

located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371.

Anyone may file comments on the EA. The public, federal and state resource agencies are encouraged to provide comments. All written comments must be filed within 30 days of the issuance date of this notice shown above. Send an original and eight copies of all comments marked with the project number P-2203-007 to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Steve Kartalia at telephone: (202) 219-2942 or e-mail: stephen.kartalia@ferc.fed.us

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2146-081; Alabama]

Alabama Power Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

August 29, 2000.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA analyzes the environmental impacts of a request to revise the rule curve and Interim Flood Control Plan (Interim Plan) filed by Alabama Power Company (APC). In its Interim Plan, APC requests approval of a temporary variance to keep water levels in Neely Henry Reservoir higher during the winter. Neely Henry Reservoir is part of the Coosa River Hydroelectric Project. The reservoir is located in Calhoun, St. Clair and Etowah Counties, Alabama. Currently, lake levels must be maintained at elevation 508 msl from May 1 to October 31; drawn down to elevation 505 msl by about November 7 and maintained at this level until about April 15; then raised to elevation 508 msl by April 30. APC proposes to maintain Neely Henry Reservoir at elevation 508 msl from May 1 to September 30; draw down to elevation 507 msl by November 30 and maintain this level until March 31; then raise back up to elevation 508 msl by May 1. This part of the Interim Plan is for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) approval.

In its Interim Plan, APC also requests approval of revised reservoir regulation

procedures for Neely Henry Reservoir. The regulation procedures are contained in the Department of Army, Mobile District Corps of Engineer's (Corps) Reservoir Regulation Manual and are used by APC to lower the reservoir in anticipation of a flood. The revised regulation procedures are shown in detail in the DEA. This part of the Interim Plan is for Corps approval.

APC would implement its Interim Plan for up to three years during a trial period. At the end of the trial, APC would decide whether to file an application to make the Interim Plan permanent.

The DEA was written by Commission staff in the Office of Energy Projects in cooperation with Corps staff. Commission and Corps staff believe APC's proposed Interim Plan, pending further review as discussed in the DEA, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Copies of the DEA can be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371.

Anyone may file comments on the DEA. The public, federal and state resource agencies are encouraged to provide comments. All comments must be filed within 30 days of the date of this notice shown above. Send an original and eight copies of all comments marked with the project number P-2146-081 to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call Steve Hocking at (202) 219-2656.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2661-012]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

August 29, 2000.

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. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects staff has reviewed the application for new license for the Hat Creek Hydroelectric Project located on Hat Creek, near the town of Cassel, in Shasta County, California, and has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The DEA 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 45 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. Please affix "Hat Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2661-012," to all comments. For further information, please contact David Turner at (202) 219-2844.

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Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6864-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR) Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Information Collection Request for Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review, EPA ICR Number 1230.10, OMB Control

Number 2060-0003, expiration date September 30, 2000. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on this ICR to Ms. Pamela J. Smith, Information Transfer and Program Integration Division (MD-12), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by contacting Ms. Smith at (919) 541-0641 or E-mail "smith.pam@epa.gov" and refer to EPA ICR Number 1230.10.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Crumpler at (919) 541-0871 and E-mail "crumpler.dennis@epa.gov."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which must submit an application for a permit to construct a new source or to modify an existing source of air pollution, permitting agencies which review the permit applications, and members of the public who are due the opportunity to comment on permitting actions.

Title: Information Collection Request for 40 CFR parts 51 and 52 Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review, EPA ICR Number 1230.10, OMB Control Number 2060-0003, Expiration date September 30, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Part C of the Clean Air Act (Act)—"Prevention of Significant Deterioration," and Part D—"Plan Requirements for Nonattainment Areas," require all States to adopt preconstruction review programs for new or modified stationary sources of air pollution. Implementing regulations for State adoption of these two NSR programs into a State Implementation Plan (SIP) are promulgated at 40 CFR 51.160 through 51.1666 and appendix S to part 51. Federal permitting regulations are promulgated at 40 CFR 52.21 for PSD areas that are not covered by a SIP program.

In order to receive a construction permit for a major new source or major modification, the applicant must conduct the necessary research, perform the appropriate analyses and prepare the permit application with documentation to demonstrate that their project meets all applicable statutory and regulatory NSR requirements.

Specific activities and requirements are listed and described in the Supporting Statement for the ICR.

Permitting agencies, either State, local or Federal, review the permit application to affirm the proposed source or modification will comply with the Act and applicable regulations. The permitting Agency then provides for public review of the proposed project and issues the permit based on its consideration of all technical factors and public input. The EPA, more broadly, reviews a fraction of the total applications and audits the State and local programs for their effectiveness. Consequently, information prepared and submitted by the source is essential for the source to receive a permit, and for Federal, State and local environmental agencies to adequately review the permit application and thereby properly administer and manage the NSR programs.

To facilitate adequate public participation, information is submitted by sources as a part of their permit application and should generally be a matter of public record. See sections 165(a)(2) and 110(a)(2)(C), (D), and (F) of the Act. Notwithstanding, to the extent that the information required for the completeness of a permit is proprietary, confidential, or of a nature that it could impair the ability of the source to compete in the marketplace, that information is collected and handled according to EPA's policies set forth in title 40, chapter 1, part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see 40 CFR part 2). See also section 114(c) of the Act.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic,

mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is broken down as follows:

| Type of permit action | Major PSD | Major Part D | Minor |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| Number of sources | 300 | 100 | 56,500 |
| Burden Hours per Response: | | | |
| Industry | 839 | 577 | 40 |
| Permitting Agencies | 272 | 109 | 30 |

Respondents/Affected Entities: Industrial plants, State and local permitting agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: (113,400).

Frequency of Response: (1 per respondent).

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: (4,155,950) hours.

Estimated Annualized Cost Burden: \$(0).

The estimated total annual burden is adjusted downward by 559,310 hours and the actual change in burden is 0 but there is an adjustment of \$28.870 million due to the downward adjustment of numbers of major source permits since the 1997 ICR approval. The adjustment is based on a more accurate assessment of the distribution of major PSD permits, major Part D permits and minor State NSR permits. The total number of respondents decreases by 1,420. The burden per type of permit remains unchanged. The 1997 ICR documentation with recalculated spreadsheets and explanation for the adjustment in burden can be found at website "http://www.epa.gov/ttn/nsr" under "What's New on NSR" or can be obtained by calling Pamela J. Smith at 919-541-0641 or E-mailing her at "smith.pam@epa.gov" for review and comment.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and

requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: August 16, 2000.

William T. Harnett,

Acting Director, Information Transfer and Program Integration Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00677; FRL-6743-2]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 4-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of issues being considered by the Agency pertaining to the following topics: 1) Test guidelines for chronic inhalation toxicity and carcinogenicity of fibrous particles; 2) Cumulative hazard assessment of organophosphorous pesticides; 3) Components and methodologies of the Calendex™, Lifetime™, and REX models, as tools for dietary and residential pesticide exposure and risk assessments; 4) Assessment of pesticide concentrations in drinking water and water treatment effects on pesticide removal and transformation. The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Larry Dorsey at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 26, 27, 28, and 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the Sheraton Hotel is (703) 486-1111.

Requests to participate may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket control number OPP-00677 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Dorsey or Olga Odiott, Designated Federal Officials, Office of Science Coordination and Policy, (7101C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5369; fax number: (703) 605-0656; e-mail address: dorsey.larry or odiott.olga@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. 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.* A meeting agenda is currently available; copies of EPA primary background documents for this meeting will be available by mid September. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the FIFRA SAP Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>. To access this document on the Home Page select **Federal Register** notice announcing this meeting. You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for this meeting under docket control number OPP-00677. The administrative record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to the 1) Test guidelines for chronic inhalation toxicity and carcinogenicity of fibrous particles; 2) Cumulative hazard

assessment of organophosphorous pesticides; 3) Components and methodologies of the Calendex™, Lifeline™ and REX models, as tools for dietary and residential pesticide exposure and risk assessments; 4) Assessment of pesticide concentrations in drinking water and water treatment effects on pesticide removal and transformation, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This administrative 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 administrative record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2 (CM #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.

C. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting through the mail, in person, or electronically. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00677 in the subject line on the first page of your request. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits, and upon advance written request to the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard, etc.). There is no limit on the extent of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the panel are limited to approximately 5 minutes. The Agency also urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements at the meeting should contact the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and submit 30 copies of their presentation and/or remarks to the Panel. The