

*Comment date:* July 28, 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

[Project Nos. 11516, 11120-002, and 11300—Michigan]

##### Commonwealth Power Company; Notice of Intent to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visits

July 15, 1997.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) will hold public and agency scoping meetings on July 28, 1997, for preparation of a Multiple Project Environmental Assessment (MPEA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the issuance of original licenses for the Irving, Middleville, and LaBarge Project Nos. 11516, 11120-002, and 11300. The three projects are located on the Thornapple River in Barry and Kent Counties, Michigan.

#### Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns while the public scoping meetings are primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings,

and assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the MPEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Agency Scoping Meeting, Tuesday, July 29, 1997, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Caledonia Township Hall, 250 Maple Street, Caledonia, MI 49316.

Public Scoping Meeting, Tuesday, July 29, 1997, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Caledonia Township Hall, 250 Maple Street, Caledonia, MI 49316.

To help focus discussions, a scoping document (Revised Scoping Document 1—including all three projects) outlining subject areas to be addressed at the meeting will be distributed by mail to the parties on the FERC mailing list. Copies of the Revised Scoping Document 1 will also be available at the scoping meetings.

#### Site Visits

Site visits will be held at the three projects; anyone with questions regarding the site visits should contact the appropriate contact person below. All participants must furnish their own transportation. The date and time of the site visits are as follows:

Date/time	Projects	Contact
Monday, July 28, 1997, 1:00 p.m.	Irving, Middleville, and LaBarge.	Bob Evans, Commonwealth Power (517) 676-0700.

All participants should meet at the Caledonia Township Hall, 250 Maple Street, Caledonia, Michigan, 49316.

#### Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the planned MPEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the MPEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the relative depth of analysis for issues to be addressed in the MPEA; and (5) identify resource issues that are of lesser importance, and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis.

#### Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal records of the Commission proceeding on the projects under

consideration. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record. Speaking time for attendees at the evening meetings will be determined before the meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least 5 minutes to present their views.

Individuals, corporations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the MPEA.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meeting. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All such filings should conform with the requirements outlined in detail in Revised Scoping Document 1.

For further information, please contact Sue Cielinski at (202) 219-2942.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140261; FRL-5730-8]

##### Access to Confidential Business Information by Midwest Research Institute

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized its contractor, Midwest Research Institute, 425 Volker Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than August 5, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm.

E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under contract number 68-W6-0048, contractor MRI, of 425 Volker Boulevard, Kansas City, MO, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxic (OPPTS) in the analyses of cost and benefits of actual or potential EPA actions taken under TSCA, including the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 and Title X of the Residential Lead-Bead Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (TSCA Title IV).

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W6-0048, MRI will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. MRI personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

In a previous notice published in the **Federal Register** of March 21, 1991 (56 FR 12008), MRI was authorized for access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 12 of TSCA, contract number 68-D0-0137.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide MRI access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters, MRI's site located at 425 Volker Boulevard, Kansas City, MO.

MRI will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at its facility under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at MRI's site, EPA will approve MRI's security certification statements, perform the required inspection of its facilities, and ensure that the facilities are in compliance with the manual. Upon completing review of the CBI materials, MRI will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 26, 2001.

MRI personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: July 12, 1997.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution and Prevention and Toxics.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5482-5]

### Antarctica Public Comment Period Extended

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

**ACTION:** Public comment period extended for scoping comments for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Final Rule for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica.

**PURPOSE:** The U.S. EPA published a "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Final Rule for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica" on May 9, 1997, (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 90/ Friday, May 9, 1997/25611-25613) that requested public comments by July 15, 1997. As a result of public comments received at the public scoping meeting held July 8, 1997, (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 105/Monday, June 2, 1997/ Notices/29726-29727) and other written requests from the public, EPA has extended the public comment period to August 1, 1997.

**DATES:** Written comments from the public regarding the environmental and regulatory issues and alternatives to be addressed in the Draft EIS has been extended to August 1, 1997.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST

**CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph Montgomery or Ms. Katherine Biggs, Office of Federal Activities (2252A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-7157 or (202) 564-7144, respectively. Information on this project is also available on the World Wide Web at: <http://es.inel.gov/oeca/ofa/>.

**Richard E. Sanderson,**

*Director, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5861-3]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). 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 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer (202) 260-2740, please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

##### OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 0916.07; Renewal—Annual Updates of Emission Data to the Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS); was approved 06/11/97; OMB No. 2060-0088; expires 10/31/97.

EPA ICR No. 1637.03, Determine Conformity of General Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans; was approved 06/11/97; OMB No. 2060-0279; expires 10/31/97.

EPA ICR No. 1794.01; Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) Application and Annual Environmental Performance Report; was approved 06/09/97; OMB No. 2020-0005; expires 06/30/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0794.08; Notification of Substantial Risk of Injury to Health and the Environment under TSCA Section 8(e); was approved 06/12/97; OMB No. 2070-0046; expires 06/30/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1249.05; Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators Using 1080 Collars for Livestock Protection; was approved 06/12/97; OMB 2070-0074; expires 06/30/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1064.08; NSPS for Automobile and Light Duty Truck Surface Coating Operations; was approved 06/20/97; OMB No. 2060-0034; expires 06/30/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1012.06; Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Disposal Permitting Regulation; was approved 06/27/97; OMB No. 2070-0011; expires 06/30/2000.