

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission****[Project No. 2032-001 Wyoming]****Lower Valley Power & Light, Inc.;  
Notice of Availability of Draft  
Environmental Assessment**

November 24, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 386, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the Strawberry Hydroelectric Project (Project), and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). The project is located on Strawberry Creek near Bedford, within lands of the Bridger National Forest, in Lincoln County, Wyoming. The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, and may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. For further information, contact Carter Kruse, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-3023.

**David P. Boergers,***Secretary.*

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**BILLING CODE 6717-01-M****DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission****[Project No. 184-060]****El Dorado Irrigation District and Pacific  
Gas and Electric Company; Notice of  
Scoping Meetings, Site Visit, and Intent  
To Prepare an Environmental  
Assessment**

November 24, 1999.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the application for a non-capacity related amendment to license for the El Dorado Project (FERC No. 184) to permit the planned restoration of the project diversion dam, to replace the original dam which was largely destroyed by flood waters, and the construction of a new, 9,400-foot-long bypass tunnel from Mill Creek to Bull Creek, to replace damaged portions of the project's canal. The El Dorado Project, co-licensed to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is located on the South Fork American River, in El Dorado, Alpine, and Amador counties, California.

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the El Dorado Project, which will be used by the Commission to determine whether, and under what conditions, to issue the amendment to the license for the project. To support and assist our environmental review, we are beginning the public scoping process to ensure that all pertinent issues are identified and analyzed, and that the environmental document is thorough and balanced.

We invite the participation of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in the scoping process, and have prepared Scoping Document 1 (SD1) to provide information on the proposed project and to solicit written and verbal comments and suggestions on our preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EA. The SD1 has been distributed to parties on the Service List for this proceeding, as well as other individuals and organizations that we have identified as having previously expressed an interest in this project. The SD1 is available from our Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371. It can also be accessed online at <http://rimsweb1.fern.fed.us/rims/>.

We will hold two scoping meetings to receive input on the scope of the EA. A public meeting will be held on December 15, 1999 at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, in Sacramento, California, from 2 to 4 pm and on

December 16, 1999 at the County Board of Supervisors Office, Bldg. A, 33 Fair Ln., in Placerville, California, from 7 to 9 pm. The public and agencies may attend either or both meetings. We also will visit the project site on December 16, 1999. We will meet at Camp 5 El Dorado Irrigation District Headquarters, at 7225 U.S. Highway 50, at 10 am. More information on the meetings and site visit is provided in the SD1.

Please review the SD1 and, if you wish to provide oral or written input, follow the instructions in section 3.0. Please note that scoping comments must be received by the close of business on January 10, 2000. All correspondence should clearly show at the top of the first page "El Dorado Project, FERC No. 184-060." Address all communications to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Please direct any questions about the scoping process to John M. Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

**David P. Boergers,***Secretary.*

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**BILLING CODE 6717-01-M****ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY****[OPP-34143A; FRL-6397-4]****Dimethoate, Revised Pesticide Risk  
Assessment; Notice of Public Meeting****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA will hold a public meeting to present the revised risk assessments for one organophosphate pesticide, dimethoate, to interested stakeholders. This public meeting, called a "Technical Briefing," will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the data, information, and methodologies that the Agency used in revising its risk assessments for dimethoate. In addition, representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will also provide ideas on possible risk management for dimethoate.

**DATES:** The technical briefing will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 1999, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The technical briefing will be held at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites-Old Town, 625 First St., Alexandria, VA, telephone number: 703-548-6300.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Karen Angulo, Special Review and

Registration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; e-mail address: angulo.karen@epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

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

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. The Agency believes that a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in technical briefings on organophosphates, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates, the chemical industry, pesticide users, and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. If you have any 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 Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access information about organophosphate pesticides, you can also go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>. In addition, a brief summary of the dimethoate revised risk assessments are now available at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/status.htm/>, as well as in paper as part of the public version of the official record as described in Unit I.B.2.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for the organophosphate dimethoate under docket control number OPP-34143A. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well

as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

#### II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This document announces the Agency's intention to hold a technical briefing for the organophosphate pesticide dimethoate. The Agency is presenting the revised risk assessments for dimethoate to interested stakeholders. This technical briefing is designed to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to become even more informed about an organophosphate's risk assessment. EPA will describe in detail the revised risk assessments: Including the major points (e.g., contributors to risk estimates); how public comment on the preliminary risk assessment affected the revised risk assessment; and the pesticide use information/data that was used in developing the revised risk assessment. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. In addition, representatives of the USDA will provide ideas on possible risk management.

The technical briefing is part of the pilot public participation process that EPA and USDA are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998 as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate risk assessment and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998 in response to Vice President Gore's directive to

increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation.

On the day of the technical briefing, in addition to making copies available at the meeting site, the Agency will also release for public viewing the dimethoate revised risk assessments and related documents to the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch and the OPP Internet web site that are described in Unit I.B.1. In addition, the Agency will issue a **Federal Register** notice to provide an opportunity for a 60-day public participation period during which the public may submit risk management and mitigation ideas, and recommendations and proposals for transition.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Lois Rossi,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34174B; FRL-6397-5]

#### Organophosphate Pesticides; Availability of Revised Risk Assessments

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the revised risk assessments and related documents for one organophosphate pesticide, propetamphos. In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit risk management ideas or proposals. These actions are in response to a joint initiative between EPA and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase transparency in the tolerance reassessment process for organophosphate pesticides.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-34174B, must be received by EPA on or before January 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION."