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Notice of Intent to Form Dialogue Group on Identification of Lead-Based Paint Hazards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is planning to establish a Dialogue Group on the forthcoming rulemaking under section 403 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Section 403 directs the Agency to “. . . promulgate regulations which shall identify. . . lead-based paint hazards, lead contaminated dust and lead contaminated soil.” The purpose of the Dialogue Group is to provide a forum where interested parties can contribute information and give individual perspectives on specific policy questions related to this forthcoming rulemaking. Agency staff may also ask participants to give their individual reactions to specific proposals and questions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on substantive matters, contact: Jonathan Jacobson, Chemical Management Division (7404), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-3779, e-mail: jacobson.jonathan@epamail.epa.gov. For information on administrative matters, contact: Andrea Yang, Chemical Management Division (7404), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-4918, e-mail: yang.andrea@epa.mail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 403 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2683, directs EPA to promulgate regulations that identify lead hazards in paint, household dust, and bare residential soil. Title IV of TSCA, titled “Lead Exposure Reduction,” which includes section 403, was added to TSCA by the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. This latter Act is Title X of the “Housing and Community Development Act of 1992.” On occasion, therefore, TSCA section 403 may be referred to as a section of

“Title X” or the “Housing and Community Development Act of 1992.”

Establishing the technical basis for this rulemaking has presented a significant challenge to the Agency, particularly in the area of assessing the impacts of defining various levels of lead in dust and soil as “hazardous.” While the Agency continued to work on these and related questions, the Agency issued interim guidance on July 14, 1994, to meet an immediate and growing need among Federal, state, and local officials, property owners, and other decision makers for advice on potential hazards from lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust and soil.

EPA is beginning an examination of a broad range of policy and regulatory issues to help it develop the section 403 rule. Because the forthcoming regulation will have broad and significant impacts, the Agency believes it would be beneficial to involve interested parties in this stage of the regulatory development process. EPA, therefore, has decided to establish a dialogue process to obtain input from knowledgeable individuals who represent groups that would be affected by forthcoming regulation (e.g., lead-poisoning prevention advocates, housing providers, banking and insurance industries, the lead industry, and state and local governments). To ensure that EPA assembles a representative range of knowledgeable experts and that meetings are productive, the Agency is engaging professional contract support to facilitate the meetings.

The Dialogue Group will examine the following issues: standards for paint, dust, and soil; property owners response to standards; and implementation issues. Although there will be some discussion of the scientific and technical approach for standard setting, EPA would like the group to focus on policy questions (e.g., establishing a *de minimis* area of deteriorated lead-based paint).

The Agency will implement the convening process during July and August 1995 and expects that the first meeting of the group will take place during September or October 1995. EPA is currently planning to hold four monthly meetings, completing the dialogue in early 1996. All meetings will be held in Washington, DC and will be open to the public.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Network Reliability Council Meeting

July 13, 1995.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of rescheduling of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the rescheduling of the twelfth meeting of the Network Reliability Council (“Council”). The twelfth meeting of the Council, originally scheduled for July 21, 1995 from 1:30 to 3:30, will instead be held at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. on October 26, 1995. The agenda for the twelfth meeting will be expanded to accommodate a broader range of topics.

DATES: Thursday, October 26, 1995 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Room 856, 1919 M Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council was established by the Federal Communications Commission to bring together leaders of the telecommunications industry and telecommunications experts from academic, consumer and other organizations to explore and recommend measures that would enhance network reliability.

The agenda for the rescheduled and expanded twelfth meeting will include review, for Council approval, of three of the five final focus group reports, and updates on best practice implementation, network reliability performance and data collection and funding.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written comments to the Council’s designated Federal Officer before the meeting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Keegan at (202) 634-1867.

Federal Communications Commission.

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