

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.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:*

Natural Gas Companies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

108.

*Frequency of Response:* Varies.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 4,705.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:*

\$402,162, which includes \$0 annualized capital/startup costs, \$21 annual O&M costs, and \$402,141 annual labor costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is an increase of 646 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This increase is due to an increased number of program participants, but is tempered by a reduction in the amount of time spent filling out and submitting the annual report due to the introduction of on-line reporting in 2002.

Dated: November 17, 2004.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[Petition IV-2003-1; FRL-7842-2]

**Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for Hercules, Inc.; Brunswick (Glynn County), GA**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of final order on petition to object to a state operating permit.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (the Act) and 40 CFR 70.8(d), the EPA Administrator signed an order, dated November 10, 2004, denying a petition to object to a state operating permit issued by the Georgia Environmental Protection

Division (EPD) to Hercules, Inc. (Hercules) located in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia. This order constitutes final action on the petition submitted by the Glynn Environmental Coalition and the Center for a Sustainable Coast (Petitioners). Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Act, any person may seek judicial review in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days of this notice under section 307 of the Act.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the final order, the petition, and all pertinent information relating thereto are on file at the following location: EPA Region 4, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. The final order is also available electronically at the following address: [http://www.epa.gov/region7/programs/artd/air/title5/petitiondb/petitions/hercules\\_decision2003.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region7/programs/artd/air/title5/petitiondb/petitions/hercules_decision2003.pdf).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Art Hofmeister, Air Permits Section, EPA Region 4, at (404) 562-9115 or [hofmeister.art@epa.gov](mailto:hofmeister.art@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review and, as appropriate, to object to operating permits proposed by state permitting authorities under title V of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7661-7661f. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act and 40 CFR 70.8(d) authorize any person to petition the EPA Administrator to object to a title V operating permit within 60 days after the expiration of EPA's 45-day review period if EPA has not objected on its own initiative. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the state, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

On January 23, 2003, the Administrator received a petition requesting that EPA object to a state title V operating permit issued by EPD to Hercules. The Petitioners maintain that the Hercules permit is inconsistent with the Act because: (1) The permit fails to include all applicable requirements, specifically Georgia Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)1. and (2) the permit fails to assure compliance with said rule.

On November 10, 2004, the Administrator issued an order denying this petition. The order explains the reasons behind EPA's conclusion that the Petitioners failed to demonstrate that the Hercules permit is not in

compliance with the requirements of the Act on the grounds raised.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

**J.I. Palmer, Jr.,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 4.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7841-9]

**Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Ozone Review Panel; Additional Opportunity To Submit Nominations**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is reopening the public nomination process for experts to serve on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Ozone Review Panel (Panel), and is hereby soliciting additional nominations for this Panel.

**DATES:** New nominations should be submitted by December 8, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Request for Nominations may contact Mr. Fred Butterfield, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff, at telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9994; or via e-mail at: [butterfield.fred@epa.gov](mailto:butterfield.fred@epa.gov). General information concerning the CASAC or the SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Background:* The CASAC, which comprises seven members appointed by the EPA Administrator, was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee, in part to provide advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and NAAQS under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App.

The SAB Staff Office previously announced in the **Federal Register** in June 2003 (68 FR 35212, June 12, 2003) the formation of the CASAC Ozone Review Panel, to conduct reviews of

EPA's updated ambient air quality criteria and the science-based national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone and other photochemical oxidants. The Ozone Review Panel will consist of the seven members of the statutory (chartered) CASAC and additional experts as necessary to provide advice and recommendations related to the science of ozone and other photochemical oxidants. The Ozone Review Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

In response to the June 12, 2003 notice in the **Federal Register**, the SAB Staff Office has received nominations for additional scientific experts and has previously published a "Short List" of candidates on the SAB Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) for the purpose of soliciting public comments. Given the lengthy period of time that has elapsed since its first announcement, the SAB Staff Office is reopening the public nomination process for experts to serve on this Panel. Nominator's Assessment of Expertise. When submitting nominations to the CASAC Ozone Review Panel, please explicitly indicate the specific areas of expertise the candidate could contribute. The CASAC requests nominees who are recognized, national-level experts in one or more of the following disciplines:

(a) *Atmospheric Science*. Expertise in physical/chemical properties of ozone and other photochemical oxidants, their precursor substances, and atmospheric processes involved in the formation, transport, and degradation of ozone and other photochemical oxidants in the atmosphere, including interaction with global climate and stratospheric ozone. Also, expertise in the evaluation of natural and man-made (anthropogenic) sources and emissions of precursors of tropospheric ozone and other photochemical oxidants, pertinent monitoring/measurement methods for such substances, and spatial/temporal trends in atmospheric concentrations of them.

(b) *Exposure and Risk Assessment/Modeling*. Expertise in measuring human population exposure to ozone and/or in modeling human exposure to ambient and indoor pollutants. Also, expertise in human health risk analysis modeling for ozone or other pollutants causing respiratory and/or other non-cancer health effects.

(c) *Ecological Effects and Resource Valuation*. Expertise in evaluation of: patterns of exposure to ozone and/or other photochemical oxidants of ornamental and/or agricultural plants and/or natural ecosystems and their components; effects of ozone and other

photochemical oxidants on natural ecosystems (especially terrestrial) and their components (both flora and fauna), ranging from biochemical/sub-cellular effects and identification of indicators of pathophysiological effects at the individual plant level, to effects on species and populations, on up to include impacts on increasingly more complex (e.g., landscape) levels of ecosystem organization. Also, expertise in (i) ecosystem risk assessment and (ii) ecological resource valuation/economics.

(d) *Dosimetry*. Expertise in conducting and/or evaluation of the dosimetry of animal and human subjects, and animal-to-human dosimetry extrapolations, including identification of factors determining differential patterns of inhalation and/or deposition/uptake in respiratory tract regions that may contribute to differential susceptibility of human population subgroups to ozone and other photochemical oxidants.

(e) *Toxicology*. Expertise in conducting and/or evaluation of experimental laboratory animal studies of the potential health effects of ozone and/or other photochemical oxidants on respiratory and non-respiratory (e.g., lung defense/other immune function mechanisms) endpoints.

(f) *Controlled Human Exposure*. Expertise in conducting and/or evaluation of controlled human exposure studies of the effects of ozone and other photochemical oxidants on healthy and compromised (having pertinent preexisting chronic disease, e.g., asthma) human adults and children, including medical doctors (M.D.) with experience in the clinical treatment of asthma.

(g) *Epidemiology and Biostatistics*. Expertise in epidemiological evaluation of the effects of exposures to ozone and other photochemical oxidants and/or other ambient air co-pollutants on human population groups, including effects on mortality and/or morbidity (e.g., respiratory symptoms, lung function decrements, asthma medication use, respiratory-related hospital admissions) endpoints. Also, expertise in associated biostatistics and/or health risk analysis.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations*: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to add expertise to the CASAC Ozone Review Panel in the areas of expertise described above. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board provided on the SAB Web site, <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, which can be accessed through a link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web page. To be considered, all nominations must include the information required on that form. Please note that there is no need to resubmit a nomination for an individual who has previously been nominated for the CASAC Ozone Review Panel.

Anyone who is unable to submit nominations using this form, and any questions concerning any aspects of the nomination process may contact Mr. Fred Butterfield, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than December 8, 2004.

To be considered, all nominations must include: (a) a current biography, curriculum vitae (C.V.) or resume, which provides the nominee's background, experience and qualifications for the Panel; and (b) a brief biographical sketch ("biosketch"). The biosketch should be no longer than one page and must contain the following information for the nominee:

(I) Current professional affiliations and positions held;

(ii) Area(s) of expertise, and research activities and interests;

(iii) Leadership positions in national associations or professional publications or other significant distinctions;

(iv) Educational background, especially advanced degrees, including when and from which institutions these were granted;

(v) Service on other advisory committees, professional societies, especially those associated with issues under discussion in this review; and

(vi) Sources of recent (i.e., within the preceding two years) grant and/or other contract support, from government, industry, academia, etc., including the topic area of the funded activity.

Please note that even if there is no responsive information (e.g., no recent grant or contract funding), this must be indicated on the biosketch (by "N/A" or "None"). Incomplete biosketches will result in nomination packages not being accepted.

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of the nomination. From the nominees identified by respondents to this notice (termed the "Widecast"), the SAB Staff Office will develop a smaller subset (known as the "Short List") for more detailed consideration. Criteria used by the SAB Staff in developing this Short List are given at the end of the following paragraph. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, and will include, for each candidate, the nominee's name and

their biosketch. Public comments will be accepted for 21 calendar days on the Short List. During this comment period, the public will be requested to provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates for the Panel.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office, a balanced subcommittee or review panel is characterized by inclusion of candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. Public responses to the Short List candidates will be considered in the selection of the Panel, along with information provided by candidates and information independently-gathered by the SAB Staff Office on the background of each candidate (e.g., financial disclosure information and computer searches to evaluate a nominee's prior involvement with the topic under review). Specific criteria to be used in evaluating an individual member of the Panel include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) scientific credibility and impartiality; and (e) skills working in advisory committees, subcommittees and review panels. CASAC Ozone Review Panel members will likely be asked to attend two to three public, face-to-face meetings and several public teleconference meetings per year over the anticipated two- to five-year course of the Panel's activity.

Short List candidates will also be required to fill-out the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the

Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (EPA-SAB-EC-02-010), which is on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0078; FRL-7688-5]

### Certain Ethylenbisdithiocarbamates (EBDCs) and Ethylene Thiourea (ETU); Risk Assessments and Preliminary Risk Reduction Options (Phase 3 of 4-Phase Process); Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's risk assessments, preliminary risk reduction options, and related documents for the ethylenbisdithiocarbamates (EBDCs) pesticides mancozeb, maneb, metiram, plus a common degradate, ethylene thiourea (ETU), and opens a public comment period on these documents. The public also is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for mancozeb, maneb, metiram, which will include a common degradate, ETU through a modified, 4-Phase public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number OPP-2004-0078, must be received on or before February 22, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony Britten (Mancozeb), telephone number: (703) 308-8179; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: [britten.anthony@epa.gov](mailto:britten.anthony@epa.gov) and Tawanda Spears (Maneb & Metiram), telephone number: (703) 308-8050; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address:

[spears.tawanda@epa.gov](mailto:spears.tawanda@epa.gov). Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may 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 Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket ID number OPP-2004-0078. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. **Electronic access.** You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search,"