

Tennessee Feasibility Study, Flood Control and Drainage Improvements, Marshall, Benton and Tippah Counties, MS and Shelby, Fayette and Hardeman, TN, Due: July 31, 2000, Contact: Richard Hite (901) 544-0706.

EIS No. 000185, DRAFT EIS, AFS, WV, Fernow Experimental Forest, Implementation of New Research Studies, Monongahela National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Tucker County, WV, Due: July 31, 2000, Contact: Mary Beth Adams (304) 478-2000.

EIS No. 000186, REVISED DRAFT EIS, COE, CA, Delta Wetlands Project, Construction and Operation Revised Information for the Water Storage Project on Four Islands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Approval of Permits, San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties, CA, Due: July 31, 2000, Contact: Mike Finan (916) 557-5324.

EIS No. 000187, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, NOA, Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish and Sharks, Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Rebecca Lent (202) 482-5181.

EIS No. 000188, FINAL EIS, NPS, WA, Whitman Mission National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan, Implementation, Walla Walla County, WA, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Francis T. Darby (509) 522-6360.

Dated: June 13, 2000

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6708-9]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Project XL Proposed Final Project Agreement: International Business Machines Corporation Copper Metallization Project.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comments on a proposed Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for the International Business Machines Corporation, (hereafter "IBM") semiconductor manufacturing facility in Essex Junction, VT. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by

IBM, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, EPA and interested stakeholders. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory or procedural requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits. EPA has set a goal of implementing fifty XL projects undertaken in full partnership with the states.

In the draft FPA, IBM proposes to determine whether the wastewater treatment sludge resulting from a new, innovative copper metallization process should continue to be designated a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste (F006). IBM's innovative copper metallization process is used to create electrical interconnections between device levels for new semiconductor technologies and replaces the Aluminum Chemical Vapor Deposition process used in previous generation semiconductor device technologies. Under current RCRA regulations, sludges or solids created from the treatment of wastewaters which include rinsewaters generated from an electroplating process carry the F006 listing (40 CFR 261.31). This process results in the generation of copper plating rinsewaters, which when introduced to the other process wastewaters generated at the facility, generates sludge that is regulated under RCRA as F006 hazardous waste. EPA currently considers IBM's process a traditional "electroplating" process for purposes of RCRA and therefore subject to its regulations.

It appears that this classification artificially inflates IBM's figures for hazardous waste generation, while at the same time not providing any additional environmental protection, and adding paperwork and reporting requirements. In addition, it appears that the source documents for the F006 listing focused on much different industrial processes than IBM's copper metallization process. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the chemicals used in IBM's process do not contain the heavy metals or cyanides listed in appendix VII of 40 CFR part 261 which are the focus of the original F006 listing. IBM has also conducted Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) analysis of the rinsewater sludge that demonstrates that the sludge is not hazardous per the RCRA toxicity characteristic requirements (see 40 CFR 261.24).

IBM has proposed that EPA exempt this copper metallization process for

semiconductor manufacture from the F006 definition through a site-specific rulemaking and that this be done through the Project XL process. EPA is proposing the site-specific rule for the IBM semiconductor manufacturing facility in Essex Junction, VT in this issue of the **Federal Register**. Project XL was chosen as the vehicle for this project because IBM is asking EPA to review its entire copper metallization process and not just analyze the resultant wastewater sludge. This novel approach will possibly provide the Agency with a new methodology for evaluating the applicability of its regulations to specific activities. This paradigm shift will allow the Agency appropriate flexibility to ensure that necessary environmental standards continue to be met while providing a means to adapt their regulatory framework to a changing industrial landscape.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on July 17, 2000.

ADDRESSEES: All comments on the proposed Final Project Agreement should be sent to: John Moskal, EPA New England, 1 Congress Street (SPP), Boston, MA 02114, or Chad Carbone, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room 1027WT (1802), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Moskal (617) 918-1810, or Mr. Carbone (202) 260-1812. Comments may also be received via electronic mail sent to: moskal.john@epa.gov or carbone.chad@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the proposed Final Project Agreement, Test Plan or Fact Sheet, contact: John Moskal, EPA New England, 1 Congress Street (SPP), Boston, MA 02114 or Chad Carbone, Room 1027WT (1802) U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to John Moskal at (617) 918-1826 or Chad Carbone at (202) 260-4296. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 1029WT (Mail Code 1802), Washington, DC 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application

information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/projectxl/inter/page1.htm>.

Dated: May 23, 2000.

Elizabeth A. Shaw,
Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy and Reinvention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Public Meeting of the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

Notice is hereby given that the National Environmental Education Advisory Council, established under section 9 of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (the Act), will hold a public meeting on June 29 and 30, 2000. The meeting will take place at the Mansion on O Street, 2020 O Street, NW, Washington, DC from 9 am to 5 pm on Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the Council with an opportunity to advise EPA's Office of Communications, Education and Media Relations (OCEMR) and the Office of Environmental Education (OEE) on its implementation of the Act. Members of the public are invited to attend and to submit written comments to EPA following the meeting.

For additional information regarding the Council's upcoming meeting, please contact Ginger Keho, Office of Environmental Education (1704), Office of Communications, Education and Media Relations, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460 or call (202) 260-4129.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Ginger Keho,
Designated Federal Official, National Environmental Education Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on June 26, 2000 and ending on June 27, 2000. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, June 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and: Tuesday, June 27, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington,—Crystal City, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT 05843-1249; (802) 472-6956; fax: (802) 472-6957; e-mail address: aapco@plainfield.bypass.com or Georgia A. McDuffie, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20405: (703) 605-0195; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address: McDuffie.Georgia@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, but all parties interested in SFIREG's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into the EPA's decision-making process are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate.

II. 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/>. You may also obtain electronic copies of the minutes, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically from the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Internet Home Page at

<http://aapco.ceris.purdue.edu/doc/index.html>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "SFIREG" Meetings.

2. *By mail.* Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT 05843-1249.

III. Purpose of Meeting

Tentative Agenda:

1. Reregistration comments on approach to 15 year reregistration cycle.
2. Phosphine labeling initiative.
3. Prescription pesticide use is this a new direction for reregistration decisions?
4. Mandatory versus Advisory label language PR Notice describe responses to comments.
5. Update on Inspector Credentials Initiative.
6. CTAG—activities and workshops.
7. Worker Protection Standard: agency activities.
8. Keep out of Reach of Children.
9. Regional reports.
10. Committee reports and introduction of issue papers.
11. LifeLine presentation.
12. SFIREG issue paper status report.
13. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 12, 2000.

Jay Ellenberger,
Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6714-9]

Proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement Under CERCLA for the Solar Paints & Varnishes Superfund Site

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

ACTION: Proposal of CERCLA Prospective Purchaser Agreement for the Solar Paints & Varnishes Superfund Site.

SUMMARY: USEPA is proposing to execute a Prospective Purchaser Agreement ("PPA") under authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, as amended, and under the inherent authority of the Attorney General of the United States to compromise and settle claims of the