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**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00516; FRL-5760-7]

### Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Committee and Charter Renewal

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 section 9(c), EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is giving notice of the renewal of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) and its Charter.

**DATES:** The PPDC Charter, which was filed with Congress on November 13, 1997, will be in effect for two years, until November 13, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Linda Murray, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 1119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; Phone: 703-305-7090; e-mail: fehrenbach.margie@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PPDC will be composed of approximately 25-30 members appointed by the EPA Deputy Administrator. Committee members will be selected from a balanced group of participants from the following sectors: pesticide industry and user, and commodity groups; Federal and State governments; consumer and environmental/public interest groups, including representatives from the general public; academia; and, public health organizations. The Committee may form subcommittees or establish workgroups for any purposes consistent with its Charter.

The Committee will provide a forum for a diverse group representing a broad range of interests to communicate with

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs regarding pesticide regulatory, policy and implementation issues.

PPDC meetings are open to the public. Specific dates, times and locations will be published in the **Federal Register** before each meeting. The PPDC Charter and other Committee materials are available for public review at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1128, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-5805 [PPDC Docket # 00439].

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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**Stephen L. Johnson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5487-4]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed December 08, 1997 Through December 12, 1997, Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970470, FINAL EIS, FHW, NC, Sunset Beach Bridge No. 198 on Secondary Road NC-1172 Replacement, Over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, Brunswick County, NC, Due: January 19, 1998, Contact: Nicholas L. Graf, P.E. (919) 856-4346.

EIS No. 970471, DRAFT EIS, FHW, NH, Manchester Airport Access Road Highway Improvement Project, Bedford-Manchester-Londonderry-Litchfield-Merrimack, Funding and NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, NH, Due: February 02, 1998, Contact: William F. O'Donnell, P.E. (603) 225-1608.

EIS No. 970472, DRAFT EIS, FHW, VT, Rutland Transportation Improvement Project, between US 4 and US 7 in the City of Rutland and the Towns of Rutland, Mendon, Clarendon and Shrewsbury, Funding, EPA Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Rutland County, VT, Due: March 06, 1998, Contact: Frederick Downs (802) 828-4433.

EIS No. 970473, DRAFT EIS, UAF, FL, CA, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) Program, Development, Operation and Deployment, Proposed Launch Locations are Cape Canaveral Air Station (AS), Florida and Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB), California, Federal Permits and Licenses, FL and CA, Due: February 02, 1998, Contact: Jonathan D. Farthing (210) 536-3668.

EIS No. 970474, DRAFT EIS, USA, AL, Fort McClellan (Main Post) Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Calhoun, Cleburne, Randolph, Clay, Talledega, St. Clair, Etowah and Cherokee Counties, AL, Due: February 02, 1998, Contact: Carla Coulson (703) 697-0225.

EIS No. 970475, DRAFT EIS, USN, CA, Long Beach Complex Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, NPDES Permit, in the City of Long Beach and Los Angeles County, CA, Due: February 02, 1998, Contact: Melanie Ault (619) 532-4744.

EIS No. 970476, DRAFT EIS, DOE, SC, Accelerator for Production of Tritium at the Savannah River Site (DOE/EIS-0270D), Construction and Operation, Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC, Due: February 02, 1998, Contact: Andrew R. Gainger 1-(800)-881-7292.

EIS No. 970477, FINAL EIS, AFS, MT, Jericho Salvage Timber Sale, Implementation, Salvage Treatments and Temporary Road Construction, Helena National Forest, Helena Ranger District, Powell County, MT, Due: January 19, 1998, Contact: Dan Mainwaring (406) 449-5490.

EIS No. 970478, DRAFT EIS, FHW, WI, WI-STH-11 Janesville Bypass (West) Transportation Improvements, between Dubuque, Iowa, and the Racine/Kenosha urban area, WI-STH-11 is the major link to IH-90, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Rock County, WI, Due: February 27, 1998, Contact: Richard Madrzak (608) 829-7510.

EIS No. 970479, FINAL EIS, USA, NJ, Evans Subpost Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Fort Monmouth, Ocean and Monmouth Counties, NJ, Due: January 19, 1998, Contact: Ms. Susan H. Bauer (703) 697-0126.

EIS No. 970480, FINAL EIS, UMC, CA, Santa Margarita River Flood Control Project (MILCON P-010) and Basilone Road Bridge Replacement Project (MILCON P-030), Construction and Operation, COE Section 404 Permit, Camp Pendleton, CA, Due: January 19, 1998, Contact: Vicky K. Taylor (619) 532-3007.

EIS No. 970481, DRAFT EIS, STB, Conrail Acquisition (Finance Docket No. 33388) by CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation Inc., and Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), Control and Operating Leases and Agreements, To serve portion of eastern United States, Due: February 02, 1998, Contact: Michael Dalton (202) 565-1530.

EIS No. 970482, DRAFT EIS, FTA, FL, Central Florida Light Rail Transit System Transportation Improvement to the North/South Corridor Project, Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and Minimum Operable Segment (MOS), Orange and Seminole Counties, FL, Due: February 09, 1998, Contact: J. Anthony Dittmeier (404) 562-3512.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 970433, FINAL EIS, FHW, PA, US 202 Section 700 Corridor, Improvements, from PA 63 in Montgomeryville to the PA-611 Bypass in Doylestown Township, COE Section 404 Permit and Right-of-Way, Montgomery and Bucks Counties, PA, Due: January 30, 1998, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 221-3461. Published FR 11-14-97—Review Period extended.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

#### B. Katherine Biggs,

Associate Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5937-9]

#### Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides information on the availability of the fiscal year 1998 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedule are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

**DATES:** Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed in

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Regional Scale Analysis and Assessment, (2) Water and Watersheds (joint with the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture), (3) Technology for a Sustainable Environment (joint with the National Science Foundation), (4) Bioremediation (joint with the Department of Energy, National Science Foundation, and Office of Naval Research), and (5) Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECO HAB) (joint with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration). Applications must be received as follows: February 12, 1998, for topic (1); February 17, 1998, for topic (3); February 23, 1998, for topic (5); February 27, 1998, for topic (4); and April 1, 1998 for topic (2).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contact person for the Regional Scale Analysis and Assessment RFA and Water and Watersheds RFA is Barbara Levinson ([levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov)), telephone 202-564-6911; for Technology for a Sustainable Environment is Barbara Karn ([karn.barbara@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:karn.barbara@epamail.epa.gov)), telephone 202-564-6824; for Bioremediation is Robert Menzer ([menzer.robert@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:menzer.robert@epamail.epa.gov)), telephone 202-564-6849, and for Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms is Sheila Rosenthal ([rosenthal.sheila@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:rosenthal.sheila@epamail.epa.gov)), telephone 202-564-6916.

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#### Stephen A. Lingle,

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Receipt of a Notification to Conduct Small-Scale Field Testing of a Genetically Engineered Microbial Pesticide

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (ARS), in cooperation with Washington State University (WSU), of a notification (71233-NMP-R) of intent to conduct small-scale field testings involving species of fluorescent *Pseudomonas* bacteria, which have been genetically engineered to express antimicrobial genes from similar *Pseudomonas* species inhabiting the rhizosphere of wheat. The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before January 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: [opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov). Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.