

as a first step in the assessment of this program's effectiveness.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program will be held on May 21, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Resolve, Inc. (an EPA contractor) is utilizing TLI Systems, Inc. as a subcontractor to provide logistical support for the stakeholders meeting. The meeting will be held at the Resolve, Inc. offices at 2828 Pennsylvania Avenue (Suite 402), N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007.

Members of the public may submit written comments pertaining to the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program to: Ms. Barbara Corcoran, Office of Science and Technology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (Mail Code: 4304), 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460. It would be most helpful for the success of the meeting to receive written comments 10 working days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting Ms. Adriane Alexander at TLI Systems, Inc. (Phone: 301-718-2276, ext. 500) by May 10. Those registered for the meeting will receive background materials at least one week prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting logistics, please contact Ms. Adriane Alexander at TLI Systems, Inc., 4340 East West Highway, Suite 1120, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (Phone: 301-718-2276, ext. 500); Fax: 301-718-2277).

For information on the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program, please contact Ms. Barbara Corcoran, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460 (Phone: 202-260-1332; Fax: 202-260-1036).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background on the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Drinking Water Health Advisory Program was initiated in 1978 to provide information and guidance to individuals or agencies concerned with potential risk from drinking water contaminants for which no national regulations exist. Health Advisories are developed for contaminants that meet two criteria: (1) The contaminant has the potential to cause adverse health effects in exposed humans; and (2) the contaminant is either known to occur or might reasonably be expected to occur in drinking water supplies. Each Health Advisory contains information on the

nature of the adverse health effects associated with the contaminant and the concentrations of the contaminant that would not be anticipated to cause an adverse effect following various periods of exposure. Health Advisories are developed for one-day, ten-day, longer term (approximately 7 years, or 10% of an individual's lifetime) and lifetime exposure based on data describing noncarcinogenic end points of toxicity. In addition, the Health Advisory summarizes information on available analytical methods and treatment techniques for the contaminant. To date, EPA has issued over 150 Health Advisories covering a wide variety of inorganic, pesticides and nonpesticide organic chemicals, munition related compounds, and microbials.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA began a series of stakeholder meetings in March of 1995 to obtain input on a number of issues related to the Agency's Drinking Water Program. Separate stakeholder meetings were conducted on priorities for the Drinking Water Program; scientific data needs; treatment technology; health assessment; analytical methods; source water protection; small systems capacity building; focusing and improving implementation; revising chemical monitoring requirements and defining source protection as a best available technology (BAT); and other revisions to strengthen enforcement and implementation. Input from those meetings helped the Agency in the development of a draft comprehensive drinking water redirection plan released for public comment on November 19, 1995 (USEPA, Drinking Water Program Redirection Proposal, A Public Comment Draft; EPA 810-D-95-001. Nov. 1995).

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to assess the existing Drinking Water Health Advisory Program in order to determine what changes should be made to this program to make it more effective in the future. The specific issues for discussion at the meeting include (but may not be limited to) the following:

- (1) How and when are drinking water health advisories used by State governments and others?
- (2) Are less-than-lifetime health advisory values used, and if so, how?
- (3) Do you suggest any changes to the current health advisory methodology?
- (4) What chemicals are of greatest concern for development of new health advisories?
- (5) Which existing Health Advisories should be revised?

(6) How should the agency prioritize chemicals for the health advisory program in the future?

(7) Is the present format and content of the health advisory documents useful? Would you like other kinds of information included than currently provided?

(8) Do you find the summary Fact Sheets useful? Should EPA continue this practice?

(9) Are the summary tables on the status of health advisories helpful? Should EPA include additional information to the summary tables? What kind of information (e.g., critical endpoints, analytical methods, treatment technologies)?

(10) Would it be useful to develop a clearinghouse on States-developed health advisories? How would it work?

(11) What mechanisms for obtaining current information on the Health Advisory Program are most useful to you?

(12) Do States and other stakeholders need guidance on how to use health advisories?

(13) Should EPA expand the scope of the Health Advisory Program to incorporate information on other water quality issues (e.g., aquatic life concerns, fish contamination levels safe for human consumption, etc.)?

EPA has convened this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on how the current Health Advisory Program is working and how it can be improved. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above or other issues related to the Health Advisory Program in writing or during the May 21, 1996 meeting.

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Science Advisory Board; Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis; for teleconference meetings, the number of available phone lines is limited. For further information concerning specific meetings, 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.

(1) Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's (CASAC) Air Quality Models Subcommittee (AQMS): The Air Quality Models Subcommittee will continue its review of the technical aspects of the Agency's Air Quality Models with a teleconference meeting on Friday, April 26, 1996 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The AQMS formally began to review air quality models as a component of the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 812 Cost-Benefit Study in a series of public teleconferences on October 1, 1993 and October 21, 1993, with a follow-up review meeting on December 2, 1993 (See 58 FR 49297, September 22, 1993, and 58 FR 60628, November 17, 1993). The Subcommittee is conducting this specialty review on air quality models on behalf of the Clean Air Act Compliance Analysis Council (CAACAC) as an activity required under Section 812 of the CAA. This teleconference meeting is a continuation of the above reviews as the Agency prepares its final report to Congress. The charge to the Subcommittee is to review the analytical methodologies, data sources, implementation, and results of the air quality modeling component of the Section 812 Retrospective Analysis, and provide advice to the CAACAC regarding the reasonableness, technical merits, and appropriate interpretations of the modeling results.

The draft documents that are the subject of this review are available from the originating EPA office as noted below. There are eleven (11) draft documents being provided to the AQMS. Nine draft documents are being provided as background (Items 1 through 9), while the other two are being submitted for review (Items 10 and 11). These documents are:

Background Documents: (1) The Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act, 1970 to 1990—Report to Congress, Chapter 3: Emissions, Draft, March 1996; (2) The Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act, 1970 to 1990—Report to Congress, Appendix B: Emissions Modeling, Draft, March 1996; (3) Retrospective Analysis of Ozone Air Quality in the United States, Final Report, March 1996; (4) Retrospective Analysis of Particulate Matter Air Quality in the United States, Draft Report, September 1992; (5) PM Interpolation Methodology for the Section 812 Retrospective Analysis, Memo from J. Lansstaff to J. DeMocker, pending; (6) Retrospective Analysis of Particulate Matter Air Quality in the United States, Final Report, March,

1996; (7) Retrospective Analysis of SO₂, NO_x, and CO Air Quality in the United States, Final Report, November 1994; (8) Retrospective Analysis of the Impact of the Clean Air Act of Urban Visibility in the Southwestern United States, Final Report, October 1994; (9) Estimation of Regional Air Quality and Deposition Changes Under Alternative Section 812 Emissions Scenarios Predicted by the Regional Acid Deposition Model, RADM, Draft Report, October 1995. *Review Documents:* (10) The Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act, 1970 to 1990—Report to Congress, Chapter 4: Air Quality, Draft, March 1996, and (11) The Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act, 1970 to 1990—Report to Congress, Appendix C: Air Quality Modeling, Draft, March 1996.

To discuss technical aspects of the above draft documents, please contact Mr. James DeMocker, Office of Policy Analysis and Review (OPAR) (MC 6103), US Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Tel. (202) 260-8980; FAX (202) 260-9766, or via the Internet at: democker.jim@epamail.epa.gov. To obtain single copies of the draft documents, please contact Ms. Eileen Pritchard, Secretary, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation (OPPE), Economic Analysis and Innovation Division (MC 2127), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Tel.(202) 260-8465.

To obtain copies of the teleconference agenda, please contact Mrs. Diana L. Pozun, Secretary, Radiation Advisory Committee, Tel. (202) 260-6552; FAX (202) 260-7118; or via the Internet: pozun.diana@epamail.epa.gov). To discuss technical aspects of the draft commentary, please contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Official, Radiation Advisory Committee, Tel. (202) 260-2560; FAX (202) 260-7118; or via the Internet: kooyoomjian.jack@epamail.epa.gov). Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at this teleconference should contact Mrs. Diana L. Pozun no later than April 23, 1996.

(2) Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC): The Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) is meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, April 30, 1996 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The RAC is planning to discuss its draft commentary ("Commentary on the Scientific Basis for Apportioning of Risk Among the ICRP Publication 66 Regions of the Respiratory Tract," dated March 27, 1996) concerning the new ICRP (International Commission on Radiological Protection) Human

Respiratory Tract Model for Radiological Protection. The new ICRP model was designed to accommodate the potentially large differences in the doses received and in the radiation sensitivities of the various tissues comprising the respiratory tract, as well as being compatible with the ICRP dosimetry system.

To obtain copies of the teleconference agenda or the draft commentary, please contact Mrs. Diana L. Pozun, Secretary, Radiation Advisory Committee, Tel. (202) 260-6552; FAX (202) 260-7118; or via the Internet:

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Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, opportunities for oral comment at teleconference meetings will be usually limited to three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week prior to a meeting), may be mailed to the subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the subcommittee at its meeting, except for teleconferences, where brief written materials may be faxed to the participants, with more detailed or lengthy materials received too close to the teleconference to be mailed to the subcommittee or committee participants shortly after the teleconference. Written comments may be provided up until the time of the meeting.

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