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Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. 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 materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically at www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: May 2, 2013.

Debra B. Walsh,

Acting Deputy Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9843-9]

Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant an exclusive license.

SUMMARY: EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, royaltybearing, revocable license to practice the invention described and claimed in the U.S. patent entitled PROCESS FOR THE **BIODEGRADATION OF** HYDROCARBONS AND ETHERS IN SUBSURFACE SOIL BY INTRODUCTION OF A SOLID OXYGEN SOURCE BY HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, filed as U.S. serial number 10/395,893 on March 25, 2003 and issued as U.S. Patent 7,252,986 on August 7, 2007 to Foremost Environmental Solutions, L.L.C. of Denver, Colorado.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by EPA at the address listed below by August 22, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Scalise, Patent Attorney, Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2377A), Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564–8303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207 (Patents) and 37 CFR part 404 (U.S. Government patent licensing regulations), EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license to practice the invention described and claimed in the U.S. patent entitled PROCESS FOR THE BIODEGRADATION OF HYDROCARBONS AND ETHERS IN SUBSURFACE SOIL BY INTRODUCTION OF A SOLID OXYGEN SOURCE BY HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, filed as U.S. serial number 10/395,893 on March 25, 2003 and issued as U.S. Patent 7,252,986 on August 7, 2007 to Foremost Environmental Solutions, L.L.C. of Denver, Colorado.

The proposed exclusive license will contain appropriate terms, limitations, and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.5 and 404.7 of the U.S. Government patent licensing regulations.

EPA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the exclusive license, unless within 15 days from the date of this notice EPA receives, at the

address below, written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The documentation from objecting parties having an interest in practicing the above patent should include an application for an exclusive or nonexclusive license with the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8. The EPA Patent Attorney and other EPA officials will review all written responses and then make recommendations on a final decision to the Director or Deputy Director of the National Risk Management Research Laboratory who have been delegated the authority to issue patent licenses under EPA Delegation 1–55.

Dated: July 31, 2013.

Kevin Miller.

Acting Associate General Counsel, General Law Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9843-4]

Meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is announcing a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (Council), established under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This meeting is scheduled for October 9 and 10, 2013, in Arlington, VA. The Council typically considers various issues associated with drinking water protection and public water systems. During this meeting, the Council will focus discussions on the proposed regulatory revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule under the SDWA as well as other program issues.

DATES: The meeting on October 9, 2013 will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, and on October 10, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Potomac Yard Conference Center at 2777 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22202, in room North 4830 (4th floor) and will be open to the public. All attendees must go through a metal detector, sign in with the security desk, and show government issued photo identification to enter government buildings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who would like

to register and receive pertinent information, present an oral statement or submit a written statement for the October 9 and 10 meeting should contact Roy Simon, by September 6; by email at Simon.Roy@epa.gov; by phone at 202–564–3868; or by regular mail at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC 4601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20460. Further details about participating in the meeting can be found in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Details about Participating in the Meeting: If you wish to attend the meeting, you should provide your email address when you register. The EPA will provide updated information on the October meeting to registered individuals and organizations in September 2013. The Council will allocate one hour for the public's input (1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m., Eastern Time) at the meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes at the meeting. It is preferred that only one person present the statement on behalf of a group or organization. To ensure adequate time for public involvement, individuals or organizations interested in presenting an oral statement should notify Roy Simon no later than September 13, 2013. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after the Council meeting. Written statements intended for the meeting must be received by September 27, 2013, to be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received on or after the date specified will become part of the permanent file for the meeting and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

National Drinking Water Advisory Council: The Council was created by Congress on December 16, 1974, as part of the SDWA of 1974, Public Law 93–523, 42 U.S.C. 300j–5, and is operated in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2. The Council was established under the SDWA to provide practical and independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the activities, functions, policies, and regulations required by the SDWA.

Special Accommodations: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Roy Simon at 202–564–3868 or by email at Simon.Roy@epa.gov. To

request accommodation of a disability, please contact Roy Simon at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: July 30, 2013.

Eric M. Bissonette,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0824; FRL-9678-5] RIN 2040-ZA18

Preliminary 2012 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan and 2011 Annual Effluent Guidelines Review Report

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Preliminary 2012 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan ("Preliminary 2012 Plan") and EPA's 2011 Annual Effluent Guidelines Review Report, and solicits public comment on both. Clean Water Act (CWA) section 304(m), 33 U.S.C. 1314(m), requires EPA to biennially publish a plan for new and revised effluent guidelines, after public notice and comment, which identifies any new or existing industrial categories selected for effluent guidelines rulemaking and provides a schedule for such rulemaking. EPA works to publish a preliminary plan in the odd numbered years and a final plan in the even numbered years. The findings from the 2011 Annual Reviews were used in developing the Preliminary 2012 Plan and will be used in developing the Final 2012 Plan.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments on the 2011 Annual Reviews and Preliminary 2012 Plan identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0824, by one of the following methods:

- http://www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: ow-docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0824.
 - Fax: (202) 566-9744
- Mail: Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0824, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

• Hand Delivery: EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0824. Such deliveries are accepted only during the Docket Center's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments on the 2011 Annual Reviews and Preliminary 2012 Plan to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0824. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and could be made available online at 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 www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means that EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public 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 because of technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA might 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. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at http:// www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm. For additional instructions on submitting comments, go to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Submitting Confidential Business Information

Do not submit confidential business information (CBI) to EPA through www.regulations.gov or email. Any CBI you wish to submit should be sent via a trackable physical method, such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service, to Mr. M. Ahmar Siddiqui, Document Control Officer, Engineering