

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bin C15700, Seattle, Washington 98115-0070, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 967 to extend the area of take to include Alaska waters.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA, 98115-0070 (206/526-6150);

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 14, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 2472) that an amendment of Permit No. 697, issued July 11, 1995 (60 FR 37053), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Date: March 19, 1999.

Jeannie Drevenak,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 99-1]

Cadet Manufacturing Company; Prehearing Conference

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of first prehearing conference.

DATE: This notice announces a prehearing conference to be held in the matter of Cadet Manufacturing

Company on April 12, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. (EDT).

Location: The prehearing conference will be via conference telephone call. Pursuant to 16 C.F.R. 1025.21(d) and 1025.47, the conference shall be stenographically reported.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, ext. 1230; facsimile (301) 504-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This public notice is issued pursuant to 16 CFR 1025.21(b) of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Rules of Practice for Adjudicative Proceedings to inform the public that a prehearing conference will be held in an administrative proceeding under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), captioned CPSC Docket No. 99-1, In the Matter of Cadet Manufacturing Company ("Cadet"). The Presiding Officer in the proceeding is United States Administrative Law Judge William B. Moran. The Presiding Officer has determined that, for good and sufficient cause, the time period for holding this first prehearing conference had to be extended to the date announced above, which date is beyond the fifty (50) day period referenced in 16 CFR 1025.21(a).

The public is referred generally to the Code of Federal Regulations citation listed above for identification of the issues to be raised at the conference, but the chief purpose will be to establish a schedule for discovery and for the initial exchange of witness lists, prepared testimony, and documents. The public is also advised that the date, time and location of the hearing will be established at the conference.

Substantively, the issue being litigated in this proceeding is described by the Presiding Officer as whether, as alleged in the Complaint, certain electric in-wall heaters manufactured by Cadet are defective in that their design causes overheating and fire hazards. The Complaint also asserts that the identified models have manufacturing or assembly defects created by inadequate or faulty components and/or contacts which cause overheating and multiple fire-related hazards.

On this basis it is alleged that the heater models identified in the Complaint present a "substantial product hazard" within the meaning of Section 15(a)(2) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(a)(2).

In response, Cadet's Answer denies, generally and specifically, the

allegations that its products are defective and that its heaters present a substantial product hazard within the meaning of the CPSA.

Should the allegations be proven, Complaint Counsel for the Office of Compliance of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission seeks a finding that the product presents a substantial product hazard and that public notification be made pursuant to section 15(c) of the CPSA and that other appropriate relief be directed, as set forth in the Complaint.

Dated: March 19, 1999.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Operational Test and Evaluation Advisory Group Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet in Kirtland AFB, NM on May 10-12, 1999 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings in support of the Scientific Advisory Board.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b (c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Intelligence and Vigilance Panel Meeting will meet in Washington, DC on April 14-16, 1999 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings in support of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board's 1999 Summer Study.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b

(c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Solicitation for Financial Assistance for Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program Solicitation No. DE-PS02-99EE50493

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites applications for federal assistance for research on the Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program. The purpose of the (CARAT) Program is to provide small businesses and institutions of higher education with an exclusive means to research, develop, and validate advanced automotive technologies that will enable the production of cars and light trucks which are extremely fuel efficient, have low emissions, and/or are fuel flexible. CARAT is intended to channel the creativity and resourcefulness of the small business and academic communities to remove technology barriers blocking the viability of promising technologies.

DATES: Pre-Application information is to be received no later than April 9, 1999. Applications are to be received no later than June 10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Rafa, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439, Telephone No. (630) 252-2192, FAX No. (630) 252-5045, Internet—Michael.Rafa@ch.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are 15 topics for which the DOE invites Financial Assistance Applications: Oxygen Reduction Catalysts for PEM Fuel Cell, Cooling Systems for PEM Fuel Cells, Direct-Methanol Proton-Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells, Ultralight Sandwich Structures, Processing of Metal Matrix Composites, Low-Cost Carbon Fiber Precursors and Production Methods, High-Volume, High-Rate,

Low-Cost Manufacturing of Structural Thermoplastics Composites, Mass Flow Rate and Chemical Composition Sensor for Engine Intake System, Safe Electrolytes with Improved Operating Temperature Range, Low-Cost Packaging for Lithium-ion Cells, Stabilization of Manganese Spinel for Use as a Low-Cost Cathode Material in Lithium-ion Batteries, Traction Motors, Improved Coolant for Electrical/Electronic EV/HEV Systems and Waste Heat Recovery in Passenger Automobiles.

The solicitation will be available on the Internet to view and download at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> (It is critical that ACQ be in uppercase and all others are lower case). Printed copies will not be available from this office, therefore, copies must be downloaded from the Internet. Any amendments to this solicitation will be posted on the Internet. Please note that prospective applicants will not be alerted when the solicitation is issued on the Internet or when amendments are posted on the Internet.

Issued in Chicago, Illinois on March 17, 1999.

John D. Greenwood,

Acquisition and Assistance Group Manager Contracting Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-241-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 19, 1999.

Take notice that on March 8, 1999, as supplemented on March 19, 1999 ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Subpart A of Part 157 of the Commission's regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing ANR to construct, own, and operate an expansion of its mainline facilities located west of its Joliet Compressor Station near Joliet, Illinois, and to its mainline facilities located in eastern Wisconsin (the Wisconsin Expansion Phase II facilities), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/>

[online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/) (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

In order to meet increasing gas requirements in the State of Wisconsin by November 1, 2000, ANR proposes to install certain additional loop pipeline, compression, tie-line, and related facilities on parts of its existing mainline facilities located in Wisconsin and Illinois. ANR states that these facilities will increase its transmission capacity into Wisconsin by up to 194,000 dekatherms per day (194 Mdt/d), thereby enabling ANR to provide additional firm transportation service for shippers from the ANR Joliet Hub to the Wisconsin market area for ANR's system. In order to allow sufficient time for construction of the proposed facilities and to meet the proposed in-service date, ANR requests that the Commission issue a preliminary determination order by August 1, 1999 and a final order by no later than February 1, 2000.

Specifically, ANR seeks authority to construct: (1) approximately 3.0 miles of 42-inch diameter loop pipeline between milepost 801 and milepost 804 along ANR's existing Michigan Leg South in Kendall County, Illinois; (2) two 10,000 horsepower (hp) turbine compressor units to be located at ANR's existing Woodstock Compressor Station in McHenry County, Illinois; (3) one 1,500 hp turbine compressor unit to be located at ANR's existing Weyauwega Compressor Station in Waupaca County, Wisconsin; (4) 0.11 mile of 16-mile diameter pipeline traversing from the Weyauwega Compressor Station to the Marinette Junction tap site on ANR's existing 24-inch mainline; (5) one 1,500 hp reciprocating compressor unit to be located at ANR's existing Janesville Compressor Station in Rock County, Wisconsin; and (6) minor related facilities. ANR states that these facilities are estimated to cost \$37,516,622.

ANR states that the proposed 3.0 miles of 42-inch loop pipeline along the Michigan Leg South comprise an extension of a 15.9 mile segment of certain Michigan Leg South loop pipeline facilities that are currently pending approval in Docket No. CP97-319-000 (ANR's "SupplyLink" project). ANR contends that, although the design for the facilities proposed herein includes this pending 15.9 mile loop pipeline segment, the facilities proposed here are required to serve different market needs in Wisconsin, and are not part of Docket No. CP97-319-000. ANR presumes that the SupplyLink facilities will be in service by the time ANR places the