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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-37-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 8, 2010.

Take notice that on December 30, 2009, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP10-37-000 a prior notice request pursuant to Northern's blanket authority granted on September 1, 1982, at Docket No. CP82-401-000 and sections 157.205 and 157.214 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to increase its maximum storage capacity at its Redfield Storage Field in Dallas County, Iowa from 130.551 Bcf to 133.750 Bcf to provide interruptible storage service, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, at (402) 398-7103 or Bret Fritch, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7140.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed

therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-8807-7]

### Access to Confidential Business Information by Versar Inc. and Its Identified Subcontractor

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized contractor, Versar Inc. of North Springfield, VA and its subcontractor, to access information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI). **DATES:** Access to the confidential data is expected to occur on or before January 31, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information contact: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

For technical information contact: Scott Sherlock, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8257; fax number: (202) 564-8251; e-mail address: [sherlock.scott@epa.gov](mailto:sherlock.scott@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. General Information

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

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all who manufacture, process or distribute industrial chemicals. 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 technical 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 a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

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>.

## II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under Contract Number EP-W-10-005, contractor Versar of 6850 Versar Center, North Springfield, VA and its subcontractor Syracuse Research Corporation (SRC) of 7502 Round Pond

Rd., Room B-116, N Syracuse, NY and Crystal Park 5, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 804, Arlington, VA will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in evaluating the exposure of new chemical substances, including microorganisms and nanomaterials. They will also assist in evaluating the fate and exposure of existing chemicals and review data bearing on the fate and exposure of such chemicals. In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under Contract Number (EP-W-10-005), Versar and its subcontractor will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. Versar and its subcontractor's personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide Versar and its subcontractor access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and SRC's sites located at 7502 Round Pond Rd., Room B-116, N Syracuse, NY and Crystal Park 5, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 804, Arlington, VA in accordance with EPA's TSCA CBI Protection Manual.

Access to TSCA data, including CBI, will continue until December 31, 2014. If the contract is extended, this access will also continue for the duration of the extended contract without further notice.

Versar and its subcontractor's personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection,  
Confidential business information.

Dated: January 13, 2010.

**Matthew Leopard,**

*Acting Director, Information Management  
Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and  
Toxics.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0129; FRL-8806-7]

### Sulfometuron Methyl Amendment to Reregistration Eligibility Decision

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's decision to modify certain risk mitigation measures that were specified in the 2008 Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for the herbicide sulfometuron methyl. EPA conducted this reassessment of the Sulfometuron Methyl RED in response to public comments and risk reduction proposals received during the comment period following the Sulfometuron Methyl RED. Based on the new information received, and in a continuing effort to mitigate risk, the Agency has made certain modifications to the Sulfometuron Methyl RED.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rusty Wasem, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6979; fax number: (703) 308-7070; e-mail address: [wasem.russell@epa.gov](mailto:wasem.russell@epa.gov).

#### 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, farm worker and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users, and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since other parties 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 Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0129. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0129), or in hard copy,

at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

## II. Background

### A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Section 4 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) directs EPA to reevaluate existing pesticides to ensure that they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. In 2008, EPA issued a RED for sulfometuron methyl under section 4(g)(2)(A) of FIFRA. In response to a notice of availability published in the **Federal Register** of November 12, 2008 (73 FR 219) (FRL-8388-5), the Agency received comments and mitigation proposals submitted by the technical registrant, user groups, and individuals. The Agency's response to comments is available for viewing in the docket. The amended Sulfometuron Methyl RED reflects changes resulting from Agency consideration of these comments and mitigation proposals. The RED amendment for sulfometuron methyl concludes EPA's reregistration eligibility decision making process for this herbicide.

Stakeholder comments, mitigation proposals, and other information received by the Agency following the publication of the Sulfometuron Methyl RED allowed EPA to further refine the ecological risk assessment for non-target plant species and to revise the buffer zone requirements for sulfometuron methyl. Based on the comments and proposals, EPA also refined the occupational handler exposure risk estimates and revised the personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements for sulfometuron methyl. The label table incorporated into the Sulfometuron Methyl RED amendment includes modifications which specify label language for required application parameters, buffer zones, and PPE requirements.

### B. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 4(g)(2) of FIFRA, as amended, directs that, after submission of all data concerning a pesticide active ingredient, "the Administrator shall determine whether pesticides containing the active ingredient are eligible for reregistration," before calling in product specific data on individual end-use products and