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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Meeting, Notice of Vote, Explanation of Action Closing Meeting and List of Persons To Attend

September 8, 2005.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: September 15, 2005 (within a relatively short time after the Commission's open meeting on September 15, 2005).

PLACE: 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Non-Public Investigations and Inquiries, Enforcement Related Matters, and Security of Regulated Facilities.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone (202) 502-8400.

Chairman Kelliher and Commissioners Brownell and Kelly voted to hold a closed meeting on September 15, 2005. The certification of the General Counsel explaining the action closing the meeting is available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20426.

The Chairman and the Commissioners, their assistants, the Commission's Secretary and her assistant, the General Counsel and members of her staff, and a stenographer are expected to attend the meeting. Other staff members from the Commission's program offices who will advise the Commissioners in the matters discussed will also be present.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EY05-14-001; RM01-10-000]

Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers; Notice Waiving Record Keeping Requirements

September 7, 2005.

Due to the emergency conditions in the Gulf Coast area of the United States created by Hurricane Katrina, on August 31, 2005, the Commission issued a Notice Granting Extension Of Time To Comply With Posting And Other Requirements. That Notice, among other things, allowed affected transmission providers to delay, until September 30, 2005, compliance with the requirement of section 358.4(a)(2) of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 358.4(a)(2)(2005), to report to the Commission and post on the OASIS or Internet website, as applicable, each emergency that resulted in any deviation from the standards of conduct.

Due to the extreme nature of the emergency, the Commission will also waive, until September 16, 2005, the requirement to record and retain a record of each deviation of the standards of conduct. The Commission

will consider extending the waiver if it continues to be needed after that date.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[SFUND-2004-0014, FRL-7968-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; The 2005 National Survey of Local Emergency Planning Committees, EPA ICR Number 1903.02, OMB Control Number 2050-0162

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request for a continuing collection. The prior collection for the 1999 National Survey of Local Emergency Planning Committees expired on June 30, 2002. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number SFUND-2004-0014, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to superfund.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Docket, Mailcode 5202T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Jennings, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), OSWER, Mailcode 5104A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-7998; fax number: (202) 564-8222; e-mail address: jennings.kim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number SFUND-2004-0014, which is available for public viewing at the Superfund Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution

Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Superfund Docket is (202) 566-0276. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epas.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, to submit to view public comments, to access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which hold a leadership position on Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). It is anticipated that the majority of respondents will be LEPC chairs.

Title: National Survey of Local Emergency Planning Committees.

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Emergency Response (OEM) proposes to conduct a nationwide survey of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). The information will be used to assess the general progress, status, and activity level of LEPCs. This collection also addresses reporting requirements under

the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, which stipulates that agencies focus on evaluating their program activities in terms of outputs and outcomes. This ICR is necessary to evaluate whether OEM is successfully providing national leadership and assistance to local communities in preparing for and preventing chemical emergencies.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) introduced a fundamental change in the regulation of chemical facilities and the prevention of and preparedness for chemical accidents. This law seeks to improve emergency preparedness and reduce the risk of chemical accidents by providing information to citizens about chemical hazards in their community. EPCRA is premised on the concept that the more informed local citizens are, the more involved they will become in prevention and preparedness activities. For this "informational regulation" to be effective, the public must receive accurate and reliable information that is easy to understand and practical to use.

EPCRA mandates the creation of LEPCs as a means for local government, law enforcement, health officials, and emergency responders to work with chemical facilities, the media and community groups to develop formal plans for responding to chemical emergencies.

LEPC activities include: Receiving chemical hazards data from facilities in their community and providing this information to the local public; developing local emergency response plans, which are annually reviewed, tested, and updated; serving as a point of contact for discussing and sharing information about hazardous substances, emergency planning, and health and environmental risk; and notifying the public of LEPC activities and other pertinent information.

In general, LEPCs provide local citizens an opportunity to participate actively in understanding chemical hazards, planning for emergency response and reducing the risk of chemical emergencies. To be judged effective, LEPCs must be compliant with the requirements of EPCRA and actively carry out these responsibilities. LEPC's level of satisfaction with the information, guidance, and support they receive will heavily influence their ability to fulfill their duties. The 2005 National Survey of LEPCs will collect information to evaluate the status and activity level of these planning bodies and their satisfaction with OEM products and services.

This proposed information collection builds upon previous assessments conducted by OEM. In 1999, a nationwide survey of LEPCs revealed various strengths and weaknesses among LEPCs. Since that time, no systematic nationwide measurement of the progress of LEPCs has been conducted. Over the past five years, local emergency planning has evolved, most notably, in the amount of information that is now available to assist LEPCs in preparing for and preventing chemical emergencies. In June 1999, this information expanded further with the addition of facility specific chemical hazards data and risk management plans made available under amendments to the Clean Air Act in 1990 (section 112(r)—the Risk Management Program Rule for the prevention of chemical accidents).

The primary goals of this research are to: (1) Track the progress of LEPCs by updating the 1999 baseline data on a series of key performance indicators; and (2) probe current LEPC practices and preferences regarding several important sets of issues, including: communications with local citizens, proactive accident prevention efforts, and the effectiveness of selected OEM products and services.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: OEM estimates that there will be 3,300 respondents to this information collection and each respondent will spend 15 minutes completing and submitting an on-line response form, for a total response of 825 hours. Based on an average hourly rate of \$30.06 (an average hourly rate, including benefits, of both private and state employees), the survey developers expect that the average per-respondent cost for the pilot survey will be \$7.51

and the corresponding one-time total cost to all respondents will be \$24,800. Since this information collection is voluntary and does not involve any special equipment, respondents will not incur any capital or operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: September 2, 2005.

Deborah Y. Dietrich,

Director, Office of Emergency Management.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7968-8]

Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification To Convene Workgroups of Experts for Rapid Consultative Advice on Scientific and Technical Issues From Hurricane Katrina

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces its intent to convene workgroups of experts drawn from the U.S. EPA SAB, the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, and the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (chartered advisory committees), their standing committees, subcommittees, and advisory panels to provide rapid consultative advice on scientific and technical issues in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain information about the rapid consultative advice process and projects may contact Dr. Anthony F. Maciorowski, Associate Director for Science, Science Advisory Board Staff

Office, by telephone at (202) 343-9983; by e-mail at maciorowski.anthony@epa.gov; or by mail at the U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on a technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB anticipates that the scope and scale of environmental destruction in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama will lead EPA Program Offices and Regions to request advice on an array of scientific and technical issues. Rapid consultative advice from nationally recognized scientists and engineers will assist the Agency in developing and implementing timely and scientifically appropriate responses to Hurricane Katrina induced destruction and contamination along the Gulf Coast.

To expedite the development of advice on Hurricane Katrina related issues, the SAB Staff Office will convene workgroups of technical experts drawn from the U.S. EPA SAB, the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (chartered advisory committees), their standing committees, subcommittees, and advisory panels. Workgroup members will be invited to serve based on their scientific and technical expertise, knowledge, and experience; availability and willingness to serve; absence of financial conflicts of interest; and scientific credibility and impartiality. Due to critical mission and schedule requirements, there is insufficient time to provide the full 15 days notice in the **Federal Register** prior to advisory committee meetings, pursuant to the final rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management codified at 41 CFR 102-3.150. Therefore, information on the workgroup consultations will be posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> as they are available.

Dated: September 8, 2005.

Vanessa Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OAR-2003-0032; FRL-7965-4]

Interim Guidance on Control of Volatile Organic Compounds in Ozone State Implementation Plans

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of interim guidance on SIP development.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) encourages States to consider recent scientific information on the photochemical reactivity of volatile organic compounds (VOC) in the development of State implementation plans (SIPs) designed to meet the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone. This interim guidance summarizes recent scientific findings, provides examples of innovative applications of reactivity information in the development of VOC control measures, and clarifies the relationship between innovative reactivity-based policies and EPA's current definition of VOC. This interim guidance does not change any existing rules.

DATES: This interim guidance is effective on September 13, 2005.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. OAR-2003-0032. All documents in the docket are listed in the EDOCKET index at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Although listed in the index, some information may not be publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in EDOCKET or in hard copy at the Docket ID No. OAR-2003-0032, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566-1742.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Johnson, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, Mail code C539-02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5245.; fax number: (919) 541-