

Washington's operating permits program on same basis). The Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA), together with several other companies and the Washington Department of Ecology, challenged EPA's determination that Ecology must revise its IEU regulations as a condition of full approval. See 66 FR at 19. On June 17, 1996, the Ninth Circuit found in favor of the petitioners. *WSPA v. EPA*, 87 F.3d 280 (9th Cir. 1996). The Ninth Circuit did not opine on whether EPA's position was consistent with part 70. It did, however, find that EPA had acted inconsistently in its title V approvals, and had failed to explain the departure from precedent that the Court perceived in the Washington interim approval. The Court then remanded the matter to EPA, instructing EPA to give full approval to Washington's IEU regulations.

In light of the Court's order in the WSPA case, EPA determined that it must give full approval to Washington's IEU regulations. Therefore, on August 13, 2001, EPA published a **Federal Register** notice granting final full approval to Washington's title V program notwithstanding what EPA believed to be a deficiency in its IEU regulations. 66 FR 42439–42440 (August 13, 2001). Nonetheless, as EPA stated in its final full approval of Washington's program, EPA maintained its position that part 70 does not allow the exemption of IEUs subject to generally applicable requirements from the testing, monitoring, recordkeeping, reporting, and compliance certification requirements of 40 CFR 70.6 and intended to issue a notice of deficiency in another rulemaking action if the deficiencies in Washington's IEU regulations were not promptly addressed.

Since issuance of the Court's order in WSPA case, EPA has carefully reviewed the IEU provisions of those eight title V programs identified by the Court as inconsistent with EPA's decision on Washington's regulations. EPA has determined that three of the title V programs identified by the WSPA Court (Massachusetts; North Dakota; Knox County, Tennessee) are in fact consistent with EPA's position that insignificant sources subject to applicable requirements may not be exempt from permit content requirements. See 61 FR 39338 (July 29, 1996). North Carolina, Florida, and Jefferson County, Kentucky have made revisions to their IEU provisions. EPA has approved the changes made by North Carolina and Florida. 65 FR 38744, 38745 (June 22, 2000) (Forsyth County, North Carolina); 66 FR 45941

(August 31, 2001) (all other North Carolina permitting authorities); 66 FR 49837 (October 1, 2001) (Florida). EPA has not yet taken action on the changes made by Jefferson County, Kentucky. EPA has notified Ohio and Hawaii that their provisions for IEUs do not conform to the requirements of part 70 and must be revised. If Ohio and Hawaii do not revise their provisions for IEUs to conform to part 70, EPA intends to issue notices of deficiencies to these permitting authorities in accordance with the time frames set forth in the December 11, 2000 **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on title V program deficiencies. See 65 FR 77376. Having addressed the inconsistencies identified by the Ninth Circuit when it ordered EPA to approve Washington's IEU provisions, EPA is now notifying Washington that it must bring its IEU provisions into alignment with the requirements of part 70 and other State and local title V programs or face withdrawal of its title V operating permits program.

Because WAC 173–401–530(2)(c) and (d), the regulations that exempt IEUs from certain permit content requirements, apply throughout the State of Washington, this notice of deficiency applies to all State and local agencies that implement Washington's operating permits program. As discussed above, those agencies include Ecology, EFSEC, BCCAA, NWAPA, OAPCA, PSCAA, SCAPCA, SWACAA, and YRCAA.

D. Effect of Notice of Deficiency

Part 70 provides that EPA may withdraw a part 70 program approval, in whole or in part, whenever the approved program no longer complies with the requirements of part 70 and the permitting authority fails to take corrective action. 40 CFR 70.10(c)(1). This section goes on to list a number of potential bases for program withdrawal, including the case where the permitting authority's legal authority no longer meets the requirements of part 70. 40 CFR 70.10(b) sets forth the procedures for program withdrawal, and requires as a prerequisite to withdrawal that the permitting authority be notified of any finding of deficiency by the Administrator and that the document be published in the **Federal Register**. Today's document satisfies this requirement and constitutes a finding of program deficiency. If the permitting authority has not taken "significant action to assure adequate administration and enforcement of the program" within 90 days after publication of a notice of deficiency, EPA may withdraw the State program, apply any of the sanctions

specified in section 179(b) of the Act, or promulgate, administer, and enforce a Federal title V program. 40 CFR 70.10(b)(2). Section 70.10(b)(3) provides that if a State has not corrected the deficiency within 18 months of the finding of deficiency, EPA will apply the sanctions under section 179(b) of the Act, in accordance with section 179(a) of the Act. Upon EPA action, the sanctions will go into effect unless the State has corrected the deficiencies identified in this document within 18 months after signature of this document.¹ In addition, section 70.10(b)(4) provides that, if the State has not corrected the deficiency within 18 months after the date of notice of deficiency, EPA must promulgate, administer, and enforce a whole or partial program within 2 years of the date of the finding.

This document is not a proposal to withdraw Washington's title V program. Consistent with 40 CFR 70.10(b)(2), EPA will wait at least 90 days, at which point it will determine whether Washington has taken significant action to correct the deficiency.

II. Administrative Requirements

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of today's action may be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days of January 2, 2002.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 70

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Operating permits, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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L. John Iani,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–00439M; FRL–6818–1]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Committee and Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

¹ EPA is developing an Order of Sanctions rule to determine which sanction applies at the end of this 18 month period.

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 section 9(c), EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is giving notice of the renewal of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) and its Charter and the appointment of new members.

DATES: The PPDC Charter, which was filed with Congress on November 9, 2001, will be in effect for 2 years, until November 9, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, it may be of interest to persons who are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and the amendments to both of these major pesticide laws by the Food Quality Protection Act (Public Law 104-170) of 1996. 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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. To access information about PPDC, go directly to the Home Page for EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ppdc>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for this meeting under docket control number OPP-00439M. The administrative record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC). This administrative record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the administrative record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. How Can I Participate in PPDC Meetings?

PPDC meetings and workshops will be open to the public under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. Outside statements by observers will be welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 3-5 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after the meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be available for public inspection at the address in Unit II.2.

II. Background

The PPDC is composed of 42 members appointed by the EPA Deputy Administrator. Committee members were selected from a balanced group of participants from the following sectors: Pesticide users, grower and commodity groups; industry and trade associations; environmental/public interest and farmworker groups; Federal, State and tribal governments; public health organizations; animal welfare; and academia. PPDC was established to provide a public forum to discuss a wide variety of pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science policy issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemicals, Drinking water, Foods, Pesticides, Pests.

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Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Peer Review of EPA Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment of Perchlorate

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Peer Review Workshop and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Research and Development is announcing an external peer review workshop to review the revised draft document entitled, "Perchlorate Environmental Contamination: Toxicological Review and Risk Characterization" (NCEA-I-0503). The EPA is also announcing a public comment period for this draft document. The workshop is being organized and convened by the Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor.

DATES: The two-day peer review workshop will begin on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 9 a.m. and will end on Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. The 30-day public review and comment period will begin January 9, 2002, and will end February 11, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The external peer review meeting will be held at a facility in Sacramento, California. To attend the meeting as an observer, please register with ERG via the Internet by visiting www.meetings@erg.com. You may also register by calling ERG's conference registration line at 781-674-7374 or by faxing a registration request to 781-674-2906. Upon registering, you will be sent an agenda and a logistical fact sheet containing information on the meeting site, overnight accommodations, and ground transportation. The deadline for pre-registration is February 25, 2002. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time for oral comments on the revised draft document during the meeting. When registering, please let ERG know if you