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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Product Chemistry Data

The proposed program entails self-certification of certain product chemistry data of manufacturing-use products and end-use products produced by a non-integrated formulation system. Products eligible for self-certification are formulated from registered sources. This program is voluntary and is intended to simplify and accelerate the processing of applications for registration and reregistration while maintaining protection of public health and the environment.

Under the self-certification program, applicants will submit a one-page summary of the product's physical/chemical characteristics, a self-certification statement, and a Good Laboratory Practices statement, but will no longer be required to submit the supporting data for those studies. However, registrants must retain in their possession studies conducted in substantial conformity with Agency guidelines and must submit such studies if requested by EPA. The requirements pertaining to the physical/chemical characteristics for chemical pesticides are outlined in a table under 40 CFR 158.190.

This Federal Register notice announces the availability of the draft PR Notice and solicits comment on the proposed policy. If, after reviewing any comments, EPA determines that changes to the Notice are warranted, the Agency will revise the draft PR Notice prior to release.

II. Acute Toxicity Data

In May 1996, EPA proposed a program whereby industry would self-certify the results of acute toxicity studies and product labeling for

products in Category III and IV [Notice of Availability (61 FR 26178, May 24, 1996) and Draft PR Notice entitled "Self-Certification of Acute Toxicity Studies" (May 15, 1996)]. Originally, EPA expected to implement the program this fall. However, comments received from industry, environmental groups, and others regarding this proposed program expressed concerns with the program. The environmental groups and others felt it would compromise the Agency's oversight role in this area and was a gateway to further erosion of Agency oversight. The industry believed that the proposed penalties were too severe. In addition, when the acute toxicity self-certification program was first considered, there were over 500 acute toxicity packages pending in the Agency. There was often a 2-year wait for these reviews. Due to many reinvention and process improvements which have been adopted, this is no longer the case. Currently, there are fewer than 90 active acute toxicity packages pending; fewer than 10 packages have been in review more than EPA's target review time of 90 days. As a result of these considerations, EPA has further evaluated the role of self-certification of acute toxicity data in OPP and has concluded that it is not necessary to implement this program. Rather, the Agency will continue to reinvent and improve its internal review processes to assure that acute toxicity reviews are performed and completed in a timely manner.

III. Public Record

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-00461" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form.

Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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Notice of Modification to 1994 Publicker Site Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on December 19, 1996, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") made effective a Modification to the 1994 purchaser agreement concerning the Publicker Industries Inc. Superfund Site located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purchaser agreement, which was executed on June 23, 1994, became effective on December 5, 1994 after a public comment period. The Modification, which was also executed by Delaware Avenue Enterprises, Inc., Cresmont Limited Partnership, Holt Cargo Systems, Inc. (collectively, the "Purchasers") and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("PADEP"), essentially approves the petition of the Purchasers to perform, with EPA oversight, the final, site-wide CERCLA remedy as selected by EPA in the December 28, 1995 Record of Decision (the "ROD" for Operable Unit 3, or "OU3 ROD"). The original purchaser agreement provided for this petition process, which enables the Purchasers to conduct an EPA-approved CERCLA remediation in an expeditious and cost-efficient manner.

Briefly, the OU3 ROD selected the abandonment of on-site ground water wells; the removal, treatment, and off-

site disposal of liquids and sediments in contaminated electric utilities; the removal, treatment, and off-site disposal of liquids and sediments in contaminated stormwater trenches and utilities; and the removal, treatment, and off-site disposal of miscellaneous wastes. In exchange for this privately-performed remediation and as provided for in the purchaser agreement, EPA and PADEP will evaluate the Purchasers' costs related to the implementation of the OU3 ROD and will determine the dollar value of the offsets to Purchasers' future cash payment installment obligations under the purchaser agreement.

Availability: The Modification and additional background information relating to the original purchaser agreement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian M. Nishitani (3RC21), Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 841 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, (215) 566-2675.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

W. Michael McCabe,
Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III.

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Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); General Permits for the Eastern Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG280000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 9, 1996, EPA Region 4 provided notice of the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) of the Gulf of Mexico (General Permit No. GMG280000) for discharges in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category (40 CFR part 435, subpart A). Additionally, the Region 4 made available for public review the administrative record consisting of Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and Biological Assessment for

comments to be received on the proposed action. Public Hearings have been scheduled on the proposed action in Biloxi, MS on January 28, 1997, in Gulf Shores, Alabama on January 29, 1997, in Pensacola, Florida on January 30, 1997 and Tampa, Florida on February 4, 1997. At the request of interested parties, EPA is today providing notice that the public notice comment period has been extended.

DATES: Original public notice issuance date: December 9, 1996. Extended public notice expiration date March 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: *Public comments:* Interested person may submit written comments on the Draft NPDES General Permits, draft Environmental Impact Statement, 403(c) evaluation and other supporting documents related to this proposed general permit reissuance to: The Office of Public Affairs, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, 100 Alabama Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303-3104, Attention: Ms. Lena Scott.

Comments must be submitted to EPA on or before the extended expiration date which is Monday, March 17, 1997.

Administrative Record: The complete administrative record for the draft permit is available for public review at the EPA Regional Office listed above. Copies of the draft NPDES general permit, fact sheet, EIS, Biological Assessment, 403(c) evaluation are available upon request from Region 4, by writing the above address, or by calling Ms. Lena Scott at (404) 562-9607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Cole, Environmental Engineer, telephone (404) 562-9307.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Robert F. McGhee,

Director, Water Management Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

January 22, 1997.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information

unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0168.

Expiration Date: 12/31/99.

Title: Reports of Proposed Changes in Depreciation Rates—Section 43.43.

Form No.: N/A.

Estimated Annual Burden: 78,000 total annual hours; 6500 hours per respondent (avg.); 12 respondents.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Description: Section 220(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Commission to prescribe depreciation charges for the subject carriers. Section 219 of the Act requires annual and other reports from the carriers. Section 43.43 of the Commission's Rules establishes the reporting requirements for depreciation prescription purposes. Communication common carriers with annual operating revenues of \$100 million or more that the Commission has found to be dominant must file information specified in Section 43.43 before making any change in the depreciation rates application to their operating plant. The information filed is used by the Commission to establish proper depreciation rates to be charged by the carriers, pursuant to Section 220(b) of the Act. The information serves as the basis for depreciation analyses made by the Common Carrier Bureau in establishing the aforementioned rates. Without this information the validity of the carriers' depreciation policies could not be ascertained.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0749.

Expiration Date: 01/31/2000.

Title: Disclosure and Dissemination of Pay-Per-Call Information, 47 CFR Section 64.1509.

Form No.: N/A.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,250 total annual hours; 136.67 hours per respondent; 75 respondents.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Description: Section 228 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, establishes federal requirements governing common carriers' transmission and billing and collection of interstate pay-per-call and other information services. Section 64.1509 of the Commission's Rules incorporates the requirements of Sections 228(c)(2) and 228(d)(2)-(3) of the Communications Act. Under these sections, common carriers that assign telephone numbers to pay-per-call