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Dated: November 6, 2002.

J.I. Palmer, Jr.,

Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Petition IV-2001-6; FRL-7409-8]

Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for King Finishing; Dover (Screven County), Georgia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Clean Air Act section 505(b)(2) and 40 CFR 70.8(d), the EPA Administrator signed an order, dated October 9, 2002, denying a petition to object to a state operating permit issued by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to King Finishing located in Dover, Screven County, Georgia. This order constitutes final action on the petition submitted by the Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest (GCLPI or Petitioner) on behalf of the Sierra Club. Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (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/region07/programs/artd/air/title5/petitiondb/petitions/kingfinishing_decision2001.pdf.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review and, as appropriate, 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.

GCLPI submitted a petition on behalf of the Sierra Club to the Administrator on October 9, 2001, requesting that EPA object to a state title V operating permit issued by EPD to King Finishing. The Petitioner maintains that the King Finishing permit is inconsistent with the Act because of: (1) The inadequacy of the public participation process and related public notice; (2) the permit's apparent limitation of enforcement authority and credible evidence; and (3) the inadequacy of the monitoring and reporting requirements.

On October 9, 2002, the Administrator issued an order denying this petition. The order explains the reasons behind EPA's conclusion that the Petitioner has failed to demonstrate that the King Finishing permit is not in compliance with the requirements of the Act on the grounds raised.

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Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[WA-01-003; FRL-7410-3]

Adequacy Status of the State Implementation Plan Revision for Carbon Monoxide in the Spokane Serious Nonattainment Area, Spokane, WA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy determination.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found the motor vehicle emissions budget submitted in the State Implementation Plan Revision for Carbon Monoxide in the Spokane Serious Nonattainment Area, Spokane, Washington adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for

conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, the Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Washington Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Transportation are required to use the motor vehicle emissions budget in this submitted attainment plan for future transportation conformity determinations.

DATES: This finding is effective December 4, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding will be available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity"). You may also contact Wayne Elson, U.S. EPA, Region 10 (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Ave, Seattle WA 98101; (206) 553-1463 or elson.wayne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 10 sent a letter to the Washington Department of Ecology on November 1, 2002, stating that the motor vehicle emissions budget in the State Implementation Plan Revision for Carbon Monoxide in the Spokane Serious Nonattainment Area, Spokane, Washington is adequate.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budget is adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review.

We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: November 4, 2002.

Michael F. Gearheard,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7410-2]

Notice of the Ninth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Ninth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. The purpose of this Task Force, consisting of Federal, State, and Tribal members, is to lead efforts to coordinate and support nutrient management and hypoxia-related activities in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico watersheds. The major matter to be discussed at the meeting is implementation of the Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating, and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. The Action Plan was developed in fulfillment of a requirement of section 604(b) of the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research Control Act (Pub. L. 105-383—Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998) to submit a scientific assessment of hypoxia and a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. The Action Plan was submitted as a Report to Congress on January 18, 2001. Also, a summary will be provided of the Monitoring, Modeling, and Research subworkgroup meeting, held October 16-18, 2002 in St. Louis. The public will be afforded an opportunity to provide input to the Task Force during open discussion periods.

DATES: The one day meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2002 in Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: Please see the Web site <http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/new.htm> for registration, specific meeting location, and hotel information. The meeting room accommodates approximately 125 people, therefore, registration is required. A registration form can be downloaded from the Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Flahive, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), Mail Code 4503T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20460; Phone (202)-566-1206; E-mail:

flahive.katie@epa.gov. For additional information on logistics, registration, and accommodations, contact Ansu John, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030; Phone: (703) 385-6000; E-mail: ansu.john@tetratech-ffx.com.

Dated: November 13, 2002.

Robert H. Wayland III,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION BOARD

National Strategy To Secure Cyberspace

November 14, 2002.

AGENCY: President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board, Executive Office of the President, The White House.

ACTION: Notice of request for ongoing public comment regarding the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace for comment, notwithstanding the public comment deadline of September 18, 2002.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the President's charge in Executive Order 12321, the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board (the "Board") has been engaged in development of the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace. On September 18, 2002, the Board released to the public a draft of the Strategy "For Comment" (the "Strategy"). The Strategy was made available online at <http://www.securecyberspace.gov> for viewing and downloading. At the time of the release of the Strategy, the Board invited public comments and set a deadline of November 18, 2002 for such comments. On Oct 11, 2002, through a **Federal Register** Notice, the Board issued a formal public notice soliciting further comments and views from the public on the Strategy, and reiterated the public comment deadline of November 18, 2002. It was noted from the first that—due to the fact that cyberspace security operates in a dynamic landscape where the nature of the threats, solutions, technology, applications and other factors are subject to rapid and sometimes dramatic change "America's cyberstrategy must be dynamic and continually refreshed to adapt to the changing environment." Thus, because the development of the

National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace is an ongoing, iterative process, the Board has indicated all along that the Strategy will be a dynamic, evolutionary document, one that will include a formal official release and subsequent, periodic updated versions. As a result, the public dialogue will continue to be interactive, and additional public comments will be welcome and considered first not only following the November 18, 2002 date, but also after the release of the first official version of the Strategy. Comments will be considered in a timely manner and, as appropriate, will be reflected into the evolving Strategy at the earliest possible date. There is no guarantee, however, that comments submitted after the November 18, 2002 deadline will be considered for the current draft of the strategy. Comments not considered for this draft may be reflected in subsequent drafts.

DATES: Comments are invited on an ongoing basis.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically as provided at <http://www.securecyberspace.gov>. In addition, written comments may be sent to: PCIPB/ Strategy Public Comment; The White House; Washington, DC 20502. Individual hard copies of the draft Strategy may be obtained by calling 202-456-5420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tommy Cabe 202-456-5420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 16, 2001, the President created the Board by Executive Order 12321. The President noted that "[t]he information technology revolution has changed the way business is transacted, government operates, and national defense is conducted. Those three functions now depend on an interdependent network of critical information infrastructures." In the Executive Order, the President directed the Board to "recommend policies and coordinate programs for protecting information systems for critical infrastructure," and called for the Board to "coordinate outreach to and consultation with the private sector, * * * State and local governments, [and] communities and representatives from academia and other relevant elements of society."

Pursuant to the President's charge, the Board has been engaged in development of the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace. On September 18, 2002, the Board released to the public a draft Strategy "For Comment," identifying 24 strategic goals and listing over 80 recommendations. The Strategy was made available online at <http://>