

official service list compiled by the Secretary for this proceeding.

*Comment date:* December 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **9. Millennium Power Partners, L.P.**

[Docket No. ER98-830-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 1997, Millennium Power Partners, L.P. (Millennium), submitted for filing, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, and Part 35 of the Commission's Regulations, a Petition for authorization to make sales of capacity and energy at market-based rates from a proposed nominal 360 MW natural gas-fired, combined cycle power plant (the Millennium project) in the Town of Charlton, Massachusetts. A new 115 kV interconnection line extending from the switchyard at the proposed site to transmission lines owned by New England Power Service Company will serve to connect the project to the regional grid. The project, which will be a merchant plant, is expected to commence commercial operation in the year 2000.

*Comment date:* December 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **10. Southern California Edison Company**

[Docket No. ER98-1036-000]

Take notice that on December 11, 1997, Southern California Edison Company (Edison) tendered for filing the Edison-Anaheim 1997 Restructuring Agreement (Restructuring Agreement) between Edison and the City of Anaheim, California (Anaheim), and a Notice of Cancellation of various agreements and rate schedules applicable to Anaheim. Included in the Restructuring Agreement as Appendices B, C, D, and E are: the Edison-Anaheim Interconnection Agreement, Amendment No. 1 to the Edison-Anaheim San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Firm Transmission Service Agreement, Amendment No. 1 to the Edison-Anaheim 1995 San Juan Unit 4 Firm Transmission Service Agreement, and the Edison-Anaheim Four Corners-Mead Firm Transmission Service Agreement.

The Restructuring Agreement is the result of negotiations between Edison and Anaheim to modify existing contracts to accommodate the emerging Independent System Operator (ISO)/Power Exchange market structure. The Restructuring Agreement significantly simplifies the existing operational arrangements between Edison and Anaheim. In addition, the Restructuring

Agreement provides for cancellation of existing bundled service arrangements and obligations between Edison and Anaheim. Edison is requesting that the Restructuring Agreement become effective on the date the ISO assumes operational control of Edison's transmission facilities.

Copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and all interested parties.

*Comment date:* December 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **Standard Paragraph**

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

##### **Allegheny Hydro No. 8 and 9 LP and Connecticut National Bank; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment**

**[Project No. 3021-048]**

December 18, 1997.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The draft EA analyzes the environmental impacts of installing 15-inch flashboards on the top of Lock and Dam 9, part of the Allegheny River Lock and Dam 8 and 9 Hydroelectric Project No. 3021-048. The Commission is considering requiring flashboards, from about May 1 through October 31 each year, to rectify project-induced lower water levels and associated impacts to recreational boating in the Lock and Dam 9 pool. The draft EA contains

Commission staff's preliminary analysis that 15-inch flashboards are needed and installation would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Allegheny River Lock and Dam 8 and 9 Project is on the Allegheny River near the City of Kittanning, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

The draft EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the draft EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Please submit any comments on the draft EA within 60 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation. Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 3021-048 to all comments.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[OPPTS-00229; FRL-5762-5]**

##### **TRI; Alternate Threshold for Low Annual Reportable Amounts; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal and Request for Comment**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the procedures described in 5 CFR 1320.12. Before submitting the following ICR to OMB for review and reapproval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection, which is briefly described below. The ICR is a continuing ICR entitled "Alternate Threshold for Low Annual Reportable Amounts," EPA ICR No. 1704.05, OMB No. 2070-0143. This ICR covers the reporting and recordkeeping requirements associated with reporting

under the alternate threshold for reporting to the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI), which appear at 40 CFR part 372. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Each comments must bear the docket control number "OPPTS-00229" and administrative record number 187. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Room G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit III. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contains information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must be also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this document. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-554-1404, TDD: 202-554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov. For technical information contact: Tim Crawford, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-1715;

Fax: 202-401-8142; e-mail: crawford.tim@epamail.epa.gov.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic Availability**

###### *Internet*

Electronic copies of the ICR are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register**—Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>). An electronic copy of the collection instrument referenced in this ICR and instructions for its completion is available at <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/afr96>.

###### *Fax-on-Demand*

Using a faxphone call 202-401-0527 and select item 4056 for a copy of the ICR and item number 4049 for a copy of an interim report on Form A.

#### **I. Background**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those chemical facilities that manufacture, process or otherwise use certain toxic chemicals listed on the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) and which are required, under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), to report annually to EPA their environmental releases of such chemicals.

For the collection of information addressed in this notice, EPA would like to solicit comments to:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. 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.

#### **II. Information Collection**

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR, as well as the Agency's intention to renew the corresponding OMB approval, which is currently scheduled to expire on May 31, 1998.

*Title:* Alternate Threshold for Low Annual Reportable Amounts.

*ICR Numbers:* EPA ICR No. 1704.04, OMB No. 2070-0143.

*Abstract:* EPCRA section 313 requires certain facilities manufacturing, processing, or otherwise using certain toxic chemicals in excess of specified threshold quantities to report their environmental releases of such chemicals annually. Each such facility must file a separate report for each such chemical.

In accordance with the authority in EPCRA, EPA has established an alternate threshold for those facilities with low amounts of a listed toxic chemical in wastes. A facility that otherwise meets the current reporting thresholds but estimates that the total amount of the chemical in total waste does not exceed 500 pounds per year, and that the chemical manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in a amount not exceeding 1 million pounds during the reporting year, can take advantage of reporting under the alternate threshold option for that chemical for that reporting year.

Each qualifying facility that chooses to apply the revised threshold must file the Form A (EPA Form 9350-2) in lieu of a complete TRI reporting Form R (EPA Form 9350-1). In submitting the Form A, the facility certifies that the sum of the amount of the EPCRA section 313 chemical in wastes did not exceed 500 pounds of the reporting year, and that the chemical was manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in an amount not exceeding 1 million pounds during the reporting year. Use of the Form A in place of the Form R represents a substantial savings to respondents, both in burden hours and in labor costs.

The primary function served by the submission of the Form A is to satisfy the statutory requirement to maintain reporting on a substantial majority of releases for all listed chemicals. Without the Form A, users of TRI data would not have access to any information on these chemicals. The Form A also serves as a *de facto* range report, which is useful to any party interested in amounts being handled at a particular facility or for broader statistical purposes. Additionally, the Form A provides compliance monitoring and enforcement programs and other interested parties with a means to track chemical management activities and verify overall compliance with the rule. Responses to this collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 372) and facilities subject to reporting must either submit a Form A or a Form R.

*Burden Statement:* The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR

is estimated to total 991,000 hours per year with an annual cost of \$61.9 million. These totals are based on an average burden of 34.6 hours per response for an estimated 14,453 respondents making one response annually. These estimates include the time needed to determine applicability; 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. The use of Form A may save reporting facilities a total of up to 500,000 hours and \$30 million per year, compared to the cost of reporting on Form R.

### III. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this document as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPPTS-00229" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:  
oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-00229" and administrative control number 187. Electronic comments on this document may be online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection;  
information collection requests;  
reporting and recordkeeping.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

**Susan H. Wayland,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for  
Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5940-2]

### Proposed Settlements; Petitions for Review of "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Final Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions From Wood Furniture Manufacturing Operations"

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed settlements; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act ("the Act"), notice is hereby given of three proposed settlement agreements regarding the following petitions for review: *Chemical Manufacturers Association v. EPA*, No. 96-1031 (D.C. Cir.); *Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc. v. EPA*, No. 96-1036 (D.C. Cir.); and *Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. v. Browner*, No. 96-1038 (D.C. Cir.). Each petition seeks judicial review under section 307(b) of the Act of the final rule entitled, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Final Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions from Wood Furniture Manufacturing Operations," 60 FR 62930 (Dec. 7, 1995) ("Wood Furniture NESHAP"), promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), respondent, and codified at 40 CFR part 63, subpart JJ.

There is a separate proposed settlement agreement ("PSA") for each petition for review, which addresses the specific issues raised by the respective petitioner. For convenience of interested parties, following is a brief summary of some of the key points of each PSA; however, interested parties are strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of the PSAs to discern for themselves the full scope of the proposed settlements instead of relying solely on the summaries below.

The PSA between EPA and the Chemical Manufacturers Association requires EPA to conduct notice and comment rulemaking proposing that certain glycol ethers be removed from Table 6 of the Wood Furniture NESHAP and that the de minimis value in Table 6 for 2-ethoxy ethyl acetate be revised to read 10.0 tons/year.

The PSA between EPA and the Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance would require EPA: (1) to conduct notice-and-comment rulemaking in accordance with section 307(d) of the Act proposing that perchloroethylene and trichloroethylene be deleted from Table 4 of the Wood Furniture NESHAP; and (2) to give great weight to the recommendations of the Science Panel regarding whether a reassessment of the cancer hazard for methylene chloride should be undertaken based on the current state-of-the-science. This PSA also requires EPA to conduct additional notice and comment rulemaking with respect to methylene chloride if methylene chloride is reassessed and certain findings are made as a result of that reassessment.

The PSA between the Society of the Plastics Industry and EPA would require EPA to propose technical amendments to the Wood Furniture NESHAP that would remove the subheadings of "Nonthreshold Pollutants," "High-Concern Pollutants," and "Unrankable Pollutants" in Table 6 of the Wood Furniture NESHAP and to remove footnote "a" to Table 6, on the grounds that the subheadings and footnote are unnecessary because no subcategories of pollutants are created in Table 6.

Each of the proposed settlement agreements would require EPA to sign a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the above amendments no later than six (6) months after the date the settlement agreement is signed, and a notice of final rulemaking no later than twelve (12) months after the date the settlement agreement is signed.

### Notice of Proposed Settlement

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement from persons who were not named as parties to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Copies of the proposed settlement agreements may be requested from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-7606, or by e-mail at COCH-RAN.PHYLLIS@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Written comments should be sent to Jon