

docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

To submit comments, or access the official public docket, please follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of the January 24, 2003 **Federal Register** document. If you have questions, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. Background

On January 24, 2003, EPA, in conjunction with the Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, and National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, issued a **Federal Register** document (68 FR 3785) (FRL-7287-3) seeking public comment on an ANPR for an endangered species and pesticide regulation.

Among the comments received thus far was a request, signed by 30 groups, for an extension of the comment period by 45 days. While the agencies appreciate the need to provide adequate opportunity for public input, the agencies believe a shorter extension is warranted for several reasons. First, numerous comments were already received during the original comment period. Second, the January 24, 2003 **Federal Register** notice was an ANPR. Thus, the public will have further opportunity to comment with future publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking.

III. What Action is EPA Taking?

Since EPA has an electronic docket system that allows distribution of materials more easily to interested persons, EPA agreed to take responsibility for all of the administrative duties related to publication of the ANPR and this document, including the creation of a public docket, receipt of public comments, and other related matters. Therefore, EPA, on behalf of the three agencies, hereby reopens the comment period, which ended on March 10, 2003. The new comment period will end March 25, 2003.

IV. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

The ANPR was issued under the authority of section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

V. Do Any Statutory and Executive Order Reviews Apply to this Action?

No. This action merely extends the date by which public comments must be submitted to EPA on an ANPR that previously published in the **Federal Register** of January 24, 2003 (68 FR 3785). For information about the applicability of the regulatory assessment requirements to the ANPR, please refer to the discussion in Unit IV. of that document (68 FR 3785).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Endangered species, Pesticides.

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Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Routine Maintenance, Repair and Replacement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of public hearings and a public comment line.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing five public hearings to be held on March 31, 2003, on the December 31, 2002, proposal to revise the regulations governing the NSR programs mandated by parts C and D of title I of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The proposed changes provide a future category of activities that would be considered to be routine maintenance, repair and replacement (RMRR) under the NSR program. See 67 FR 80290. The public hearings will provide interested parties the opportunity to present data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed changes. The EPA is holding the public hearings because of the number of the

requests we received in a timely manner from interested parties throughout the nation. The EPA is also announcing the establishment of a comment line for the public to call and leave verbal comments on these proposed changes. The number is (919) 541-0211. Comments received through this phone number will be logged and placed in Docket No. A-2002-04.

DATES: The public hearings will convene at 9 a.m. and will end at 10 p.m. on March 31, 2003. Times are local for each hearing location.

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following five locations simultaneously:

1. Albany Marriott Hotel, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205, Phone 518-458-8444;
2. Doubletree Hotel Dallas, 5410 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240, Phone (972) 934-8400;
3. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174, Phone 734-729-2600;
4. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 109 TW Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, Building C, Auditorium C111, phone 919-541-5319; and
5. Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, Phone 801-328-2000.

Documents related to this proposed rulemaking are available for public inspection in the EPA Air Docket No. A-2002-04.

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