

MODIFICATION EXEMPTIONS—FEBRUARY 2004—Continued

Application number	Docket number	Applicant	Modification of exemption	Nature of exemption thereof
12899-M	RSPA-02-11387 ...	Pencor Reservoir Fluid Specialists, Broussard, LA.	12899	To modify the exemption to authorize the use of an optional pressure compensating end cap closure for the non-DOT specification oil well sampling cylinders.
13221-M	RSPA-03-14967 ...	Toxco, Inc., Oak Ridge, TN	13221	To modify the exemption to authorize bulk containers to be shipped in sealed freight containers and increase the number of authorized non-bulk containers to 83 for the transportation of Division 4.3 materials.
13305-M	RSPA-03-16420 ...	Matheson Tri-Gas, East Rutherford, NJ.	13305	To modify the exemption to authorize the one-way transportation, for cleaning and final disposition, of older DOT Specification 5A drums containing a Division 4.3 material.
13323-M	RSPA-03-16488 ...	Integrated Ocean Drilling Program/Texas A&M University (Former Grantee: Ocean Drilling Program/Texas A&M University), College Station, TX.	13323	To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation of a Division 2.1 material in non-DOT specification cylinders.
12135-M	RSPA-98-4418	Daicel Safety Systems, Inc., Washington, DC.	12135	To modify the exemption to authorize an increase in the maximum allowable service pressure for the non-DOT specification pressure vessels from 4560 PSIG to 8990 PSIG.

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UTAH RECLAMATION MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**Notice of Availability of the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Warm-Water Interim Hatchery Facility in Cache County, UT****AGENCY:** Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On September 24, 2003 the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Commission) and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (Division) released an Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating construction and operation of an interim warm-water fish hatchery to produce stockable June sucker (*Chasmistes liorus*), which is listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The EA considers two potential sites for the Interim Facility: the first site is on approximately 2.4 acres of Utah State land at Goshen Warm Springs in the City of Genola, Utah County, Utah (Goshen Warm Springs Alternative); the second site is on approximately 0.1 acre of Utah State land operated as the Fisheries Experiment Station (FES) in Logan, Utah (FES Alternative).

The June sucker, a fish endemic to Utah Lake that spawns in the Provo River, is a species targeted for recovery. The USFWS listed the species as endangered with critical habitat in 1986.

In 1999, the USFWS adopted a June Sucker Recovery Plan with a stated goal to prevent the extinction of the species and eventually remove the fish from the endangered species list. A 1998 Fish Hatchery Production Plan developed by the Commission and the Division identified an immediate need for June sucker production. In order to offset a further decline in June sucker numbers until a permanent Production Facility could be planned and constructed, the Interim Facility is proposed for immediate construction and operation.

After careful review of impacts to affected resources analyzed in the EA, and examination of public comments, the Commission and the Division have selected the preferred alternative (FES Alternative), to construct the Interim Facility at the existing facility in Logan, Utah, for implementation. The FES is managed by the Division and is currently rearing June sucker for use as broodstock. The facility will be an approximately 4,200 square-foot addition to an existing building, allowing space for fish tanks as well as equipment necessary for water recirculation and heating, and will have an annual production capacity of 36,000 stockable June sucker at 8.5 inches in length.

The Commission and the Division selected the FES Alternative because no significant impacts will be created, and because the FES Alternative provides the best opportunity to meet interim production needs for June sucker while maintaining cost efficiency. Additional security will not have to be provided, as at Goshen Warm Springs, because of

existing coverage at the FES. The FES Alternative would be substantially less expensive to construct and operate, because of the existing infrastructure (parking, utilities, etc.) and proximity to existing June sucker brood stock production at FES.

The Environmentally Preferred Alternative is the FES Alternative. The FES Alternative has less overall associated environmental impacts than the Goshen Warm Springs Alternative. The FES Alternative would: be sited, primarily, on Utah State lands currently developed for aquaculture operations; require less land conversion and development; result in no surface water quality impacts; and result in no direct wetland impacts. The action, along with identified requisite mitigation, is consistent with Commission and Division policies and other laws and regulations.

The FES alternative does not constitute an action that normally requires preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Information derived from public involvement, including that from other agencies, was considered and factored into the decision. Since the preferred alternative, as mitigated, will not cause unacceptable impacts, or create unsafe or unhealthful conditions, it is appropriate to approve the action considering governing laws and policies. Based on the foregoing, it was determined that an EIS is not required for this project and thus will not be prepared.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FONSI can be obtained from the Utah Reclamation

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315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet April 20-22, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 560, Lafayette Building, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On April 20, the agenda will include briefings and updates on issues related to women veterans' issues in VA's Veterans Health Administration, data on recent combat veterans from the Department of Defense Manpower Data Center Database, the release of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Report, focus group site visits, compensation and pension benefits, plans for incorporating and providing service to women veterans into VA's Vet Centers, and presentation of a Certificate of Appointment to one new Committee member. On April 21, the Committee will be briefed on legislative issues affecting women veterans, upcoming initiatives of the

Center for Women Veterans, and will begin preparation of the 2004 report. On April 22, the Committee will discuss any new issues that the Committee members may introduce, as well as continue preparation of the 2004 report.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Rebecca Schiller, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans (OOW), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Schiller may be contacted wither by phone at (202) 273-6193, fax at (202) 273-7092, or e-mail at OOW@mail.va.gov. Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Written statements must be filed before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: March 19, 2004.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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