening Remarks

10:00-10:15

Commissioners

Panel No. 1

10:15-10:45

Energy Information Administration 1

Panel No. 2

10:45-11:45

Edison Electric Institute Electric Power Supply Association

Independent Petroleum Association of America

Natural Gas Supply Association Process Gas Consumers Group

Panel No. 3

11:45-1:00

CNG Transmission Corporation Colubmia Gas Transmission Corporation El Paso Energy Corporation Interstate Natural Gas Association of America

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.

Lunch Break

1:00-2:00

Panel No. 4

1:00-2:00

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

KeySpan Energy Corporation New England Gas Distributors New York Public Service Commission Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management

Public Service Electric & Gas Company

Panel No. 5

3:15-4:30

Donaldson, Lufkin, & Jenrette eCorp, L.L.C.

Environment Northeast

Independent Power Producers of New York

Supply Planning Associates, Inc. Texaco Natural Gas—North America U.S. Generating Company and PG&E Energy Trading—Gas Corporation

Panel No. 6

4:30-5:15

Independence Pipeline Company Portland Natural Gas Transmission System

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation Williams Companies

By direction of the Commission.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6351-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA, Office of Compliance, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460, Mail code 2223A. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by calling Sandy Farmer of OP at (202) 260–2740.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony Raia at (202) 564–6045, Facsimile Number (202) 564–0050, or raia.anthony@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An

Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

¹The Energy Information Administration will have a total of 20 minutes for its presentation.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which are subject to The National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (Surface Coating) (40 CFR part 63, subpart II).

Title: NESHAP subpart II: Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (Surface Coating), OMB Control #2060–0330 and EPA ICR number 1712.02, expiration date May 31, 1999.

Abstract: The respondents are owners or operators of Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Facilities. Operations covered include: primer and top coat application in manufacturing processes and in ship repair processes. The NESHAP regulation 40 CFR part 63, subpart II, was promulgated on December 15, 1995. The Administrator has determined that Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP) and Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions from Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Facilities cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. In order to ensure compliance with the standards promulgated to protect public health, adequate record keeping and reporting is necessary. In the absence of such information, enforcement personnel would be unable to determine whether the standards are being met on a continuous basis, as required by the Clean Air Act. Record keeping and reporting are mandatory under this regulation. Records must be maintained for 5 years.

Burden Statement: Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Affected facilities must comply with the part 63 General Provisions recordkeeping and reporting requirements including: initial notifications; performance tests; and start-up, shut-down, malfunction reports. In addition there are record keeping and reporting requirements specific to the shipbuilding and repair NESHAP. Owners or operators of

shipbuilding and ship repair facilities to which this regulation is applicable must choose one of the four compliance options described in the final rule or install and monitor a specific control system to control coating emissions and reduce HAP emissions to the compliance level. The rule requires an initial one-time notification from each respondent and subsequent notification every 6 months to indicate their compliance status. At the time of the initial notification each respondent is also required to submit an implementation plan that describes compliance procedures. A respondent is also required to keep necessary records of data to determine compliance with the standards in the regulation. The data must be recorded monthly. A report must be submitted semi-annually by each respondent. There will be an estimated 100 respondents to the information collection requirements.

The total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection averaged over the next 3 years is estimated to be \$26,218 per year. The average burden, per respondent, is 772 hours per year.

Dated: May 14, 1999.

David N. Lyons,

Acting Director, Manufacturing, Energy and Transportation Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6351-2]

Notice of Fourth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This document reschedules the Fourth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force (Task Force) which was postponed from February as published in the Federal Register on February 10, 1999 (64 FR 6652). The purpose of this Task Force, consisting of Federal, State, and Tribal members, is to understand and address nutrient management and hypoxia related issues in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico watersheds. The matters to be discussed at the meeting include six topical scientific reports on an assessment of the causes and consequences of hypoxia in the Gulf of

Mexico, and the work schedule for completion of an Action Plan for addressing hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. The science assessment and the Action Plan were requested by the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (CENR) as required by section 604(a) and 604(b) of Public Law 105–383 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998. The meeting of the Task Force will be open to the public, and the public will be afforded an opportunity to provide input during open discussion periods.

DATES: 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., and optional 6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. session on June 30, 1999; and 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on July 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Memphis Cook Convention Center, 255 N. Main Street, Memphis, TN; (901) 527–7300. The meeting is open to the public and is limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 125 people. The optional session on June 30 will be at Mud Island River Park, 125 North Front Street, Memphis, TN 38103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary Belefski, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), 401 M Street, S.W. (4503F), Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone (202) 260–7061; Internet: belefski.mary@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cost for dinner at the optional session on June 30 is \$15.00 and is limited to the first 75 people who make reservations by June 18, 1999. To make reservations for the optional Mud Island Session, contact Marquietta Davis, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Fairfax, VA 22030, telephone (703) 385–6000.

Dated: May 19, 1999.

Robert Wayland,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6350-7]

Proposed Agreement and Covenant Not To Sue Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)—Chemical Handling Corporation Site, Jefferson County, Colorado

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.