

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project Nos. 2322–069; 2322–071; and 2325–100; Project No. 2574–092; Project No. 2611–091]

Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC; Merimil Limited Partnership; Hydro-Kennebec, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project, Lockwood Hydroelectric Project, Hydro-Kennebec Hydroelectric Project, and Weston Hydroelectric Project

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969¹ and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2322), the proposed Interim Species Protection Plan for the Shawmut Project, and the Final Species Protection Plan for the Lockwood Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2574), Hydro-Kennebec Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2611), and Weston Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2325) and has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the projects. All four projects are located on the Kennebec River, in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, Maine.

The draft EIS contains staff's analysis of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for licensing the Shawmut Project, and amending the licenses for the Shawmut, Lockwood, Hydro-Kennebec, and Weston projects. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Native-American tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EIS via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

¹ National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, amended (Pub. L. 91–190, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, as amended by Pub. L. 94–52, July 3, 1975, Pub. L. 94–83, August 9, 1975, Pub. L. 97–258, 4(b), September 13, 1982, Pub. L. 118–5, June 3, 2023).

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595, or OPP@ferc.gov.

All comments must be filed by June 4, 2024.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket numbers P–2322–069; P–2322–071; P–2325–100; P–2574–092; and P–2611–091.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above.² You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend a public meeting that will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS. Commission staff will hold two public

² Interventions may also be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

meetings for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft EIS. At the meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the projects. All interested individuals and entities will be invited to attend one or both of the public meetings. A notice detailing the exact date, time, and location of the public meetings will be forthcoming.

For further information, contact Marybeth Gay at Marybeth.gay@ferc.gov or 202–502–6125, or Matt Cutlip at Matt.Cutlip@ferc.gov or 503–552–2762.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2153–066]

United Water Conservation District; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On May 26, 2020, as supplemented on September 7, 2021, February 2, 2022, September 8, 2022, and January 3, 2024, United Water Conservation District (UWCD) filed a non-capacity amendment application for the Santa Felicia Project No. 2153 (project). The project is located on Piru Creek in Ventura County, California. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

The purpose of the amendment application is to implement the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project. The Dam Safety Project proposes to replace the existing outlet works and modify the existing spillway and dam to address the potential for failure under seismic loading conditions and increase the conveyance capacity to sufficiently pass the inflow design flood. On June 1, 2020, the Commission issued a public notice of UWCD's request for a license amendment soliciting comments, motions to intervene, and protests. No comments, motions to intervene, or protests were received.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an

environmental assessment (EA) for the project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review. The target date for staff to issue the EA is July 2024.¹ Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued and made available for review by all interested parties and all comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal to cooperate in the preparation of the EA planned to be issued July 2024. Agencies wishing to cooperate, or further discuss the benefits, responsibilities, and obligations of the cooperating agency role, should contact staff listed at the bottom of this notice by April 18, 2024. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to David Rudisail at (202) 502-6376 or David.rudisail@ferc.gov.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0492; FRL-11842-01-COSPP]

Existing Stocks Order for Dicamba Products Previously Registered for Over-the-Top Use on Dicamba-Tolerant Cotton and Soybean

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On February 14, 2024, EPA issued its Existing Stocks Order for Dicamba Products Previously Registered for Over-the-Top Use on Dicamba-Tolerant Cotton and Soybean. EPA hereby provides notice of the existing stocks order. EPA issued the existing stocks order following the February 6, 2024, order and judgement by the District of Arizona vacating the registrations for three products, XtendiMax® with VaporGrip® Technology ("XtendiMax"), Engenia® Herbicide ("Engenia"), and A21472 Plus VaporGrip® Technology (Tavium® Plus VaporGrip® Technology) ("Tavium"). As of February 6, 2024, these products are no longer registered, and it is unlawful under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to sell or distribute them except to the extent otherwise authorized by EPA.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0492, is available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional instructions on visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Smith, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (202) 566-1030; email address: RDfRNtices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all

the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

II. What action did the Agency take?

On February 6, 2024, the District of Arizona issued an order and judgment vacating the registrations of three dicamba products (XtendiMax® with VaporGrip® Technology (EPA Reg. No. 264-1210) ("XtendiMax"), Engenia® Herbicide (EPA Reg. No. 7969-472) ("Engenia"), and A21472 Plus VaporGrip® Technology (Tavium® Plus VaporGrip® Technology) (EPA Reg. No. 100-1623) ("Tavium")) previously registered for over-the-top use on dicamba-tolerant cotton and soybean. These products are no longer registered, and it is unlawful under FIFRA to sell or distribute them except to the extent otherwise authorized by EPA. To allow for the legal and orderly disposition of those products, EPA issued an existing stocks order for the three products on February 14, 2024, and revised the order on March 12, 2024.

III. Provisions for Disposition of Existing Stocks

Pursuant to FIFRA Section 6(a)(1), on February 14, 2024, EPA issued an existing stocks order for XtendiMax® with VaporGrip® Technology (EPA Reg. No. 264-1210), Engenia® Herbicide (EPA Reg. No. 7969-472), and A21472 Plus VaporGrip® Technology (Tavium® Plus VaporGrip® Technology) (EPA Reg. No. 100-1623). EPA revised the order on March 12, 2024. The order will remain in effect unless or until subsequent action is taken. The issuance of the order did not follow a public hearing. EPA's issuance of the order is a final agency action, judicially reviewable under FIFRA § 16(a) (7 U.S.C. 136n). Any sale, distribution, or use of existing stocks of these products inconsistent with the order is prohibited.

For purposes of the order, "existing stocks" is defined as those stocks of previously registered pesticide products that are currently in the United States and were packaged, labeled, and released for shipment prior to February 6, 2024 (the effective date of the District of Arizona's vacatur of the dicamba registrations). Pursuant to FIFRA section 6(a)(1), the order issued on February 14, 2024 (and revised on March 12, 2024) includes the following existing stocks provisions:

1. *Sale or Distribution by the Registrants.* As of February 6, 2024, sale or distribution by the registrants of these products is prohibited, except for the purposes of proper disposal or to facilitate lawful export.

¹ 42 U.S.C. 4336a(g)(1)(B) requires lead federal agencies to complete EAs within 1 year of the agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare an EA for the project; therefore, the EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.