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**Federal Register, Vol. 44, No. 108, 32042-32043, 6/4/1979 (1238-6), "Air Quality; Clarification of Agency Policy Concerning Ozone SIP Revisions and Solvent Reactivities"**

**Summary:** This notice is published under the authority of section 101(b) and section 103 of the Clean Air Act. The notice clarifies EPA's "Recommended Policy on Control of Volatile Organic Compounds." 42 FR 35314 (July 8, 1977).

Federal Register Notice attached

Review under 42 U.S.C. § 719(b) (1977 Supp.) from an order of the Secretary of Energy.

Copies of the petition for review have been served on the Secretary, Department of Energy, and all participants in prior proceedings before the Secretary.

Any person desiring to be heard with reference to such filing should on or before June 12, 1979, file a petition to intervene with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 1.8). Any person wishing to become a party or to participate as a party must file a petition to intervene. Such petition must also be served on the parties of record in this proceeding and the Secretary of Energy through Gaynell C. Methvin, Deputy General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation, Department of Energy, 12th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20461. Copies of the petition for review are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection at Room 1000, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Kenneth F. Plumb,  
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RI79-36]

**Triton Oil & Gas Corp.; Petition for Declaratory Order**

May 29, 1979.

Take notice that on April 5, 1979, Triton Oil and Gas Corporation (Triton), One Energy Square, 4925 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75206 filed in Docket No. RI79-36 a petition for declaratory order pursuant to Section 1.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Triton requests a determination that it has no refund obligation under Southern Louisiana Area Rate Opinion No. 598 for rates it collected for certain sales of gas. The gas is produced from four fields in the Southern Louisiana Area and sold to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Texas Gas Transmission Company and Southern Natural Gas Company under Triton's Rate Schedules 1 and 8, 6, and 7 respectively.

On June 6, 1978, the Commission directed Triton, among other producers, to disburse refunds for the period from October 1968 to January 1971 pursuant to the Commission's Opinion Nos. 598

and 598-A or show cause why such refunds were not due. Triton's position is that because sales under these rate schedules were authorized by permanent certificates of public convenience and necessity which contained no refund conditions, there is no refund obligation. Triton acknowledges that the Commission may order refunds and reductions in rates after August 1, 1971—the effective date of Opinion No. 598. However, it asserts that the Commission is without authority to order such adjustments prior to the effective date where rates were not collected subject to a suspension order or under a temporary certificate.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should file a petition to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with requirements of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 C.F.R. 1.8 or 1.10). All such petitions or protests should be filed on or before June 20, 1979. All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding, or to participate as a party in any hearing therein, must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Kenneth F. Plumb,  
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP78-68]

**United Gas Pipe Line Co.; Informal Settlement Conference**

May 23, 1979.

Take notice that on June 7, 1979, at 1:30 p.m. an informal conference of all interested persons will be convened for the purpose of continued settlement discussions in this proceeding. The conference will be held in Room 3200 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Customers and other interested persons will be permitted to attend, but if such persons have not previously been permitted to intervene by order of the Commission, attendance will not be deemed to authorize intervention as a party in this proceeding.

All parties will be expected to come fully prepared to discuss the merits of the issues arising in this proceeding and to make commitments with respect to such issues and any offers of settlement or stipulation discussed at the conference.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Acting Secretary.

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**Office of Energy Conservation and Solar Applications**

**Meeting Regarding Emergency Building Temperature Restrictions Program**

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Energy (DOE) will hold a meeting with the National Governors' Association on Friday, June 8, 1979, at 11 a.m. in Room 265, 444 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the role of the States in implementing the Emergency Building Temperature Restrictions Program. This program is authorized by the President's "Standby Conservation Plan No. 2: Emergency Building Temperature Restrictions," which recently was approved by the Congress.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on May 31, 1979.

Maxine Savitz,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Conservation and Solar Applications.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL 1238-6]

**Air Quality; Clarification of Agency Policy Concerning Ozone SIP Revisions and Solvent Reactivities**

**ACTION:** This notice is published under the authority of section 101(b) and section 103 of the Clean Air Act. The notice clarifies EPA's "Recommended Policy on Control of Volatile Organic Compounds," 42 FR 35314 (July 8, 1977).

**STATEMENT:** The July 1977 Policy Statement noted that only reactive volatile organic compounds participate in the chemical reactions that form photochemical oxidants. Currently available information suggests that negligibly photochemically reactive volatile organic compounds as defined in that Statement, including methyl

chloroform and methylene chloride, do not appreciably affect ambient ozone levels. Hence, EPA will not disapprove any state implementation plan or plan revision for its failure to contain regulations restricting emissions of these compounds.

Although these substances need not be controlled under state implementation plans for the purpose of achieving ambient ozone standards, nothing in this memorandum is intended to modify past EPA expressions of concern about the uncontrolled use of methyl chloroform and methylene chloride. As noted in the above referenced policy and the clarification presented in memoranda of August 24, 1978 and March 6, 1979, there is suggestive evidence that both compounds are potentially carcinogenic and methyl chloroform is suspected of contributing to depletion of stratospheric ozone. See, for example, the following studies:

Simmon, V. F., Kauhanen, K. and Tardiff, R. G., "Mutagenic Activity of Chemicals Identified in Drinking Water" in *Progress in Genetic Toxicology*, ed. I. D. Scott, B. A. Bridges, and F. H. Sobels, at 249-258 (Elsevier, 1977);

Price, P. G., Hassett, C. M. and Mansfield, O. I., "Transforming Activities of Trichloroethylene and Proposed Industrial Alternatives" *In Vitro* 14:3, at 290-293 (1978);

Theiss, J. C., Stoner, G. D., Shimkin, M. B., et al., "Test for Carcinogenicity of Organic Contaminants of United States Drinking Waters by Pulmonary Tumor Response In Strain A Mice," *Cancer Research*, 37(8 Pt. 1): 2717-20, (August 1977);

The EPA Carcinogen Assessment Group's Preliminary Risk Assessment on Methyl Chloroform, Type I—Air Program, (January 17, 1979);

The EPA Carcinogen Assessment Group's Preliminary Risk Assessment on Methylene Chloride, Type I—Air Program, (January 17, 1979);

Conference on Methyl Chloroform and other Halocarbon Pollutants, sponsored by Environmental Sciences Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, February 27-28, 1979, Washington, D.C. (proceedings in press).

Because both methyl chloroform and methylene chloride are potentially harmful, EPA recommends that these chemicals not be substituted for other solvents in efforts to reduce ozone concentrations. EPA further recommends that the states control these compounds under the authority reserved to them in section 116 of the Clean Air Act. Moreover, there is a strong possibility for future regulation of

these compounds under the Clean Air Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph Padgett, Director, Strategies and Air Standards Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, MD-12 Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 (919) 541-5204.

Dated: May 25, 1979.

David G. Hawkins,  
*Assistant Administrator for Air, Noise and Radiation.*

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[FRL 1239-3]

### Region II; Groundwater System of the New Jersey Coastal Plains Aquifer

On March 21, 1979, a notice was published stating that a petition has been submitted by the Environmental Defense Fund, Inc. and the Sierra Club-New Jersey Chapter, pursuant to Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Pub. L. 93-523, requesting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make a determination that the aquifer underlying the Counties of Monmouth, Burlington, Ocean, Camden, Gloucester, Atlantic, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May and portions of Mercer and Middlesex Counties, New Jersey is the sole or principal drinking water source for the coastal plain area which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health.

The notice indicated that comments, data and references in response to the petition should be submitted by May 21, 1979. Due to the complexity of issues which surround the designation of the Coastal Plain Area as a sole source aquifer, EPA was requested to extend the comment period. In order to permit sufficient time for all interested individuals to provide their input, EPA will extend the comment period on this petition request from May 21, 1979 to August 20, 1979. Comments, data and references in response to the Coastal Plain Petition should be submitted in writing to Eckardt C. Beck, Regional Administrator, Region II, Environmental Protection Agency, 28 Federal Plaza, Room 1009, New York, N.Y. 10007, Attention: Coastal Plain Aquifer. Information concerning the Coastal Plain Aquifer System will be available for inspection at the above address.

Dated: May 21, 1979.

Eckardt C. Beck,  
*Regional Administrator.*

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[FRL 1239-3 OPP-00095]

State-FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG); Working Committee on Enforcement; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Pesticide Programs.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** There will be a two-day meeting of the Working Committee on Enforcement of the State-FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5-6, 1979, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day, and concluding by 12 noon on June 6th. The meeting will be held at the Atlanta Town House, 100 Tenth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, Telephone: 404/892-6800, and will be open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William Buffaloe, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, North Carolina, Telephone: 919/733-3556; or Mr. Anthony Dellavecchia, Pesticide and Toxic Substances Enforcement Division, EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., telephone: 202/755-0914.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This the second meeting of the Working Committee on Enforcement. The meeting will be concerned with the following topics:

1. Plan for future recall and suspension orders;
2. Clarification of undefined terms in Section 26 and 27 of FIFRA;
3. Status of State primacy use enforcement notice;
4. Use of recommendations of agricultural extension publications by pesticide sales representatives;
5. Discussion of definition of "non crop land;"
6. FIFRA Section 7—producers of active ingredients; and
7. Other enforcement matters which may arise.

Dated: May 25, 1979.

Edwin L. Johnson,  
*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pesticide Program.*

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