

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation****Bay-Delta Advisory Council Meeting**

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) will meet to discuss several issues including: consideration and discussion of preliminary draft alternatives being developed for the programmatic EIS/EIR, a report on the findings and recommendations of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan Scientific Review Panel, reports from the BDAC Work Groups, and other policy issues pertaining to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Interested persons may make oral statements to the BDAC or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council meeting will be held from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Friday, December 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council meeting will meet at the Radison Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, California 95815, (916) 922-2020.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mary Selkirk, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the

resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed and objectives for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: November 13, 1997.

Roger Patterson,

Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****Notice of Proposed Information Collection**

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for the exemption of coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals at 30 CFR part 702.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received

by January 20, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. These collections are contained in 30 CFR 702, Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals, 30 CFR part 702.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0089.

Summary: This part implements the requirement in Section 701(28) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), which grants an exemption from the requirements of SMCRA to operators extracting not more than 16 2/3 percentage tonnage of coal incidental to

the extraction of other minerals. This information will be used by the regulatory authorities to make that determination.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once and annually thereafter.

Description of Respondents:

Producers of coal and other minerals.

Total Annual Responses: 78.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 733.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Richard G. Bryson,

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[DEA Number 170N]

Task Force on Suspicious Orders

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of Task Force on Suspicious Orders.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1972), and 41 CFR 101-6.1001-6.1035 (1992), the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), with the concurrence of the Attorney General, is establishing a Task Force on Suspicious Orders for the purpose of developing proposals to define suspicious orders of listed chemicals which can be used by registrants in determining if an order is a suspicious order which must be reported to the DEA.

The Task Force is authorized by Public Law 104-237, Section 504 of Subtitle V, Education and Research, the Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996 (the MCA). The specific provisions of the Act state that:

The Task Force shall be responsible for providing the Attorney General with recommendations, advice, and proposals for the establishment of such guidelines that will adequately define suspicious orders of listed chemicals. The Task Force shall limit its area of consideration to domestic issues regarding suspicious orders.

DATES: This Task Force is effective September 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Leser, Program Analyst, Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, D.C. 20537, Telephone (202) 307-4026 or Facsimile (202) 307-8570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope: Regulated persons are required to report suspicious regulated transactions to DEA pursuant to 21 CFR 1310.05(a)(1) and 21 U.S.C. 830(b)(1)(A). In the past, DEA has had general guidelines which were published in the Chemical Handlers' Manual as to what constituted a suspicious chemical order. The Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996 (MCA) mandated the establishment of the Suspicious Orders Task Force with the express purpose of developing proposals that further define a suspicious order. The scope of discussion of this Task Force shall be limited to enhancements and clarifications of what constitutes a suspicious chemical order that needs to be reported to DEA.

Membership: In accordance with the provisions of the MCA, this Task Force will be composed of appropriate personnel with experience in investigating and prosecuting illegal transactions of listed chemicals and supplies, and representatives from the chemical and pharmaceutical industries.

The Task Force will consist of 20 members nominated by the chairman of the Task Force from relevant industry/trade associations and state and local law enforcement agencies. The composition of the Task Force shall be:

Two members from the DEA investigative workforce
One member from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of California
One member from the International Association of Chiefs of Police
One member from The National Association of Diversion Investigators
One member from the California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement
One member from the Missouri State Highway Patrol
One member from the Missouri Attorney General's Office
One member from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
One member from the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities
Two members from the Chemical Manufacturers Association
Two members from the National Association of Chemical Distributors
One member from the national Non-Prescription Drug Manufacturers' Association
Four members from the wholesale and retail pharmaceutical marketing associations

The chairman of the Task Force shall reserve the right to add up to two additional members to the Task Force as appropriate.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, all meetings of the Task Force shall be open to the public with notice of times and locations appearing in the **Federal Register**. Interested parties shall be permitted to attend meetings, appear before the Task Force and present limited verbal statements, and file written statements with Task Force members. Written statements will be taken at any time during the meeting and distributed to the Task Force as soon as feasible. Presenters of written statements are requested to provide 25 copies of the statement to expedite distribution to the Task Force members. If the presenter does not/can not provide the requested copies, the Designated Federal Official (DFO) will make the copies and the Task Force will consider the statement when the copies are available. Verbal comments may be limited in time by the DFO to insure adequate opportunity for testimony by as many presenters as possible.

The Task Force will be advisory only and will provide its report to the Attorney General.

Dated: November 10, 1997.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[DEA NUMBER 171N]

Task Force on Suspicious Orders Meeting

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Suspicious Orders Task Force will be held on December 16-17, 1997. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days at The Marriot Residence Inn, 550 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

This meeting will be open to the public on a space available basis. Any interested person may observe meetings or portions thereof and shall be permitted to participate in the discussions at the discretion of the meeting chairman and with the approval of the full-time Designated Federal Official (DFO) in attendance.