

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Docket Nos. RP08-426-000; RP08-426-001]

**El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice
of Technical Conference**

August 22, 2008.

On June 30, 2008, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) filed revised tariff sheets pursuant to section 4 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 154 of the Commission's regulations. In its filing, El Paso proposes a number of new services, a rate increase for existing services, and changes in certain terms and conditions of service. On August 5, 2008, the Commission issued an order¹ accepting and suspending the tariff sheets, subject to refund and conditions, establishing hearing procedures, and establishing a technical conference. In that order, the Commission directed the Staff to convene a technical conference to address the proposed services and terms and conditions reflected in El Paso's filing.

Take notice that a technical conference to discuss issues raised by El Paso's filing will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 9 a.m. (EST) and Friday, September 12, 2008 at 9 a.m. (EST), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. If necessary, the conference will continue on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 9 a.m. (EST) and Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 9 a.m. (EST).

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All parties and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact April Ballou at (202) 502-6537 or April.Ballou@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0506; FRL-8378-6]

**Sodium Hydroxide (Mineral Bases,
Strong) and Capric (Decanoic) Acid;
Antimicrobial Registration Review
Final Work Plans and Proposed
Registration Review Decisions; Notice
of Availability**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's Final Work Plans and Proposed Registration Review Decisions for the pesticides cases Capric (Decanoic) Acid and Sodium Hydroxide (Mineral Bases, Strong), and opens a public comment period on the proposed registration review decisions. Registration review is EPA's periodic review of pesticide registrations to ensure that each pesticide continues to satisfy the statutory standard for registration, that is, that the pesticide can perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that each pesticide's registration is based on current scientific and other knowledge, including its effects on human health and the environment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 28, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) numbers EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0922 for Sodium Hydroxide (Mineral Bases, Strong) and EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1040 for Capric (Decanoic) Acid, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID numbers and the regulatory

contacts listed under Table 1 for each of the cases to which you are submitting a comment. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow the instructions on the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., 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 in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal

¹ 124 FERC ¶ 61,124 (2008).

holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the pesticides included in this document, contact the specific Chemical Review Manager as identified in the table in Unit II. for the pesticide of interest.

For general questions on the registration review program, contact Kevin Costello, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-5026; fax number: (703) 308-8090; e-mail address: costello.kevin@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may 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. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).

ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. Background

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This notice opens a 60-day public comment period on the subject proposed registration review decisions. The Agency is proposing registration review decisions for the pesticide cases shown in the following Table.

REGISTRATION REVIEW DOCKETS — PROPOSED FINAL DECISIONS

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Pesticide Docket ID Number	Regulatory Contact name, Phone Number, E-mail Address
Case 4065; Sodium Hydroxide (Mineral Bases, Strong)	EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0922	Diane Isbell; (703) 308-8154; isbell.diane@epa.gov
Case 5038; Capric (Decanoic) Acid	EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1040	Eliza Blair; (703) 308-7279; blair.eliza@epa.gov

The dockets for registration review of these pesticide cases include earlier documents related to the registration review of the subject cases. For example, the review opened with the posting of a Summary Document, containing a Preliminary Work Plan (PWP), for public comment. Because no comments were received, and because the Agency required no further risk assessments to complete registration review of these cases, the Final Work Plan and Proposed Decision were combined into a single document. The documents in the initial docket described the Agency's rationale for not conducting new risk assessments for the registration review of Sodium Hydroxide (Mineral Bases, Strong) and Capric (Decanoic) Acid. These proposed registration review decisions now included in the dockets continue to be

supported by those rationales included in documents in the initial dockets. Following public comment, the Agency will issue a final registration review decision for each case.

The registration review program is being conducted under congressionally mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes the need both to make timely decisions and to involve the public. Section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended in 1996 required EPA to establish by regulation procedures for reviewing pesticide registrations, originally with a goal of reviewing each pesticide's registration every 15 years to ensure that a pesticide continues to meet the FIFRA standard for registration. The Agency's final rule to implement this program was issued in August 2006 and became effective in

October 2006 and appears at 40 CFR part 155.40 *et seq.* The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 ("PRIA") was amended and extended in September 2007. FIFRA as amended by PRIA in 2007 requires EPA to complete registration review decisions by October 1, 2022 for all pesticides registered as of October 1, 2007. The registration review final rule provides for a minimum 60-day public comment period for all proposed registration review decisions. This comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary amendments to the proposed decision(s). All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. These comments will become part of the Agency Dockets for Sodium Hydroxide

(Mineral Bases, Strong) and Capric (Decanoic) Acid. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. The Agency will carefully consider all comments received by the closing date and will provide a Response to Comments Memorandum in the Dockets and www.regulations.gov. The final registration review decisions will explain the effect that any comments have had on the decisions.

Background on the registration review program is provided at: http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration_review/. Quick links to earlier documents related to the registration review of this pesticide are provided at: http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration_review/reg_review_status.htm/.

B. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

FIFRA Section 3(g) and 40 CFR part 155.40 *et seq.* provide authority for this action.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Antimicrobials, capric acid, sodium hydroxide, Registration review.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

Frank Sanders,

Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0162; FRL-8380-6]

Carbofuran; Notice of Availability of Revised Surface Water Exposure Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's revised surface water exposure assessment for the pesticide carbofuran. This revised assessment reflects the most current soil input parameters for the surface water exposure modeling done for the dietary risk assessment for carbofuran. While the underlying information based on soil type has been updated, the Agency's ultimate risk conclusions have not changed. The new drinking water exposure assessment dated August 20, 2008, entitled "Updated Refinements of

the Drinking Water Exposure Assessment for the Use of Carbofuran on Corn and Melons," is in the carbofuran docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jude Andreasen, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-9342; fax number: (703) 308-7070; e-mail address: andreasen.jude@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. 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 Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0162. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

II. Background

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Upon further review of its underlying assessments, the Agency has updated its drinking water exposure assessment for the pesticide carbofuran to reflect the most current soil input parameters for the surface water source drinking water exposure modeling. Soil information for 8 of the 11 scenarios has been updated to more closely resemble soils in the areas where the scenarios for these crops were modeled. Of the 11 scenarios, 2 resulted in concentrations that remained largely unchanged (Minnesota corn and Nebraska corn); and 6 scenarios resulted in concentrations that decreased slightly (Iowa corn, Indiana corn, Kansas corn, Michigan melon, Missouri melon, and New Jersey melon). The remaining 3 scenarios (Illinois corn, Texas corn, and Florida melons) were not modified and remain unchanged. Despite the revisions to certain of the underlying assessments from use of the more recent soil types, the Agency's ultimate risk conclusions regarding carbofuran's overall dietary risks remain unchanged. EPA is providing notice of its revised assessments to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the Agency's revisions during the comment period on its proposed tolerance revocations.

The updated exposure assessment, dated August 20, 2008, entitled "Updated Refinements of the Drinking Water Exposure Assessment for the Use of Carbofuran on Corn and Melons," is in the carbofuran docket (EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0162) at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

B. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

21 U.S.C. 346a(e).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

William R. Diamond,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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