

ERP No. F-AFS-K65082-CA, Payen, Pass Creek and English Range Allotments, Grazing Land Management Plan, Implementation, Tahoe National Forest, Sierraville Ranger District, Sierra and Nevada Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA does not expect proposed project to result in significant adverse environmental impacts and has no objections to its implementation.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65296-OR, Crown Pacific Limited Partnership Land Exchange Project, Implementation, Consolidate Land Ownership and Enhance Future Resource, Deschutes, Fremont and Winema National Forests, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake Counties, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-BLM-L65295-OR, Northeast Oregon Assembled Land Exchange Resource Management Plan (RMP), Implementation, Site Specific, John Day, Umatilla, Granda Ronde, Power River Basins, Grant, Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler, Baker, Wallowa and Union, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the agency has addressed the concerns EPA expressed in the Draft EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-C40141-NY: Judd Road Connector Transportation Improvements, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Village of New York Mills, Towns of New Hartford and Whitestown, Oneida County, NY.

Summary: EPA's concerns have been adequately addressed. Moreover, EPA has concluded that the proposed project would not result in significant environmental impacts; Therefore, EPA had no objections to the implementation of the project.

ERP No. FS-AFS-L65286-OR: Summit Fire Recovery Forest Restoration Project, Implementation, Malheur National Forest, Long Creek Ranger District, Grant County, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00473E; FRL-6028-5]

Antimicrobial Rule Development; Stakeholder Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Antimicrobials Division (AD) of the Office of Pesticide Programs of EPA is continuing its series of stakeholder meetings to obtain views about the antimicrobial rule that is being developed. The rule is being revised in accordance with principles set forth in the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-170). To ensure that all interested parties can obtain information about activities related to developing this rule, EPA, in its discretion, has opened a docket in advance of the rule's proposal. This docket includes, but is not limited to, a summary of major discussions at stakeholder meetings, as well as copies of any documents distributed at these meetings.

DATES: The next stakeholder meetings will take place on Thursday, October 8, 1998 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, in the Potomac Room. The room is located on the bottom level, to the left of the escalators.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: La Tanya Brown, Antimicrobials Division (7510W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Sixth Floor Crystal Station #1, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-1532, fax: (703) 308-8481; e-mail: brown.latanya@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces a series of public meetings to ensure that all parties interested in the development of antimicrobial rules can obtain information about activities related to the development of these rules. Additionally, a public record has been established for development of the antimicrobial rule under docket number "OPP-00473." The docket 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. 119 of the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency,

Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Copies of the EPA documents may be obtained by contacting: 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.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

Frank Sanders,

Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6171-8]

Announcement of Stakeholders Meeting on the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Radon-222

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of stakeholders meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a one-and-a-half day public meeting on October 19 and 20, 1998 in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to present updated information on EPA's activities for developing a proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for radon-222 and a summary of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Report findings on radon in drinking water, and to discuss the implications of these findings for the overall radon rule development. This upcoming meeting is the fourth stakeholders meetings on the NPDWR for radon. The first meeting was held on June 26, 1997 in Washington, DC, the second meeting on September 2, 1997 in San Francisco, CA, and the third on October 30, 1997 in Boston, MA. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from State and Tribal drinking water and radon programs, the regulated community (public water systems), public health and safety organizations, environmental and public interest groups, and other stakeholders on a number of issues related to developing the NPDWR for radon. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the NPDWR for radon will be held on

Monday, October 19, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, and Tuesday, October 20, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: For more information and to register for the meeting, please e-mail Malani Shoenwetter, Resolve, Inc., at mshoenwetter@resolv.org, or call her at 202-965-6387 by no later than October 9, 1998. Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call. Conference lines are limited and will be allocated on the basis of first-reserved, first served. The meeting will be held the Resolve, Inc., 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on meeting logistics, please e-mail Malani Shoenwetter, Resolve, Inc., at mshoenwetter@resolv.org, or call her at 202-965-6387. For information on the activities related to developing the NPDWR for radon and other EPA activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visit EPA's Office of Ground Water web site at www.epa.gov/ogwdw. An executive summary of the NAS Report on Risk Assessment of Radon in Drinking Water can be accessed through www.epa.gov/ogwdw/radon/nas.html. For information on radon in indoor air, contact the National Safety Council's National Radon Hotline at 1-800-SOS-RADON.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On July 18, 1991 (56 FR 33050), EPA proposed a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) and National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for radon and other radionuclides in public water supplies. EPA proposed to regulate radon at 300 pCi/L. Commenters on the 1991 proposed NPDWR for radon raised several concerns, including cost of implementation, especially for small systems, and the larger risk to public health from radon in indoor air from soil under buildings.

On August 6, 1996, amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) were enacted, which established a new charter for the nation's public water systems, States, and EPA in protecting the safety of drinking water. The amendments [§ 1412(b)(13)] direct EPA to develop MCLG and NPDWR for radon. EPA is required to (1) withdraw the 1991 proposed MCLG and NPDWR for radon-222 (the proposed rule for radon was withdrawn on August 6, 1997; 62 FR 42221); (2) arrange for the

National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct an independent risk assessment for radon in drinking water and an independent assessment of risk reduction benefits from various mitigation measures to reduce radon in indoor air (the NAS report was released to the public on September 15, 1998); (3) publish a radon health risk reduction and cost analysis for possible radon Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for public comment by February, 1999; (4) propose an MCLG and NPDWR for radon by August, 1999; and (5) publish a final MCLG and NPDWR for radon by August, 2000.

If the MCL is "more stringent than necessary to reduce the contribution to radon in indoor air from drinking water to a concentration that is equivalent to the national average concentration of radon in outdoor air," EPA is also required to promulgate an alternative MCL and publish guidelines for state multimedia mitigation programs to mitigate radon levels in indoor air. The alternative MCL would "result in a contribution of radon from drinking water to radon levels in indoor air equivalent to the national average concentration of radon in outdoor air." States may develop and submit to EPA for approval a multimedia program to mitigate radon levels in indoor air. EPA shall approve State multimedia mitigation programs if they are expected to achieve equivalent or greater health risk reduction benefits than compliance with the MCL. If EPA approves a State multimedia mitigation program, public water supply systems within the State may comply with the alternative MCL. If EPA does not approve a State program, or the State does not propose a program, public water supply systems may propose multimedia mitigation programs to EPA, under the same procedures outlined for States.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA intends for the proposed NPDWR for radon to incorporate the best available science, treatment technologies, occurrence data, cost/benefit analyses, and stakeholder input on technical and implementation issues. EPA has evaluated comments on the 1991 proposed NPDWR for radon and will be considering those comments in developing the regulation.

The meeting will cover a broad range of issues including: (1) Technical updates on radon in drinking water rule development (treatment technologies, occurrence, analytical methods); (2) summary of the NAS report findings on radon in drinking water and implications of these findings for the overall radon rule development; (3)

implications of the NAS findings for the multimedia mitigation program component of the rule; (4) update on the development of the multimedia mitigation program; and (5) stakeholder involvement processes.

EPA has announced this public meeting to present information to stakeholders and to hear their views on EPA's activities for developing a NPDWR for radon. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above and other issues related to the radon in drinking water regulation during the October 19-20, 1998 meeting.

Dated: September 28, 1998.

Cynthia Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; Upper Sioux Community's and Lower Sioux Community's Authorization Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: On April 14, 1998, both the Upper Sioux Community and Lower Sioux Community submitted applications for EPA approval to administer and enforce training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice announces the receipt of the Upper Sioux Community's application and the Lower Sioux Community's application, and provides a 45-day public comment period and an opportunity to request a public hearing on each application.

DATES: Submit comments on the authorization application(s) on or before November 16, 1998. Public hearing requests must be submitted on or before October 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit (in duplicate) all written comments and/or requests for a public hearing identified by docket control number "PB-402404-US" for