make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a

proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding,

unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The documents may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.gov using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

Take note that this notice will now be issued by the Commission on a weekly rather than bi-weekly basis.

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter
Exempt		
1. Project No. 1354–000		Brandi Bradford. Terri K. Eaton.
Prohibited		
1. Project No. 2016–044		Debbie C. Young. Terri K. Eaton.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11842-003]

Hydro Energy Development Corporation; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

February 22, 2002.

Take notice that Hydro Energy Development Corporation, permittee for the proposed Big and Grade Creeks Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on January 9, 2001, and would have expired on December 31, 2003. The project would have been located on Big and Grade Creeks in Skagit County, Washington.

The permittee filed the request on February 7, 2002, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 11842 shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday as described in 18 CFR 385.2007, in which case the permit shall remain in effect through the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR Part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00760; FRL-6825-6]

Environmental Modeling Work Group; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Modeling Work Group (EMWG) will hold a 1-day meeting on March 20, 2002. This notice announces the location and time for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in room 1126 at Crystal Mall Building #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. Comments 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, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00760 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James N. Carleton, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (7507C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305–5736; fax number: (703) 305–6309; e-mail address: carleton.jim@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 Tribes with pesticide programs or pesticide interests. 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. 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," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," 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/.
- 2. *In person*. The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00760. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, 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.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP–00760 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

- 1. By mail. Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- 2. In person or by courier. Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB),

- Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305–5805.
- 3. Electronically. You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP–00760. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI. please consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

- 1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
- 2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
- 3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
- 4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
- 5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.

- 6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice or collection activity.
- 7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
- 8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Tentative Agenda:

This unit provides tentative agenda topics for the 1–day meeting.

- 1. Welcome and introductions.
- 2. Old action items.
- 3. Model status updates.
- 4. Spray drift exposure modeling.
- 5. Rice modeling and ricenet.
- 6. Turf monitoring progress report.
- 7. USDA Root Zone Water Quality Model (RZWQM) update.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: February 20, 2002.

Elizabeth Leovey,

Acting Director, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs. [FR Doc. 02–4792 Filed 2–27–02; 8:45 am]
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OW-FRL-7151-2]

Nutrient Criteria Development; Notice of Ecoregional Nutrient Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Ecoregional Nutrient Criteria for Lakes and Reservoirs, and Rivers and Streams.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 304(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the publication and availability of nine additional Section 304(a) ecoregional nutrient criteria documents for lakes and reservoirs, and rivers and streams within specific geographic regions (ecoregions) of the United States. These nine documents supplement the seventeen ecoregional nutrient criteria documents for lakes and reservoirs, rivers and streams and wetlands announced by EPA on January 9, 2001 (66 FR 1671). These documents give States, Territories, and authorized Tribes (Hereafter, this Federal Register Notice refers to these entities as "States and authorized Tribes." Throughout this document, reference to States and