

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Open Meeting of the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS)

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: FEMA announces the following open meeting.

Name: Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS).

Date of Meeting: September 2, 2004.

Place: Building J, Room 107, National Emergency Training Center (NETC), 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Times: 9 a.m.—FICEMS Ambulance Safety Subcommittee; 10:30 a.m.—Main FICEMS Meeting; 1 p.m.—FICEMS Counter-Terrorism Subcommittee and the Performance Technology Subcommittee.

Proposed Agenda: Review and submission for approval of previous FICEMS Committee Meeting Minutes; Ambulance Safety Subcommittee and Counter-terrorism Subcommittee report; Action Items review; presentation of member agency reports; and reports of other interested parties.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. See the Response and Security Procedures below.

Response Procedures: Committee Members and members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Patti Roman, on or before Tuesday, August 31, 2004, via mail at NATEK Incorporated, 21355 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 200, Dulles, Virginia 20166-8503, or by telephone at (703) 674-0190, or via facsimile at (703) 674-0195, or via e-mail at proman@natekinc.com. This is necessary to be able to create and provide a current roster of visitors to NETC Security per directives.

Security Procedures: Increased security controls and surveillance are in effect at the National Emergency Training Center. All visitors must have a valid picture identification card and their vehicles will be subject to search by Security personnel. All visitors will be issued a visitor pass which must be worn at all times while on campus.

Please allow adequate time before the meeting to complete the security process.

Conference Call Capabilities: If you are not able to attend in person, a toll free number has been set up for teleconferencing. The toll free number will be available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Members should call in around 9 a.m. The number is 1-800-320-4330. The FICEMS conference code is "430746#."

FICEMS Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available upon request 30 days after they have been approved at the next FICEMS Committee Meeting on December 2, 2004. The minutes will also be posted on the United States Fire Administration Web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/ems/ficems.shtm> within 30 days after their approval at the December 2, 2004 FICEMS Committee Meeting.

Dated: August 17, 2004.

R. David Paulison,

U.S. Fire Administrator, Director of the Preparedness Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4665-N-19]

Conference Call Meeting of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of upcoming meeting via conference call.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (the Committee) to be held via telephone conference call. This meeting is open to the general public. Members of the public wishing to participate may do so by following the instructions below.

DATES: The conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2004, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. eastern time.

ADDRESSES: Information concerning the conference call can be obtained from the Department's Consensus Committee Administering Organization, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Interested parties can log onto NFPA's Web site for instructions concerning how to participate, and for contact information for the conference call: <http://www.nfpa.org/ECommittee/>

HUDManufacturedHousing/hudmanufacturedhousing.asp.

Alternately, interested parties may contact Jill McGovern of NFPA by phone at (617) 984-7404 (this is not a toll-free number) for conference call information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William W. Matchneer III, Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Affairs and Manufactured Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-8000, telephone (202) 708-6409 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with sections 10(a) and (b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and 41 CFR 102-3.150. The Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee is established under section 604(a)(3) of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4503(a)(3). The Committee is charged with providing recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret manufactured home construction and safety standards and procedural and enforcement regulations, and with developing and recommending proposed model installation standards to the Secretary.

The purpose of this conference call meeting is to permit the Committee, at its request, to review and make further recommendations to the Secretary regarding a proposed rule that would establish Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards pursuant to statute. The exceptional circumstances permitting less than 15 calendar days' notice of the meeting are that it is necessary to have the meeting on this date, which has been agreed to by the Committee, to permit the Committee to timely consider the proposed rule.

Tentative Agenda

A. Roll call.

B. Welcome and opening remarks.

C. Full Committee meeting and take actions on a draft of a proposed rule to establish the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards.

D. Adjournment.

Dated: August 18, 2004.

Sean Cassidy,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement With Chevron Hawaii Refinery at James Campbell Industrial Park for Management of the Hawaiian Stilt and Hawaiian Coot, Oahu, HI

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of
application.

SUMMARY: The Chevron Hawaii Refinery (Chevron) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, (ESA). The permit application includes a proposed Safe Harbor Agreement (Agreement) between Chevron, the Service, and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources. The proposed Agreement and permit application are available for public comment.

The proposed Agreement allows for the management of nesting and foraging habitat for the endangered Hawaiian stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*) and endangered Hawaiian coot (*Fulica alai*) at the Chevron Hawaii Refinery. The proposed duration of the Agreement and permit is 6 years.

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the proposed Agreement and permit application are eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. We explain the basis for this determination in an Environmental Action Statement, which is also available for public review.

DATES: Written comments must be received by September 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Mr. Jeff Newman, Acting Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850; facsimile (808) 792-9580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlene Pangelinan, Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist (see **ADDRESSES**), or telephone (808) 792-9400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under a Safe Harbor Agreement, participating property owners

voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefiting species listed under the ESA. Safe Harbor Agreements encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions if their efforts attract listed species to their property or increase the numbers or distribution of listed species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) enhancement of survival permits based on Safe Harbor Agreements are found in 50 CFR 17.22(c).

Through a Cooperative Agreement, the Service and Chevron have been working together since 1992 to manage Rowland's Pond (6 acres) for Hawaiian stilt nesting habitat, located at the Chevron Hawaii Refinery on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. In lieu of renewing the Cooperative Agreement, the Service has been working with Chevron and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop a Safe Harbor Agreement to continue the management of habitat for the endangered Hawaiian stilt and, in addition, the endangered Hawaiian coot at the refinery. Under the proposed Agreement, Chevron would: (1) Maintain 6 acres of stilt nesting habitat at Rowland's Pond (e.g., manage water level and vegetation) and 5 acres of stilt and coot foraging habitat at the Impounding Basin and Oxidation Ponds; (2) implement a program to control predators (e.g., cats, mongoose) at Rowland's Pond, the Impounding Basin, and Oxidation Ponds during the stilt and coot breeding season; and (3) monitor stilts and coots during the breeding season. In addition, Chevron would conduct an education program for its employees and contractors about the Hawaiian stilt and Hawaiian coot at the refinery.

The conservation measures set forth in the Agreement are expected to result in the following net conservation benefits to the covered species: (1) Contribute offspring to stilt and coot populations to achieve recovery goals; and (2) increase availability of predator-reduced nesting and foraging habitat for stilts and coots.

Consistent with Safe Harbor policy and regulations, the Service proposes to issue a permit to Chevron authorizing take of Hawaiian stilt and Hawaiian coot incidental to otherwise lawful activities (i.e., normal refinery operations and refinery maintenance activities) at the refinery, as long as baseline conditions are maintained and the terms of the

Agreement are implemented. Proposed activities include incidental take of stilts or coots from: (1) Release of oil, other petroleum, or chemical products into Rowland's Pond from a tank rupture; (2) release of oil or other petroleum products from a tank overflow; (3) appearance of oil or petroleum products in the sediment and/or water used in the Oxidation Pond, Impounding Basin, and Rowland's Pond; (4) accidental crushing of stilt or coot chicks by vehicles; (5) accidental crushing of stilt or coot eggs during refinery maintenance; (6) flooding of nests and eggs; and (7) measures to prevent stilts from nesting or attempting to nest outside of the usual stilt nesting areas at the refinery. The proposed permit would also authorize incidental take resulting from stilt and coot monitoring activities. We expect that the maximum level of incidental take proposed to be authorized under this permit would never be realized due to Chevron Hawaii Refinery's history of successful maintenance and operation of the facility to prevent releases of oil or other petroleum products, and proposed monitoring activities during the breeding season to track stilt and coot nesting success and identify situations when management actions may need to be immediately implemented to prevent injury to the coots and stilts at the refinery.

The proposed permit would also allow Chevron to return to baseline conditions at the end of the term of the Agreement, if so desired by Chevron. However, when the proposed Agreement expires, we anticipate that any stilts or coots that were nesting at Chevron when Rowland's Pond was managed pursuant to the Agreement would not be injured or harmed, but would relocate on their own to other suitable wetlands. We anticipate that the benefits of entering into the proposed Agreement would outweigh the risks of attracting Hawaiian stilts and Hawaiian coots to an oil refinery, taking into account the potential for incidental take, the benefits resulting from implementing the proposed Agreement and minimization measures to reduce take, the fact that there has never been a catastrophic oil release since the refinery was established in 1959, and our successful management with Chevron pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement. Therefore, we anticipate that the environmental effects of the proposed Agreement and the activities it covers, which would be facilitated by the allowable incidental take, would provide a net conservation