

rot (species of *Heterobasidion annosum* complex, including *Heterobasidion irregulare*) on conifers by treatment of freshly cut stumps. *Contact:* BPPD.

2. *File Symbol:* 90866-E. *Docket ID number:* EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0458. *Applicant:* Spring Trading Company, 10805 W. Timberwagon Cir., Spring, TX 77380-4030 (on behalf of CH Biotech R&D Co. LTD, No. 121, Xian an Rd., Xianxi Township, Changhua County 507, Taiwan (R.O.C.) 50741). *Product name:* CH Biotech R&D Co. Betaine. *Active ingredient:* Plant Growth Regulator—Methanaminium, 1-carboxy-N, N, N-trimethyl-, inner salt (Betaine) at 98.5%. *Proposed use:* Plant growth regulator for amelioration of growth reduction caused by saline or sodic soils and environmental stress. *Contact:* BPPD.

3. *File Symbol:* 90866-R. *Docket ID number:* EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0458. *Applicant:* Spring Trading Company, 10805 W. Timberwagon Cir., Spring, TX 77380-4030 (on behalf of CH Biotech R&D Co. LTD, No. 121, Xian an Rd., Xianxi Township, Changhua County 507, Taiwan (R.O.C.) 50741). *Product name:* CH Biotech Betaine Technical. *Active ingredient:* Plant Growth Regulator—Methanaminium, 1-carboxy-N, N, N-trimethyl-, inner salt (Betaine) at 98.5%. *Proposed use:* Manufacturing-use product. *Contact:* BPPD.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: July 24, 2015.

John E. Leahy, Jr.,

Acting Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[9931-85-Region 10]

Final Reissuance of a General NPDES Permit (GP) for Oil and Gas Exploration Facilities in the Federal Waters of Cook Inlet, Alaska

AGENCY: Region 10, Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final notice of reissuance of a general permit.

SUMMARY: EPA is reissuing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) GP (AKG-28-5100) to cover Oil and Gas Exploration Facilities in the Federal Waters of Cook Inlet. EPA proposed the GP on March 22, 2013 for a 60 day comment period. Public Hearings were held the week of April

29, 2013, in Kenai (April 29), Homer (April 30), and Anchorage (May 2).

DATES: The effective date of this GP will be September 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the GP and Response to Comments are available through written requests submitted to EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, OWW-191, Seattle, WA 98101. Electronic requests may be sent to: washington.audrey@epa.gov or godsey.cindi@epa.gov. For requests by phone, call Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or Cindi Godsey at (206) 553-1676.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The GP, Fact Sheet, Response to Comments and Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation may be found on the Region 10 Web site at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/NPDES+Permits/General+NPDES+Permits/#oilgas>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA prepared a Biological Evaluation for consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. EPA received concurrence from both Services on a Not Likely to Adversely Affect determination.

Executive Order 12866: The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, a Federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis "for any proposed rule" for which the agency "is required by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking." The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies "will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits, not rulemakings, under the APA and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the RFA. Notwithstanding that general permits are not subject to the RFA, EPA has determined that this GP, as issued, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Dated: July 29, 2015.

Daniel D. Opalski,

Director, Office of Water & Watersheds, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notification of a Closed Teleconference of the Chartered Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a teleconference of the Chartered SAB to conduct a review of a draft report of recommendations regarding the agency's 2015 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA). The Chartered SAB teleconference will be closed to the public.

DATES: The Chartered SAB teleconference date is Thursday, September 10, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The Chartered SAB closed teleconference will take place via telephone only. General information about the SAB may be found on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain further information regarding this announcement may contact Mr. Thomas Carpenter, Designated Federal Officer, by telephone: (202) 564-4885 or email at carpenter.thomas@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and section (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), the EPA has determined that the chartered SAB quality review teleconference will be closed to the public. The purpose of the teleconference is for the chartered SAB to conduct a review of a draft SAB advisory report of recommendations regarding the agency's 2015 STAA. The Chartered SAB teleconference will be closed to the public.

Quality review is a key function of the chartered SAB. Draft reports prepared by SAB committees, panels, or work groups must be reviewed and approved by the chartered SAB before transmittal to the EPA Administrator. The chartered SAB makes a determination in a meeting consistent with FACA about all draft reports and determines whether the report is ready to be transmitted to the EPA Administrator.

At the teleconference, the chartered SAB will conduct a review of draft report developed by an SAB committee