

Comment date: April 8, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 11588 Alaska]

Alaska Power and Telephone Company [Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project]; Notice of Intent To Conduct Environmental Scoping Meetings and a Site Visit

March 27, 1997.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 allows applicants to prepare their own environmental assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) along with their license application as part of the "applicant-prepared EA" process. Alaska Power and Telephone Company (AP&T) intends to prepare an EA to file with the Commission for the proposed Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project, No. 11588. AP&T will hold two scoping meetings, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, to identify the scope of issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Scoping Meetings

The times and locations of the two scoping meetings are:

Public meeting	Agency meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 1997.	Date: Thursday, May 8, 1997.

Public meeting	Agency meeting
Place: National Park Service, Auditorium, Second Avenue, Skagway, Alaska.	Place: U.S. Forest Service, Juneau Ranger District, Confer. Room, Main Building, 8465 Old Dairy Road, Juneau, Alaska.
Time: 7:00 P.M.	Time: 10:00 A.M.

At the scoping meetings, AP&T will: (1) Summarize the tentative environmental issues and concerns on the project, (2) outline those preliminary resources that they believe would not require a detailed analysis, (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA, (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available baseline information, especially quantitative data, on the resource issues, and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including views supporting or opposing AP&T's preliminary views.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend either or both meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions at the meetings, AP&T will prepare and distribute to the participants prior to the meetings, the Initial Consultation Package and Scoping Document 1 for this project. Copies of this scoping document can be obtained by calling Mr. Glen Martin of AP&T at (360) 385-1733, or can be obtained directly at either meeting.

Site Visit

For those who intend to participate in scoping, AP&T will also conduct a site visit to the proposed Otter Creek Project on Tuesday, May 6, 1997. Those attending must meet at the AP&T offices in Skagway, Alaska, 5th and Spring Street by 7:30 AM. We will promptly leave for the project site, via helicopter. Because of the remoteness and difficulty of ground access at the proposed project site, those attending the site visit should be physically fit and must wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Those being shuttled by helicopter to the project site may need to sign a waiver of liability regarding helicopter use.

To plan on helicopter use in advance of the visit, AP&T must identify the number of individuals interested in the site visit. Therefore, if you intend on visiting the proposed project site, you must first register with Mr. Stan Selmer of AP&T in Skagway at (907) 983-2202 no later than April 18, 1997. If

inclement weather prevents a site visit on May 6th, the alternate date will be May 7th at the same time.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting under the APEA process, the Commission will not conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after the application and draft EA are filed with the Commission.

Both scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer, and thus will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project.

Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meetings may instead submit written comments on the project. Written comments should be mailed to: Mr. Glen Martin, Alaska Power and Telephone Company, P.O. Box 222, Port Townsend, Washington 98368. All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page:

Scoping Comments, Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 11588, Alaska

For further information, please contact Mr. Glen Martin at (360) 385-1733 or Mr. Carl Keller of the Commission at (202) 219-2831.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5805-6]

Air Pollution Control; Proposed Actions on Clean Air Act Grants to the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed determination with request for comments and notice of opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. EPA has made a proposed determination under section 105(c) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) that a reduction in expenditures of non-Federal funds for the Monterey Bay Unified County Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD, or "District") in Monterey, California is the result of a non-selective reduction in expenditures. This determination, when final, will permit the MBUAPCD to keep the financial assistance awarded to it by

EPA for FY-96 under section 105(c) of the CAA.

DATES: Comments and/or requests for a public hearing must be received by EPA at the address stated below by May 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments and/or requests for a public hearing should be mailed to: Sara Bartholomew, Grants and Program Integration Office (AIR-8), Air Division, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105-3901; FAX (415) 744-1076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Bartholomew, Grants and Program Integration Office (AIR-8), Air Division, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105-3901 at (415) 744-1250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of Section 105 of the CAA, EPA provides financial assistance (grants) to the MBUAPCD to aid in the operation of its air pollution control programs. In FY-95 EPA awarded the MBUAPCD \$292,856, which represented approximately 8% of the District's budget. In FY-96, EPA awarded the MBUAPCD \$272,869, which represented approximately 7% of the District's budget.

Section 105(c)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7405(c)(1), provides that "[n]o agency shall receive any grant under this section during any fiscal year when its expenditures of non-Federal funds for recurrent expenditures for air pollution control programs will be less than its expenditures were for such programs during the preceding fiscal year. In order for [EPA] to award grants under this section in a timely manner each fiscal year, [EPA] shall compare an agency's prospective expenditure level to that of its second preceding year." EPA may still award financial assistance to an agency not meeting this requirement, however, if EPA, "after notice and opportunity for public hearing, determines that a reduction in expenditures is attributable to a non-selective reduction in the expenditures in the programs of all Executive branch agencies of the applicable unit of Government." CAA section 105(c)(2). These statutory requirements are repeated in EPA's implementing regulations at 40 CFR 35.210(a).

In its FY-96 section 105 application, which EPA reviewed in early 1996, the MBUAPCD projected expenditures of non-Federal funds for recurrent expenditures (or its maintenance of effort (MOE)) of \$2,873,212. This MOE would have been sufficient to meet the MOE requirements of the CAA because it was not lower than the FY-95 MOE

of \$2,828,502. In November of 1996, however, the MBUAPCD submitted to EPA documentation which shows that its actual FY-96 MOE was \$2,701,629. This amount represents a shortfall of \$126,873 from the MOE for FY-95. In order for the District to be eligible to keep its FY-96 grant, EPA must make a determination under § 105(c)(2).

The MBUAPCD is a single-purpose agency whose primary source of funding is permit fee revenue. Fees associated with permits issued by the MBUAPCD go directly to the district to fund its operations. It is the "unit of Government" for section 105(c)(2) purposes. The MBUAPCD submitted documentation to EPA which shows that in 1995 and 1996 air permit fee revenues decreased because of declining economic conditions which caused the business community to curtail operations, resulting in fewer permits issued and fees collected. As a result, the MBUAPCD's overall budget and its MOE decreased. The MBUAPCD also submitted documentation to EPA which shows that over the past four years the District instituted a number of cost cutting measures, including reductions in hiring, equipment purchases, and contract costs.

In summary, the MBUAPCD's MOE reductions resulted from budget cuts stemming from a loss of fee revenues due to circumstances beyond the District's control. EPA proposes to determine that the MBUAPCD's lower FY-96 MOE level meets the section 105(c)(2) criteria as resulting from a non-selective reduction of expenditures. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 35.210, this determination will allow the MBUAPCD to keep the funds received from EPA for FY-96.

This notice constitutes a request for public comment and an opportunity for public hearing as required by the Clean Air Act. All written comments received by May 2, 1997 on this proposal will be considered. EPA will conduct a public hearing on this proposal only if a written request for such is received by EPA at the address above by May 2, 1997.

If no written request for a hearing is received, EPA will proceed to the final determination. While notice of the final determination will not be published in the **Federal Register**, copies of the determination can be obtained by sending a written request to Sara Bartholomew at the above address.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

Amy Zimpfer,

Acting Director, Air Division, U.S. EPA, Region 9.

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Public Meetings of the Urban Wet Weather Flows Advisory Committee, the Storm Water Phase II Advisory Subcommittee, and the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Advisory Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has cancelled the Storm Water Phase II Advisory Subcommittee meeting scheduled for April 17-18, 1997 at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland. This meeting was listed in the **Federal Register** of February 10, 1997.

The next public meeting for the Storm Water Phase II Advisory Subcommittee is June 12-13, 1997 at the Doubletree Hotel Park Terrace in Washington, DC. Details for this meeting are in the **Federal Register** of February 10, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Sharie Centilla, Office of Wastewater Management, at (202) 260-6052 or Internet: centilla.sharie@epamail.epa.gov

Dated: March 26, 1997.

Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Designated Federal Official.

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[OPP-30351B; FRL-5597-4]

Rohm and Haas Company; Approval of Pesticide Product Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of applications submitted by Rohm and Haas Co., to conditionally register the pesticide products Thiazopyr Technical Herbicide and Visor 2E Herbicide containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(7)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.