

i. *Expiration date of current license:* June 30, 2003.

j. *The project consists of:* (1) a 34-foot-high, 450-foot-long concrete gravity dam comprising (a) a 100-foot-long nonoverflow section, and (b) a 236-foot-long gated section containing eight 19-foot by 26-foot Taintor gates; (2) a 250-foot-long earthen dike; (3) a 758-acre reservoir at normal pool elevation of 1,419.3 feet U.S.G.S.; (4) an integral powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 3,000 kW; (5) a 5.5-mile-long, 44-kV transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Tenneco Packaging, N9090 County Road E, Tomahawk, WI 54487, (715) 453-2131.

l. *FERC contact:* Tom Dean (202) 219-2778.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by June 30, 2001.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM93-11-000]

Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992; Notice of Annual Change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods, Minus One Percent

May 11, 1998.

The Commission's regulations include a methodology for oil pipelines to change their rates through use of an index system that establishes ceiling levels for such rates. The index system as set forth at 18 CFR 342.3 is based on the annual change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI-FG), minus one percent. The regulations provide that each year the Commission will publish an index reflecting the final change in the PPI-FG, minus one percent, after the final PPI-FG is made available by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in May of each calendar year.

The annual average PPI-FG index figure for 1996 was 131.3 and the annual average PPI-FG index figure for

1997 was 131.8.¹ Thus, the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the annual average PPI-FG from 1996 to 1997, minus one percent, is a negative .006192.² Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998 rate ceiling levels by 0.993808 to compute their rate ceiling levels for the period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d).

To obtain July 1, 1998-June 30, 1999 ceiling levels, pipelines must first calculate their ceiling levels for the January 1, 1995-June 30, 1995 index period, by multiplying their December 31, 1994 rates by 1.002175. Pipelines must then multiply those ceiling levels by 0.996415 to obtain the July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996 ceiling levels, multiply the July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996 ceiling levels by 1.009124 to obtain the July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997 ceiling levels and multiply the July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997 ceiling levels by 1.016583 to obtain the July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998 ceiling levels. Finally, pipelines must multiply the July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998 ceiling levels by 0.993808 to obtain the July 1, 1998-June 30, 1999 ceiling levels. See Explorer Pipeline Company, 71 FERC ¶ 61,416 at n.6 (1995) for an explanation of how ceiling levels must be calculated.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-100138; FRL-5774-9]

Geologics Corporation; Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice to certain persons who have submitted information to EPA in connection with pesticide information requirements imposed under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Geologics Corporation has been awarded a contract to perform work for the EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, and will be provided access

to certain information submitted to EPA under FIFRA and the FFDCA. Some of this information may have been claimed to be confidential business information (CBI) by submitters. This information will be transferred to Geologics Corporation consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2), and will enable Geologics to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: Geologics Corporation will be given access to this information no sooner than May 20, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: C. Jean Sadlowe, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 230, Crystal Mall 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5362; e-mail: sadlowe.jean@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Contract No. 68-D4-0024, Geologics Corporation will perform reviews of production data for pesticide producing establishments and annual pesticide production reports in support of program activities, and to provide related technical support to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance in the development of alternative training methods for the Section Seven Tracking System (SSTS). Geologics Corporation will require read only access to the system under the terms of this contract. This contract involves no subcontractors.

The Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and Office of Pesticide Programs have jointly determined that the contract herein described involves work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, in that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under this contract. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of the FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3), the contract with Geologics Corporation, prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in the contract; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release

¹ The final figures for the annual average PPI-FG is published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in mid-May of each year. This figure is publicly available from the Division of Industrial Prices and Prices Indexes of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, at (202) 606-7705, and is available in print in August in Table 1 of the annual data supplement to the BLS publication *Producer Price Indexes*.

² $[131.8 - 131.3] / 131.3 = .003808 - .01 = -.006192$.

and to handle it in accordance with the FIFRA Information Security Manual. In addition, Geologics Corporation is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to this contractor until the above requirements have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to this contractor will be maintained by the Project Officers for this contract in the EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

All information supplied to Geologics Corporation by EPA for use in connection with this contract will be returned to EPA when Geologics Corporation has completed its work.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Transfer of data.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Richard D. Schmitt,

Acting Director, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5491-9]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 27, 1998 Through May 01, 1998 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-COE-E35084-NC Rating EO2, Randleman Lake and Dam Project, Construction, Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA), Deep River, Guilford and Randolph Counties, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objection to the proposed water supply reservoir, because hazardous materials present in the groundwater would potentially

contaminate this water with chlorinated solvents and the abandoned Seaboard Chemical Plant would be situated in the reservoir pool and buffer zone. These sites are undergoing remediation studies by the North Carolina DEHNR. EPA requested that the COE grant its Section 404 permit only on condition that DEHNR guarantee that the Lake would be suitable for its intended purpose, i.e., water supply; and that any on-going remediation studies be completed prior to construction.

ERP No. D-COE-E36176-FL Rating EC2, C-51 West End Flood Control Project, Implementation To Improve the Level of Flood Control, Central and Southern Florida Project, Palm Beach County, FL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern about the efficacy of the proposed stormwater treatment area, as well as the potential long-term environmental consequences of this proposal. EPA suggested that additional data needs to be collected/evaluated to determine the significance of these issues.

ERP No. D-COE-K36123-CA Rating EC2, South Sacramento County Streams Investigation, Proposed to Increase Flood Protection, Non-Federal Sponsor, Sacramento Waste Water Treatment Plant and along portions of Morrison, Elder, Unionhouse and Florin Creeks, Sacramento County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding air quality mitigation, which may be required by the Corps' upcoming conformity determination, reflected in the draft EIS. EPA urged the Corps to finalize the project's conformity review prior to completion of the final EIS. EPA also expressed concern that the draft EIS did not discuss potential cumulative impacts to the Morrison Creek watershed, particularly impacts associated with sand and gravel mining that is subject to Corps regulatory jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act Section 404. EPA is concerned that the draft EIS did not address pollution prevention mechanisms to the extent recommended in guidance to Federal agencies by the Council on Environmental Quality.

ERP No. D-FRC-B03006-00 Rating EO2, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNCTS)/Maritimes Phase I Joint Facilities Project, NPDES Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Dracut, MA; Wells, ME and NH.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections to the pipeline proposal from the standpoint of growth inducing impacts and the absence of a planning policy and decision-making process (or guidance) for the evaluation

of proposed tie-ins to the pipeline. EPA requested additional information concerning impacts to wetlands containing significant amphibian breeding habitat and impacts of the pipeline to existing and potential wellhead protection areas. EPA also questioned FERC's rationale for analyzing the Phase I Joint Facilities project independent of the other portions of a larger pipeline facility throughout New England.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-G67003-NM, Little Rock Open-Pit Mine Project, Construction and Operation, Plan of Operations Approval, and several Permits Issuance, Grant County, NM.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory.

ERP No. F-DOA-G31002-TX, Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Conservation Plan, Renovation and Installation, Funding, Medina Lake, Bexar, Medina and Atascosa Counties, TX.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory.

ERP No. F-FHW-B59000-RI, Newport Marine Facilities Project, To Develop the Marine Mode of the Intermodal Gateway Transportation Center, Selected siting in various locations within the City of Newport, Towns of Middletown and Portsmouth, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit and US Coast Guard Permit, Aquidneck Island, RI.

Summary: EPA had no additional comments regarding the proposed action.

ERP No. F-FRC-B05184-ME, Lower Penobscot River Basin Hydroelectric Project, Application for Licensing for three hydroelectric project: Basin Mills (FERC. NO. 10981), Stillwater (FERC. No. 2712) and Milford (FERC. No. 2534), Penobscot County, ME.

Summary: EPA supported the FERC staff's recommendation not to construct the Basin Mills dam and believes that the staff recommendation is an appropriate outcome to the NEPA process given the serious direct, indirect and commutative environmental impacts associated with dam construction and the inconsistency of the proposal with the public interest and state and federal regulations. Additionally, EPA agreed with FERC staff recommendations to implement various mitigation proposals for the Veazie, Orono, Milford and Stillwater projects.

ERP No. F-FRC-B05189-ME, Kennebec River Basin Hydroelectric