

this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Transco. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Seven perennial waterbodies would be crossed by the Alabama portion of the project.
- About 2.5 miles of wetlands in Alabama and Georgia would be disturbed.
- Construction may affect water wells, structures, and other utilities.
- About 61.2 acres of forest would be cleared.
- About 36 residences would be within 50 feet of the proposed construction work area.
- Additional compression would be constructed at Compressor Station 125 in Walton County, Georgia.

Public Participation

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 locations/routes), 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:

- Send two copies of your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP97-331-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 30, 1997.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA 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 and filings by other intervenors. 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 2).

You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5853-5]

Clean Air Act Advisory Committee: Accident Prevention Subcommittee's RMP Implementation Workgroup; Series of Conference Call Meetings; July 1997–August 1998

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) requires covered facilities to develop risk management programs to prevent accidental releases of dangerous chemicals. Facilities are to submit risk management plans (RMPs) to a central location by June 1999. The RMPs will be electronically available to State and local governments and citizens to help them understand local chemical hazards and take steps to prevent accidents.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee of the CAA Advisory Committee was established in September 1996 to provide EPA with advice and counsel on scientific and technical aspects of CAA section 112(r). In October 1996, the Accident Prevention Subcommittee established the Electronic Submission Workgroup which submitted its final recommendations report on June 18, 1997. At its May 9th meeting, the Accident Prevention Subcommittee established a second workgroup, the RMP Implementation Workgroup, to ensure that all stakeholders have the tools they need to implement a risk management program under CAA section 112(r).

The RMP Implementation Workgroup will identify activities that must be undertaken and products that must be developed. Additionally, the Workgroup will make recommendations to EPA and the Accident Prevention Subcommittee about the best methods for carrying out these activities. The Workgroup will work with EPA to ensure that products are developed and issues are addressed within appropriate time frames.

At a minimum the Workgroup will address the following:

1. Implementation guidance
2. Audit protocol and guidance
3. General guidance for industry
4. Technical (i.e., offsite consequence analysis) guidance
5. RMP*Info, RMP*Submit
6. Training
7. General duty clause guidance
8. Model RMP guidances
9. Outreach & communications strategy
10. Guidance for LEPCs
 - A. Technical guidance
 - B. How to use RMP information
11. Risk communication guidance
12. Qualified third party review (e.g., ISO 14001)
13. Response planning (integrated contingency planning)

The Workgroup will include 30–35 members, with balanced membership from the following organizations: States, local government and LEPCs, industry, environmentalists, non-profits, EPA CEPPPO (HQ and Regions), other EPA offices, and other groups.

DATES: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given that the RMP Implementation Workgroup will hold the following monthly, two-hour meetings (all Eastern time). All meetings are open to the public. The Workgroup will begin meeting on July 22, 1997 and will complete its work by December 1998.

- (1) July 22, 1997—1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- (2) August 20, 1997—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (2) September 17, 1997—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (3) October 15, 1997—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (4) November 19, 1997—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (5) December 17, 1997—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (6) January 21, 1998—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (7) February 18, 1998—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (8) March 18, 1998—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (9) April 15, 1998—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (10) May 20, 1998—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (11) June 17, 1998—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (12) July 15, 1998—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (13) August 19, 1998—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All Workgroup meetings will be held at EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC. The July 22, 1997

meeting will be held at EPA Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington Information Center (WIC) Room 4 South. Future meeting locations are yet to be determined and will be announced 1 week prior to each meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Members of the public desiring additional information about these meetings should contact Kate Narburgh, US EPA (5104), 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460, via the Internet at: narburgh.kate@epamail.epa.gov, by telephone at (202) 260-8247 or FAX at (202) 260-7906.

Additional information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee and its workgroups are available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/rmp-wg.html>.

If you would like to automatically receive future information on the RMP Implementation Workgroup by e-mail, please send an e-mail to Karen Shanahan at: shanahan.karen@epamail.epa.gov requesting to be put on the e-mail list for this group.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

Karen Shanahan,
Designated Federal Official.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-42192A; FRL-5730-7]

Endocrine Disruptors; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the fourth meeting of the Endocrine Disruptors Screening and Testing Advisory Committee (EDSTAC), a committee established under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to advise EPA on a strategy for screening chemicals and pesticides for their potential to disrupt endocrine function in humans and wildlife.

Preceding the EDSTAC plenary, EPA's Region V will sponsor a one day symposium that focuses on issues regarding endocrine disruptors in the Great Lakes.

DATES: The EDSTAC Plenary meeting will begin on Tuesday, July 15, at 9 a.m. and adjourn on Wednesday, July 16, at 4 p.m. The Great Lakes Endocrine Disruptor Symposium will be held on

Monday, July 14, from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ambassador West Hotel, 1300 North State Parkway, Chicago, IL 60610. The telephone number at the hotel is 312-787-3700 or 800-300-WEST. The fax number is 312-640-2967.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information about the EDSTAC, contact Dr. Anthony Maciorowski (telephone: 202-260-3048; e-mail:

maciorowski.tony@epamail.epa.gov) or Mr. Gary Timm (telephone 202-260-1859; e-mail:

tim.gary@epamail.epa.gov) at EPA. To obtain additional information please contact the contractor assisting EPA with meeting facilitation and logistics: Ms. Tutti Otteson, The Keystone Center, P.O. Box 8606, Keystone, CO 80435; telephone: 970-468-5822; fax: 970-262-0152; e-mail: totteson@keystone.org.

For information about the Great Lakes Endocrine Disruptor Symposium contact Michele Anthony (telephone: 312-886-4306; e-mail: anthony.michele@epamail.epa.gov; or Laura Pullen (telephone: 312-886-0138; e-mail: pullen.lara@epamail.epa.gov; fax 312-886-2737) at EPA's Region V in Chicago, IL.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA's Region V, in Chicago has organized an educational symposium on endocrine disruption issues. The purpose of this event is to create a forum on endocrine disruptors in the Great Lakes community, including state agencies and EPA's Region V, in order to facilitate discussion among stakeholders on this important topic.

Members of the public should be aware that while this symposium is taking place in advance of the EDSTAC plenary meeting, and is being held at the same location as the EDSTAC meeting, the two events are independent of one another.

The following are proposed agenda items for the Great Lakes Symposium:

Monday, July 14, 1997

1. A scientific overview of endocrine disruption.
2. The EDSTAC process.
3. An environmental group perspective on the state of science.
4. The industry perspective.
5. Ecological research.
6. Epidemiology.
7. State environmental agency perspective.
8. State health department perspective.
9. Tribal perspective.

10. Panel discussion.

EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances is taking the lead for the Agency on endocrine disruption screening and testing required by recent legislation (i.e., reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act and passage of the Food Quality Protection Act) and has formed an advisory committee (EDSTAC) to provide advice and counsel to the Agency on a strategy to screen and test endocrine disrupting chemicals and pesticides in humans, fish and wildlife. The third EDSTAC meeting was held on April 29-30, 1997 (62 FR 22941, April 28, 1997)(FRL-5714-6).

The following proposed agenda items for the EDSTAC plenary are:

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

1. Reaffirmation of consensus goal of the EDSTAC.
2. Presentation/Discussion of issues, options, and draft recommendations of the Priority Setting Work Group (PSWG).
3. Presentation of issues, options, and draft recommendations of the Screening and Testing Work Group (STWG).
4. Public Comment Session.EDSTAC

Wednesday, July 16, 1997

1. Discussion of issues, options, and draft recommendations of the Screening and Testing Work Group (STWG).
2. Update and discussion of activities of the Communications and Outreach Work Group (COWG).
3. Reflections on the EDSTAC schedule, timelines, and decisions about next steps.
4. Feedback on the Chicago plenary meeting and EDSTAC process in general.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

Susan H. Wayland,
Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5854-6]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council Occurrence & Contaminant Selection 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 conference call for the Occurrence & Contaminant Selection Working