

Arbor, MI 48105. This EUP allows the use of 0.220 pounds of the sea lamprey migratory pheromone petromyzonol sulfate on 16.7 acres of river water to evaluate the control of sea lamprey. The program is authorized only in the States of Michigan, New York, and Vermont. The EUP is effective from April 1, 2004 to October 31, 2004.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136c.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection,  
Experimental use permits.

Dated: February 5, 2004.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7624-8]

#### National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program Seeking Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is announcing that the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program's (NELAP's) Proficiency Testing Board has posted an application at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/nelac>, "recent additions" for all interested parties wanting to serve NELAP in the capacity of Proficiency Testing Oversight Body (PTOB)/Proficiency Testing Provider Accreditor (PTPA). As instructed at the top of the application, an electronic and one hard copy of the application and all documentation must be sent to Dr. Michael W. Miller, Proficiency Testing Board Chairperson, NJ-DEP-OQA, P.O. Box 424, Trenton, NJ 08625, [michael.w.miller@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:michael.w.miller@dep.state.nj.us) and an electronic copy of the application only to Ms. Lara P. Autry, NELAP Director at [autry.lara@epa.gov](mailto:autry.lara@epa.gov). The application portion must be postmarked and received electronically by close-of-business on Friday, February 27, 2004. All requested documentation associated with the application must be postmarked and received electronically by close-of-business on Friday, March 26, 2004.

Dated: February 11, 2004.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[RCRA-2003-0006; FRL-7624-6]

#### Recovered Materials Advisory Notice V; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of draft document for review; reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reopening the comment period for the draft "Recovered Materials Advisory Notice V," (RMAN V) which appeared in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2003 (68 FR 68919). The initial public comment period for this proposed rule ended on February 9, 2004. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the comment period to end on March 19, 2004.

**DATES:** EPA will accept public comments on the draft RMAN V until March 19, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail to: OSWER Docket, EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 5305T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0006. Comments may also be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier; follow the detailed instructions as provided below in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the draft RMAN V, contact the RCRA Call Center at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323. For more detailed information on specific aspects of the draft RMAN V, contact Sue Nogas at (703) 308-0199.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document reopens the public comment period established in the **Federal Register** for the draft RMAN V, which was issued on December 10, 2003 (68 FR 68919). In that document, EPA provided guidance to procuring agencies for purchasing the items

proposed in the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline V proposed rule (CPG V), which was also issued on December 10, 2003 (68 FR 68813). In the CPG V proposed rule, EPA proposed to revise the current compost designation to include compost made from manure or biosolids and to designate fertilizers made from recovered organic materials. EPA also proposed to consolidate all compost designations under one item called "compost made from recovered organic materials." During the initial public comment periods for the CPG V proposed rule and for the draft RMAN V, both of which ended on February 9, 2004, EPA received a request to extend the comment period of the CPG V proposed rule by 30 days. A copy of this request has been placed in the EPA Docket for the draft RMAN V. Consequently, in the proposed rules section of today's **Federal Register**, EPA is reopening the comment period for the CPG V proposed rule. Because of the close association between the CPG V proposed rule and the draft RMAN V, EPA is hereby reopening the draft RMAN V comment period, which will end on March 19, 2004.

#### How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments on the Draft RMAN V?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket identification number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. However, late comments may be considered if time permits.

#### Electronically

If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed below, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD-ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD-ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that

is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

**EPA Dockets.** Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. To access EPA's electronic public docket from the EPA Internet Home Page, select "Information Sources," "Dockets," and "EPA Dockets." Once in the system, select "search," and then key in Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0006. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

**E-mail.** Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to [rcra-docket@epa.gov](mailto:rcra-docket@epa.gov), Attention Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0006. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

**Disk or CD-ROM.** You may submit comments on a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

#### By Mail

Send your comments to: OSWER Docket, EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 5305T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0006.

#### By Hand Delivery or Courier

Deliver your comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0006. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation

(8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays).

Dated: February 10, 2004.

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## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

[No. 2004-N-03]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) is seeking public comments concerning a three-year extension by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the information collection entitled "Monthly Survey of Rates and Terms on Conventional, 1-Family, Nonfarm Loans," commonly known as the Monthly Interest Rate Survey or MIRS.

**DATES:** Interested persons may submit comments on or before April 19, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments by e-mail to [comments@fhfb.gov](mailto:comments@fhfb.gov), by facsimile to 202/408-2580, or by regular mail to the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Public Comments. Comments will be available on the Finance Board Web site at [http://www.fhfb.gov/pressroom/pressroom\\_regs.htm](http://www.fhfb.gov/pressroom/pressroom_regs.htm).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Roderer, Financial Analyst, Risk Monitoring Division, Office of Supervision, by e-mail at [rodererd@fhfb.gov](mailto:rodererd@fhfb.gov), by telephone at 202/408-2540, or by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Need for and Use of Information Collection

The Finance Board's predecessor, the former Federal Home Loan Bank Board (FHLBB), first provided data concerning a survey of mortgage interest rates in 1963. No statutory or regulatory provision explicitly required the FHLBB to conduct the MIRS although references to the MIRS did appear in several federal and state statutes. Responsibility for conducting the MIRS was transferred to the Finance Board upon dissolution of the FHLBB in 1989. See Financial Institutions Reform,

Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), Pub. L. 101-73, tit. IV, sec. 402(e)(3)-(4), 103 Stat. 183, *codified at* 12 U.S.C. 1437 note, and tit. VII, sec. 731(f)(1), (f)(2)(B), 103 Stat. 433 (Aug. 9, 1989). In 1993, the Finance Board promulgated a final rule describing the method by which it conducts the MIRS. See 58 FR 19195 (Apr. 13, 1993), *codified at* 12 CFR 906.3. Since its inception, the MIRS has provided the only consistent source of information on mortgage interest rates and terms and house prices for areas smaller than the entire country.

Statutory references to the MIRS include the following:

- Pursuant to their respective organic statutes, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac use the MIRS results as the basis for the annual adjustments to the maximum dollar limits for their purchase of conventional mortgages. See 12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2) and 1717(b)(2). The Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac limits were first tied to the MIRS by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980. See Pub. L. 96-399, tit. III, sec. 313(a)-(b), 94 Stat. 1644-1645 (Oct. 8, 1980). At that time, the nearly identical statutes required Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to base the dollar limit adjustments on "the national average one-family house price in the monthly survey of all major lenders conducted by the [FHLBB]." See 12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2) and 1717(b)(2) (1989). When Congress abolished the FHLBB in 1989, it replaced the reference to the FHLBB in the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac statutes with a reference to the Finance Board. See FIRREA, tit. VII, sec. 731(f)(1), (f)(2)(B), 103 Stat. 433.

- Also in 1989, Congress required the Chairperson of the Finance Board to take necessary actions to ensure that indices used to calculate the interest rate on adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) remain available. See FIRREA, tit. IV, sec. 402(e)(3)-(4), 103 Stat. 183, *codified at* 12 U.S.C. 1437 note. At least one ARM index, known as the National Average Contract Mortgage Rate for the Purchase of Previously Occupied Homes by Combined Lenders, is derived from the MIRS data. The statute permits the Finance Board to substitute a substantially similar ARM index after notice and comment only if the new ARM index is based upon data substantially similar to that of the original ARM index and substitution of the new ARM index will result in an interest rate substantially similar to the rate in effect at the time the new ARM index replaces the existing ARM index. See 12 U.S.C. 1437 note.

- Congress indirectly connected the high cost area limits for mortgages