

Relationship of XL Community Pilots to Other Community-Based Reinvention Efforts

EPA is undertaking several other community-based initiatives as part of its regulatory reinvention efforts. Under the Compliance Incentives for Small Communities Initiative EPA intends to issue a small community enforcement flexibility policy later this year. This policy will provide guidance to states and tribes that want to offer compliance flexibility to small local governments that, unlike XL communities, are struggling to meet existing requirements, and that employ a rational process for setting priorities based on local conditions and needs (for information on the Flexibility Policy contact Kenneth Harmon; Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; 202-564-7049).

In several instances, states, with varying degrees of EPA involvement, have negotiated or are in the process of negotiating compliance flexibility with small communities that seek to achieve and/or maintain compliance with existing environmental requirements. These programs exist in Oregon (Environmental Partnerships for Oregon Communities), Idaho (Idaho Small Community Mandates Pilot Project) and Nebraska (Nebraska Mandate Initiative). For more information on these programs contact the individual state environmental agencies.

A second EPA community-based initiative, the Community-Based Risk Assessment project, is designed to promote risk-based decision making in communities, States, and tribes and to provide communities with a better understanding of human health and ecological risks. In this project, EPA will work with communities to identify available risk tools that meet specific community needs. EPA will initially focus on the provision of risk assessment and comparative risk software, databases, training courses, and information materials, but is also interested in providing more focused technical assistance in a few pilot communities. EPA believes that risk assessment and comparative risk are important tools to help communities develop goals, determine priorities, and demonstrate results. For more information about this project contact Jane Metcalfe; Office of Research and Development; 202-260-7669.

A third reinvention initiative, the Sustainable Development Challenge Grant Program will be announced in a Federal Register Notice later this year. For information on the Sustainable Development Challenge Grant Program

contact the Office of Regional Operations and State and Local Relations; 202-260-4719.

Legal Mechanisms for Pilot Projects

EPA will seek to use a variety of administrative and compliance mechanisms to provide regulatory flexibility where necessary for final project agreements. Regulatory flexibility will be conditioned on the pilot project meeting the alternative requirements specified in the project plan. In particular circumstances, EPA may consider changes in underlying regulations or may seek changes in underlying statutes. EPA recognizes that these questions raise issues of importance both to the Government and to potential participants in pilot projects that seek regulatory flexibility. Applicants are invited to present EPA with proposed approaches tailored to provide the flexibility for their pilot projects.

Request for Comment on Pilot Program

Interested members of the public are invited to comment on all aspects of the pilot project program. EPA requests specific comment on the legal mechanisms for implementing project agreements, and the data requirements for determining both existing environmental conditions and the level of environmental quality that would result from selected projects.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection provisions in this Notice, for solicitation of proposals, have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the *Paperwork Reduction Act*, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* (ICR No. 1755.2 and OMB Approval No. 2010-0026). Copies of the ICR (ICR No. 1755.2) may be obtained from Sandy Farmer; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Information Policy Branch, Mail Code 2136; 401 M Street, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20460; or by calling (202) 260-2740. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to total 133,800 hours annually for all respondents combined, and an additional 27,760 hours annually for all co-regulators combined. These estimates cover all information burdens associated with Project XL including application, selection, development of Final Project Agreement, tracking of project progress, determination of bottom-line environmental results, evaluation of project outcome, and all information required by Project XL for these activities.

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Fred Hansen,

Deputy Administrator.

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Meetings of the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is announcing a meeting of the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission (Commission) and meetings of its Communications Committee, Operations Committee, and Public Advisory Committee.

The Commission will meet from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON on Wednesday, November 15, 1995, at the Fountain Suites Hotel, 2577 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona. Agenda items will include a presentation of Options for Western Vistas, the draft evaluation of the Commission's emissions management scenarios, a report from the Operations Committee on adequacy of the Commission's organizational structure and the completeness of its analytical approach, and an election of Commission officers.

The Operations Committee will meet in conjunction with the Commissioners' meeting from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM, and from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Wednesday, November 15, 1995, at the Fountain Suites Hotel, 2577 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona. During the morning meeting the Committee will prepare for the Commissioners' meeting, and during the afternoon it will plan implementation of Commission actions.

The Communications Committee will meet from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 1995 at the Fountain Suites Hotel, 2577 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona. The agenda will include facilitator training for the public meetings being held by the Commission in late November and early December 1995.

The Public Advisory Committee will meet from 8:30 AM on Thursday, November 16 to 5:00 PM on Friday, November 17 at the Fountain Suites Hotel, 2577 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting will include a review of *Options for Western Vistas*, the draft evaluation of the Commission's emissions management scenarios, and preparations for the

public meetings being held by the Commission in late November and early December 1995.

The Commission was established by the EPA on November 13, 1991 (see 56 FR 57522, November 12, 1991). All meetings are open to the public. These meetings are not subject to provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John T. Leary, Project Manager for the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission, Western Governor's Association, 600 17th Street, Suite 1705, South Tower, Denver, Colorado 80202; telephone number (303) 623-9378; facsimile machine number (303) 534-7309.

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Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9.

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Science Advisory Board; Drinking Water Committee; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Drinking Water Committee (DWC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will hold a teleconference meeting on Thursday, November 9, 1995 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm eastern time. This teleconference is open to the public. For further information concerning the teleconference, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are *not* available from the SAB Office.

The purpose of the Teleconference is to conduct a preliminary discussion of the Committee's review of the Environmental Protection Agency's *Draft Research Plan for Microbial Pathogens and Disinfection By-Products in Drinking Water*. During the teleconference there will be an overview of the Draft Research Plan presented by Agency staff, with opportunities for Committee Members to ask clarification questions and to discuss the charge for the review. The Committee will formally review the Draft Research Plan in a public meeting on January 9-10, 1996.

The draft charge to the Drinking Water Committee is as follows: (a) Has EPA identified the correct research issues to be addressed to support the

development of the Interim and long term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rules, Ground Water Disinfection Rule and Stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfectant Byproducts rule? (b) Do the research topic areas or projects underway or envisioned under the five year plan appear to adequately address the issues? Should any other research topic area be funded in lieu of or in addition to those presented? (c) Has EPA assigned appropriate priorities to the research?

Single copies of the Draft Research Plan are available by calling Ms. Gail Robarge, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460; Telephone: (202) 260-9101.

Any member of the public wishing to register for the teleconference should contact Mrs. Mary Winston, Staff Secretary, Drinking Water Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-6552 or fax (202) 260-7118. Procedures for connecting to the teleconference will be released to the registrants prior to the meeting. It is expected that a room will be available at the US EPA Headquarters Building, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC for those who wish to attend an SAB link to the teleconference. Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Mr. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Official, Drinking Water Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400F), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, by telephone at (202) 260-5133, fax at (202) 260-7118, or via The INTERNET at: Flaak.Robert@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

The Committee expects to review the Draft Research Plan in a face-to-face public session on January 9-10, 1996. That meeting will be announced in a subsequent Federal Register Notice. Public comments will not be taken during the November 9, 1995 teleconference, however, they will be taken during the January meeting. Please contact Mr. Flaak for further details.

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A. Robert Flaak,

Acting Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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Open Forum on Whole Effluent Toxicity Workshop

During September 1995, the Society of Environmental Toxicology and

Chemistry (SETAC) sponsored a Workshop on Whole-Effluent Toxicity (WET) at the University of Michigan Biological Station near Pellston, Michigan. Funding for the Workshop was provided by the American Industrial Health Council, the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the workshop was administered by the SETAC Foundation for Environmental Education. EPA's WET program uses WET testing to help ensure protection of the Nation's waters. WET testing is viewed as one of the most direct ways to ensure adherence to the "narrative criterion" that states that "no toxics in toxic amounts" shall be discharged. Workshop results should give valuable insight into the strengths and weaknesses of technical aspects of WET testing. The Workshop was attended by 45 nationally recognized scientists from government, academia, and business who were invited to participate based on their expertise and experience in the WET program. The primary topic areas addressed during the Workshop included (1) Laboratory Test Methods/Appropriate Endpoints, (2) Effluent Toxicity Testing Variability, (3) Field Assessments (in relation to aquatic responses to effluents), and (4) Predicting Receiving System Impacts From Whole Effluent Toxicity Tests. Activities began with discussion-initiation presentations on the four topic areas. Group breakout sessions were then held to examine in depth the issues introduced in the discussion sessions, to reach a consensus on the state of the science in each of these topic areas, and to agree upon issues in the WET program that require further consideration or investigation. Written proceedings were drafted by the workgroups, and those proceedings are in the process of being reviewed and edited prior to being published by SETAC Press.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Crystal City Marriott (near the Washington National Airport), SETAC will hold an Open Forum to report the results of the Pellston WET Workshop. The primary purpose of the Forum is to provide attendees (1) an overview of key technical issues and conclusions from the Workshop; (2) the opportunity for Forum attendees to make brief information statements regarding their perspectives on technical issues discussed at the Workshop; and (3) the opportunity for a dialogue between Forum attendees and Workshop participants.