

through any type of irrigation system. No application will be permitted within 50 yards of any body of water. Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing Section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a new chemical (i.e., an active ingredient not contained in any currently registered pesticide), -OR- if an emergency exemption for a use has been requested in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration of the use and/or a tolerance petition has not been submitted to the Agency 40 CFR 166.24. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181058] (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 official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-181058]. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the Washington Department of Agriculture.

List of Subject

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 19, 1998

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5988-1]

Proposed CERCLA, RCRA, Clean Water Act, and Oil Pollution Act Prospective Purchaser Agreement for the American Western Refining, L.P. Refinery Site

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA").

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement ("PPA") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), Pub. L. 99-499, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. Sections 6901 *et seq.*, the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. Sections 1251, *et seq.*, the Oil Pollution Act ("OPA"), 33 U.S.C. Sections 2701 *et seq.*, and Section 22.2b of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/22.2b, applying to the purchase of equipment to be dismantled and removed from the AWR refinery site ("the Site") located in Lawrenceville, Illinois, has been signed by AWR Acquisition, LC; Clark Oil Trading Company and Blastco Services Company ("settling parties").

Under the PPA, the settling parties agree to dismantle and remove all structures, tanks, units, drums and other equipment above the refinery's ground surface, and drain, remove, and legally dispose, recycle, or sell the contents. The settling parties will also perform asbestos abatement work on each piece of equipment containing asbestos and dispose of the asbestos in accordance with law. U.S. EPA and the United States Coast Guard are currently conducting an oil seep removal action at the Site pursuant to Section 1012 of the Oil Pollution Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 2712. Under the PPA the settling parties will fund certain environmentally beneficial work relating to this oil seep. In particular, the settling parties will provide funding for monitoring,

operating, and maintaining oil/water separator and wastewater treatment systems, site security, electrical power, utility, and fire protection at the Property. In total, the PPA obtains environmentally beneficial work that is estimated to be worth more than \$3.9 million.

Opportunity for Public Meeting

Commentors may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6973(d).

DATES: Comments on the proposed PPA and any request for public meeting must be received by U.S. EPA on or before April 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the proposed PPA is available for review at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (Mail Code C-14J), Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please contact Thomas J. Martin at (312) 886-4273, prior to visiting the Region 5 office. Comments on the proposed PPA should be addressed to Mr. Martin and sent to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Martin at (312) 886-4273, of the U.S. EPA Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel, or Kevin Turner, at (312) 886-4444, of the U.S. EPA Superfund Division.

A 30-day period, commencing on the date of publication of this notice, is open for comments on the proposed PPA. Comments should be sent to the addressee identified in this notice.

Dated: March 13, 1998.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5.
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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) invites comments on the following information collection for which Ex-Im Bank intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) is

announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please address written comments to Rick McAleer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20571, (202) 565-3958.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of these submissions and any additional information may be obtained from Dan Garcia, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20571, (202) 565-3355.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: OMB 3048-0005: Two applications fall under this collection. EIB-95-9 is the Ex-Im Bank Letter of Interest Application Form and EIB-95-10 is the Ex-Im Bank Preliminary Commitment and Final Commitment Application Form. There is no change to EIB-95-9 other than a three-year extension of the expiration date. EIB-95-10 is being changed to incorporate additional information requirements that had been requested later in the application process. OMB 3048-0009: Nine applications fall under this collection, only one is being changed (EIB-92-48, Ex-Im Bank Application for Medium-Term Export Credit Insurance). Like, EIB-95-10, EIB-92-48 is being changed to incorporate additional information requirements that had originally been requested later in the application process. The purpose of these application changes is to improve the processing time by requesting all necessary information up-front.

Burden Statement Summary:

Type of request: Revision and extension of expiration date.

OMB Number: 3048-0005 and 3048-0009.

Form Number: EIB-95-9; EIB-95-10; and EIB-92-48.

Title: EIB-95-9—Ex-Im Bank Letter of Interest Application Form; EIB-95-10—Ex-Im Bank Preliminary Commitment and Final Commitment Application Form; and EIB-92-48—Application for Medium-Term Export Credit Insurance.

Frequency of Use: Submission of Applications

Respondents: Any U.S. or foreign bank, other financial institution, other responsible party including the exporter or creditworthy borrowers in a country eligible for Ex-Im Bank assistance.

Estimated total number of annual responses: EIB-95-9:900, EIB-95-10: 550, EIB-92-48: 550.

Estimated total number of hours needed to fill out the form: EIB-95-9: 300, EIB-95-10: 825, EIB-92-48: 825.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Dan Garcia,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 87-313; DA 98-484]

Accounting and Audits Division

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Public Notice invites interested parties to comment on a proposal of numerous modifications to the ARMIS Report 43-07 Infrastructure Report. These modifications would reflect recent changes in the telecommunications industry and capture a more accurate picture of the infrastructure deployed in the public network, particularly in rural areas. The proposed modifications are organized according to each table in the ARMIS Infrastructure Report. Our goal is to improve the Commission's existing infrastructure monitoring system so that the Commission, the states, and other interested parties will have the data necessary to make informed decisions and to track the deployment of new technologies.

DATES: Comments are to be filed on or before April 24, 1998. Reply comments are due on or before May 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20052.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Dale, Common Carrier Bureau, Accounting and Audits Division, (202) 418-2260, or via E-mail to "dbyrd@fcc.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Common Carrier Bureau ("the Bureau") is considering modifications to the Commission's primary tool for assessing infrastructure development in the Automated Reporting Management Information System ("ARMIS"), the ARMIS 43-07 Infrastructure Report. These modifications would reflect recent changes in the telecommunications industry and capture a more accurate picture of the infrastructure deployed in the public network, particularly in rural areas. The ARMIS 43-07 Infrastructure Report illustrates the deployment of infrastructure in the networks of mandatory price cap local exchange carriers ("LECs") by collecting four

categories of data: (1) switching equipment; (2) transmission facilities; (3) call set-up time; and (4) plant additions and book costs. The ARMIS 43-07 Infrastructure Report is organized into four tables, one for each category of data.

2. The proposed modifications are organized according to each table in the ARMIS Infrastructure Report. Our goal is to improve the Commission's existing infrastructure monitoring system so that the Commission, the states, and other interested parties will have the data necessary to make informed decisions and to track the deployment of new technologies.

Table I—Switching Equipment Reporting

3. *Asynchronous Transfer Mode Switching.* Table I of ARMIS Report 43-07 provides data on the quantity, features, and number of lines served for three types of switches: (1) electromechanical switches, (2) analog stored program control switches, and (3) digital stored program control switches. Information on switches capable of transmitting the Asynchronous Transfer Mode ("ATM") protocol is not included in this report. Because ATM is a new technology that carriers are deploying in their networks, we propose including information for ATM switches in Table I, and we seek comment on the characteristics of ATM that carriers should provide in the ARMIS 43-07 Infrastructure Report.

4. *Switched Multi-megabit Data Service and Frame Relay Service.* Switched multi-megabit data service ("SMDS") and frame relay service are high-speed data telecommunications services built upon packet-switching technology. These services are widely offered to business customers for high-volume usage. We propose that carriers report data on SMDS and frame relay services in Table I of the ARMIS 43-07 Infrastructure Report and seek comment on which characteristics of switches used to provide SMDS and frame relay services carriers should report.

Table II—Transmission Facilities Reporting

5. Table II of the ARMIS Report 43-07 includes information about existing transmission facilities, which are components of the telecommunications network that physically link nodes in the network. Transmission facilities are used to carry voice, video, and data traffic. Carriers use either analog or digital technology on copper wire, coaxial cable, fiber, radio, and other media.