

*cooperating agency status*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's rules of practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Motions to intervene and protests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

l. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

m. The existing Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) A 1,050 acre reservoir; (2) a 110-foot-long earth embankment dam; (3) a 46.5-foot-long powerhouse with 2 hydroelectric turbines; (4) a 172-foot-long spillway with six bays, each with a 6-foot by 8-foot sluice gate; (5) a 380-foot-long earth embankment; (6) a 175-foot-long emergency spillway; (7) two vertical shaft turbine/generator units with an installed capacity of 1,920 kilowatts at normal pool elevation; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The project operates run-of-river with a normal reservoir elevation maintained between 684.4 and 684.9 feet MSL. Average annual generation between 1995 and 2000 has been 8,664 megawatt-hours. Generated power is sold to Detroit Power. No new facilities are proposed.

n. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

o. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210,

385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7397-7]

### Gulf of Mexico Program Policy Review Board

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of charter renewal.

The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program Policy Review Board (GMPPRB) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2 section 9(c). The purpose of GMPPRB is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with plans to improve and protect the water quality and living resources of the Gulf of Mexico.

It is determined that GMPPRB is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Inquiries may be directed to Gloria Car, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, Gulf of Mexico Program Office (*Mail Code*: EPA/GMPO), Stennis Space

Center, MS, 39529, Telephone (228) 688-2421, or [car.gloria@epa.gov](mailto:car.gloria@epa.gov).

Dated: October 15, 2002.

**Gloria D. Car,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7398-2]

### Meetings of the Small Systems Affordability Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 10(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meetings of the Small Systems Affordability Work Group, of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*).

**DATES:** The affordability work group will meet on November 7-8, 2002 (9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on November 7 and 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on November 8), then on December 18-19, 2002 (9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on December 18 and 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on December 19), and again on January 13-14, 2003 (9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on January 13 and 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on January 14).

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at RESOLVE Inc., 1255 23rd Street, NW., Suite 275, Washington, DC and are open to the public, but from past experience, seating will likely be limited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information on the location and times of these meetings, or general background information please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (phone: 800-426-4791 or (703) 285-1093; e-mail: [hotline-sdwa@epa.gov](mailto:hotline-sdwa@epa.gov)). Members of the public are requested to contact RESOLVE if they plan on attending at (202) 944-2300. Any person needing special accommodations at either of these meetings, including wheelchair access, should contact RESOLVE (contact information previously noted), at least five business days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For technical information contact Mr. Amit Kapadia, Designated Federal Officer, Small Systems Affordability Work Group, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and

Drinking Water (4607M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 (e-mail: [kapadia.amit@epa.gov](mailto:kapadia.amit@epa.gov); Tel: 202-564-4879).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of the 2002 appropriations process, Congress directed EPA to "begin immediately to review the Agency's affordability criteria and how small system variance and exemption programs should be implemented for arsenic" (Conference Report 107-272, page 175). Congress further directed the Agency to prepare a report, which EPA submitted (Report to Congress: Small System Arsenic Implementation Issues: EPA 815-R-02-003), "on its review of the affordability criteria and the administrative actions undertaken or planned to be undertaken by the Agency, as well as potential funding mechanisms for small community compliance and other legislative actions, which, if taken by the Congress, would best achieve appropriate extensions of time for small communities while also guaranteeing maximum compliance." (Conference Report 107-272, page 175).

In evaluating treatment technologies for small systems, EPA currently uses an affordability threshold of 2.5% of median household income. EPA's national-level affordability criteria consist of two major components: an expenditure baseline and an affordability threshold. The expenditure baseline (derived from annual median household water bills) is subtracted from the affordability threshold (a share of median household income that EPA believes to be a reasonable upper limit for these water bills) to determine the expenditure margin (the maximum increase in household water bills that can be imposed by treatment and still be considered affordable). EPA compares the cost of treatment technologies against the available expenditure margin to determine if an affordable compliance technology can be identified. If EPA cannot identify an affordable compliance technology, then it attempts to identify a variance technology. Findings must be made at both the Federal and State level that compliance technologies are not affordable for small systems before a variance can be granted.

EPA is asking the NDWAC for advice on its national-level affordability criteria and the methodology used to establish these criteria. Taking into consideration the structure of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the limitations of readily available data and information sources, EPA is seeking the Council's opinion of

the national level affordability criteria, methodology for deriving the criteria, and approach to applying those criteria to NPDWRs.

As part of the Council's review of EPA's national-level affordability criteria, the Agency is seeking input on (1) the Agency's overall approach, (2) alternatives, if any, to the use of median household income as a metric, (3) alternatives, if any, to 2.5% as a metric, (4) alternatives, if any, to calculating the expenditure baseline, (5) the usefulness of a separate criteria for ground and surface water systems, (6) including an evaluation of the potential availability of financial assistance, and (7) the need for making affordability determinations on a regional basis. Other issue areas may also be discussed. The meeting is open to the public; statements from the public will be taken at the close of the meeting. EPA is not soliciting written comments and is not planning to formally respond to comments.

This will be the third, fourth, and fifth work group meetings on this topic. At the first meeting held on September 11-12, the work group was briefed by EPA on the approach to affordability taken by the Agency. At the first meeting, the work group also devised an approach to answer the Agency's charge questions. For the second work group meeting (to be held on October 21-22), other technical experts on financial assistance have been invited to speak. The purpose of these last three meetings is to continue the workgroup deliberations and to draft a report for the full National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0275; FRL-7276-8]

### Hydrogenated Starch Hydrolysate; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish an Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain

pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0275 must be received on or before November 22, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Treva Alston, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8373; e-mail address: [alston.treva@epa.gov](mailto:alston.treva@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

#### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111)
- Animal production (NAICS code 112)
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311)
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532)

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0275. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information