

measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

*Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

*Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;

*Reference Docket No. CP98-250-000; and

*Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 24, 1998.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. 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 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. 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). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed having ended on March 26, 1998. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

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

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5989-9]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology: Full Council Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a two-day meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues. This meeting will begin with a plenary session and is being held to initiate the work of three standing committees: The Reinvention Criteria Committee, the Environmental Information and Public Access Committee, and the Environmental Capital Markets Committee.

The Reinvention Criteria Committee will provide advice and recommendations to EPA on criteria to measure the progress and success of improving public confidence, fostering flexibility and environmental innovation, and increasing accountability for environmental results. This committee will also provide advice on how EPA can promote an internal culture change that goes beyond specific reinvention programs and incorporates reinvention philosophies into general EPA practices, and identify a mechanism that EPA can use to ensure management accountability for reinvention programs.

The Environmental Information and Public Access Committee will focus on providing stakeholder input into key information management infrastructure issues, including: access to, and validation of environmental statistics; the long-term role of the Center for Environmental Information & Statistics and how it fits within the Agency's current information management model; updating of the Agency's information management strategic plan; implementation of legislation in EPA such as the Government Performance & Results and the Paperwork Reduction Act; the expanded role of the Chief Information Officer, and other key information management strategies.

The Environmental Capital Markets Committee will provide stakeholder inputs on the potential utility of using Environmental Management Systems as an investment service. The ultimate goal

of the committee is to identify concrete actions EPA can take, on its own or in cooperation with other Federal and State agencies to help the financial services industry incorporate environmental information into its decision-making process.

DATES: The two-day public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, April 22, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On both days, the meeting will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia.

ADDRESSES: Material or written comments may be transmitted to the Council through Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer, NACEPT, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601-F), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwendolyn Whitt at the address shown above and 202-260-9484.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

Gwendolyn Whitt,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5990-1]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given that a proposed administrative cost recovery settlement concerning the Del Norte County Pesticide Storage Area Superfund Site ("Site") in Crescent City, California was executed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on February 5, 1998. The State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC") is also a party to the settlement. The settlement resolves EPA's and DTSC's claims under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, against the following Respondents:

Arcata Corporation; Estate of Hilding Lovenborg; Theodore Lovenborg; Palmer Westbrook, Inc.; John Palmer Westbrook; Robert H. Stanhurst, Inc.; Robert H. Stanhurst; Smith River Farms, Inc.; Harry Harms; Robert K. Hastings; Stephen Hastings; Crockett United Lily Growers, Inc., formerly known as United Lily Growers, Inc.; Davy Crockett; E. Joyce Crockett; and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. The settlement was entered into under the authority granted EPA in Section 122(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h), and requires the Respondents to pay a total of \$675,000 (\$405,000 to the U.S. EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund and \$270,000 to the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control) in settlement of past response costs incurred by EPA and DTSC in connection with the Site.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the following location: U.S. EPA Region 9 Records Center, 95 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, California.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement as set forth in the Agreement for Recovery of Response Costs, CERCLA Docket No. 98-01, is available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the address provided above. A copy of the Agreement may be obtained from Kim Muratore (SFD-7-B), U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, California, 94105. Comments regarding the proposed settlement should be addressed to Ms. Muratore at the address provided above, and should reference the Del Norte Superfund Site, EPA CERCLA Docket No. 98-01.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Muratore (415) 744-2373 at the above listed address.

Dated: March 26, 1998.

Michael Feeley,

Acting Director, Superfund Division, EPA Region 9.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-40031; FRL-5782-2]

Conditional Exemptions from TSCA Section 4 Test Rules

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is granting conditional exemptions from Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) section 4 test rule requirements to certain manufacturers of chemical substances subject to these rules.

DATES: These conditional exemptions are effective on April 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-543B, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document grants conditional exemptions from TSCA section 4 test rule requirements to all manufacturers of the chemical substances identified below that submitted exemption applications in accordance with 40 CFR 790.80. In each case, EPA has received a letter of intent to conduct the testing from which exemption is sought. Accordingly, the Agency has conditionally approved these exemption applications because the conditions set out in 40 CFR 790.87 have been met. All conditional exemptions thus granted are contingent upon successful completion of testing and submission of data by the

test sponsors according to the requirements of the applicable test rule.

If the test requirements are not met and EPA terminates a conditional exemption under 40 CFR 790.93, the Agency will notify each holder of an affected conditional exemption by certified mail or by a **Federal Register** document. This conditional approval applies to all manufacturers that submitted exemption applications for testing of the chemical substances named in the final test rules listed below from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997. Any application received after December 31, 1997, will be addressed separately.

Testing reimbursement periods have terminated (sunset) for certain chemicals and for these chemicals, exemption notices are no longer required. In accordance with 40 CFR 790.45, before the end of the reimbursement period, persons subject to a test rule and required to comply with the requirements of the test rule, must submit either a letter of intent to test or an exemption application. "Reimbursement period," as defined in 40 CFR 791.3, refers to a period that begins when the data from the last non-duplicative test to be completed under a test rule is submitted to EPA, and ends after an amount of time equal to that which had been required to develop that data or after 5 years, whichever is later.

Exemption applications that were received by EPA for diethylene glycol butyl ether (CAS No. 112-34-5), diethylenetriamine (CAS No. 111-40-0), and 2-mercaptobenzothiazole (CAS No. 149-30-4) were not required at the time they were submitted because the chemicals have a completed testing program, the reimbursement periods have sunset, and the chemicals are no longer subject to TSCA section 4 reporting requirements. Exemption applications received by EPA after the chemical's sunset date do not appear in this document. Conditional exemptions granted in 1997 are listed below:

Chemicals	CAS No.	40 CFR citation	Company
Tributyl phosphate	126-73-8	799.4360	ICI Paints North America, Strongsville, OH
Isopropanol	67-63-0	799.2325	The Dexter Corporation, Windsor Locks, CT
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	799.5075	3V Inc., Georgetown, SC