

- (a) By order approve such proposed rule change or
- (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of ISCC. All submissions should refer to the file number (ISCC-96-05) and should be submitted by June 6, 1997.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2544]

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; International Harmonization of Chemical Safety and Health Information

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES); Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting regarding Government Activities on International Harmonization of Chemical Classification and Labeling Systems.

SUMMARY: This public meeting follows the close of the comment period on this subject on June 2, 1997. The **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997 contained

Department of State Public Notice 2526 on pages 15951-15957. Please refer to the notice for more complete information on the harmonization process. The meeting will offer the opportunity for interested organizations and individuals to provide information and views for consideration in the development of U.S. government policy positions in follow-up to the above-mentioned **Federal Register** notice.

The date of the meeting is June 5, 1997. It will be held at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC, in room S4215ABC. Use the entrance at C and Third Streets, NW. To facilitate entry, please have a picture ID available and/or a U.S. government building pass if applicable. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and is scheduled to last two hours.

Participants in the meeting may submit written comments as well as speak on topics relating to harmonization of chemical classification and labeling systems. Representatives of the following agencies will participate in the meeting: The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of State, Department of Commerce, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Agriculture, U.S. Trade Representative, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The agenda will include an update on the progress of harmonization efforts, comments received in response to the April 3 **Federal Register** notice, and a review of upcoming international meetings.

For further information, please contact Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20520, Phone: (202) 647-9278, fax: (202) 647-5947.

Comments in writing may be submitted to Ms. Lowe at the address or fax number provided above.

Dated: May 8, 1997.

Michael Metelits,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2542]

Shipping Coordinating Committee Council and Associated Bodies; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, in Room 1103, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the 78th session of the Council and the 44th Session of the Technical Cooperation Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which are scheduled for June 23-27, 1997, at IMO Headquarters in London. At the meeting, discussions will focus on papers received and draft U.S. positions. Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- a. Reports of the IMO committees.
- b. Review of the IMO technical cooperation activities.
- c. Relations with the United Nations.
- d. Reports for World Maritime University and International Maritime Law Institute.
- e. Work program and budget for 1998-1999.
- f. Administrative and financial matters.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Gene F. Hammel, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-CI), 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 2114, Washington, DC 20593-0001, by calling: (202) 267-2280, or by faxing: (202) 267-4588.

Dated: May 6, 1997.

Russell A. LaMantia,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2540]

Preparation of Special Report on the Regional Impacts of Climate Change

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, State.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of draft report and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has prepared a Special Report on the Regional Impacts of Climate Change. The IPCC Secretariat requires comments on this report from

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

national governments so that the Secretariat can meet its obligations to member governments of the IPCC. The U.S. Government is expected to receive its copy of the draft assessment for formal government comment on or about April 30, 1997. The U.S. Subcommittee on Global Change Research (SGCR) is handling the gathering of comments to be considered in the preparation of the formal comments by the United States Government. Through this notice, the SGCR is announcing the availability of the report and is requesting comments on the draft report by May 27, 1997 from experts and interested groups and individuals. These comments will be reviewed, combined, and incorporated as appropriate, in the process of preparing the set of official U.S. comments to the IPCC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was jointly established in 1988 by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization to conduct periodic assessments of the state of knowledge concerning global climate change. The IPCC has formed working groups to study various aspects of climate change. Working Group I addresses the state of the science concerning what is happening and is projected to happen to the climate; Working Group II addresses the state of the science concerning (i) vulnerability to and impacts of climate change and (ii) adaptation and mitigation strategies; and Working Group III addresses the state of science and understanding concerning economics and cross-cutting issues associated with climate change. Since finishing the Second Assessment Report in late 1995, the IPCC has undertaken four Special Reports (covering the regional impacts of climate change, emission scenarios, aviation and the global atmosphere and technology transfer) and several technical papers.

Report Outline

Foreword

Summary for Policymakers

1. Introduction
2. Africa
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11. Tropical Monsoon Asia
12. Synthesis (if deemed necessary)

Annexes:

- A. Observed Changes in Regional Climate
- B. Simulation of Regional Climate Change with Global Coupled Climate Models and Regional Modeling Techniques
- C. Simulated Changes in Vegetation Distribution

Public Input Process

The member countries of the IPCC have established a timetable that includes a brief period for comments from governments so that the IPCC Secretariat can meet its obligations for a timely completion of this Special Report. The Subcommittee on Global Change Research is responsible for coordinating preparation of the U.S. Government response, and through this notice is seeking the views of experts and interested groups and individuals to help in the formulation of its response. Comments that are provided will be reviewed, integrated, and used, as appropriate, in the preparation of the official U.S. comments. An information sheet providing specific requests for formatting submissions will be provided with each distribution of a chapter. In this review process, the emphasis should be on providing detailed recommendations for changes or modifications in specific chapters for which the reviewer has established expertise or interest. To be most useful, comments should be specific in suggesting wording changes to the text of a particular paragraph or chapter and, where appropriate, offer supporting information and peer-reviewed references supporting the proposed changes. Comments on the overall tone and scientific validity of the chapter and comments expressing agreement and disagreement with specific major points in the Executive Summary of the chapters are also solicited; however, comments without specific suggestions for changes are of limited help in improving the chapters.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before May 27, 1997. The deadline cannot be extended because the member countries of the IPCC have established a strict timetable for the review process and the U.S. Government requires time for development of its formal comments.

Distribution Process: Full copies of this report will be sent to all SGCR agencies and will be available upon request to scientific reviewers and to organizations and companies with the expectation that review comments will be provided for use in developing the official U.S. Government response. Copies of specific chapters will be sent to nominated chapter coordinators and

reviewers. The North America Chapter will be available by regular mail, by facsimile, or as an e-mail attachment in a format that will preserve line numbers; figures and tables will be available for viewing over the Internet, linked to the USGCRP Home Page: www.usgcrp.gov. Persons requesting mailed copies (by express mail) may be requested to provide an account number to cover expenses.

ADDRESSES: Copies of individual chapters can be requested by sending an e-mail to USG.IPCC.Review.RegImp@usgcrp.gov, by sending a fax to the USGCRP Office (202-358-4103) or by sending a letter to the USGCRP Office (300 E St., SW., Code YS-1, Washington, DC 20546). Comments should be submitted, preferably by e-mail, to the same e-mail address

(USG.IPCC.Review.RegImp@usgcrp.gov). A list of chapters making up the report is included with this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Taylor, Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program, at tel: 202-358-1299.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

Rafe Pomerance,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Development, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Proposed Construction of United States Penitentiary, Lee Pennington Gap, Virginia

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

ACTION: Issuance of record of decision.

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR 1500 to 1508) and TVA's implementing procedures. TVA has decided to adopt the preferred alternative in the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons' final environmental impact statement (FEIS), "Final Environmental Impact Statement, United States Penitentiary, Lee, Pennington Gap, Virginia." The FEIS was made available to the public in October 1996. A Notice of Availability of the FEIS was published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 1996 (61 FR 55294). The preferred alternative is to construct and operate a high-security United States Penitentiary