

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-12519-01-OA]

Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notification of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the EPA hereby provides notice of a meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) on the date and time described below. This meeting will be open to the public. For information on public attendance and participation, please see the registration information under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The LGAC will have a virtual meeting January 9th, from 2–3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Sylvester, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the Local Government Advisory Committee, at sylvester.frank.j@epa.gov or 202–564–1279.

Information on Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals requiring accessibility accommodations, please send an email to LGAC@epa.gov. To request accommodation, please do so five (5) business days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Content: The LGAC will discuss a welcome letter to the incoming administration, highlighting the committee's value to the Agency and where the committee can best help the Administration achieve its priorities. Meeting materials and recommendations will be posted online closer to the meeting dates.

Registration: Both meetings will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams. Members of the public who wish to participate should register by contacting Frank Sylvester, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the Local Government Advisory Committee, at sylvester.frank.j@epa.gov or 202–564–1279 at least 24 hours of the meeting start time. The agenda and other supportive meeting materials will be available online at <https://www.epa.gov/ocir/local-government-advisory-committee-lgac> and can be obtained by written request to the DFO. In the event of cancellation for unforeseen circumstances, please contact the DFO

or check the website above for reschedule information.

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Designated Federal Officer, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

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BILLING CODE 6560–50–P**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****[EPA–HQ–OAR–2024–0446; FRL–12501–01–OAR]****Notice of Approval for Other Use of Phosphogypsum****AGENCY:** Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA or the Agency) has approved, subject to certain conditions, the request for a “Small-scale Road Pilot Project on Private Land in Florida” submitted by Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC in March 2022, and updated by the “Revised Request for Approval of Use of Phosphogypsum in Small-scale Pilot Project”, submitted in August 2023. The Agency’s review found that Mosaic’s request is complete per the requirements of EPA’s National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants under the Clean Air Act, and that the potential radiological risks from conducting the pilot project meet the regulatory requirement that the project is at least as protective of public health as maintaining the phosphogypsum in a stack. On October 9, 2024, the EPA issued a pending approval of the request and solicited public comments on the pending approval. While EPA received comments raising questions about the project, no comments were received which led EPA to change the results of its risk analyses for this proposed pilot project. This approval is only for the proposed pilot project, and EPA has placed conditions on the approval to make sure that the project remains within the scope of the application.

DATES: This decision is effective immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Walsh, Radiation Protection Division, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, Mail Code 6608T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; 202–343–9238; Walsh.Jonathan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Phosphogypsum is the waste byproduct of wet acid phosphorous production. It contains elevated concentrations of the radionuclide radium, which decays to form radon gas. The EPA’s regulations under the Clean Air Act at 40 CFR part 61, subpart R (hereafter “Subpart R”) require that phosphogypsum must be disposed of in engineered piles, called stacks, to limit public exposure to its radioactive components. Subpart R allows the removal of phosphogypsum from stacks for outdoor agricultural purposes and indoor research and development, subject to conditions and restrictions. Any other use of phosphogypsum requires prior approval from the EPA. The EPA may approve a request for a specific use of phosphogypsum if it determines that the proposed use is at least as protective of public health as placement of phosphogypsum in a stack. The processes for requesting such an approval are described in 40 CFR 61.206.

Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC submitted a request for a Small-scale Road Pilot Project on Private Land in Florida in March 2022, and submitted a Revised Request for Approval of Use of Phosphogypsum in Small-scale Pilot Project in August 2023. Mosaic has proposed to construct a small-scale pilot project at its New Wales facility in Polk County, Florida. Mosaic’s plan is to construct four sections of test road having varying mixtures of phosphogypsum (PG) in the road base “to demonstrate the range of PG road construction designs that meet the Florida Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge construction” (Request for Approval of Additional Uses of Phosphogypsum Pursuant to 40 CFR 61.206, Small-scale Road Pilot Project on Private Land in Florida). The pilot project will be constructed in the place of an existing facility road near the phosphogypsum stack, and the study will be conducted in conjunction with researchers from the University of Florida.

The EPA performed a complete review of Mosaic’s request, documented in “Review of the Small-scale Road Pilot Project on Private Land in Florida Submitted by Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC” (www.regulations.gov, Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2024–0446). The Agency’s review found that Mosaic’s request is complete per the requirements of 40 CFR 61.206(b). Further, the review found that Mosaic’s risk assessment is technically acceptable, and that the potential radiological risks from the proposed