

[FRL 5553-6]

Community-Based Environmental Protection Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, EPA gives notice of a two-day meeting of the Community-Based Environmental Protection Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues, and the Community-Based Environmental Protection Committee was formed to identify opportunities for harmonizing environmental policy, economic activity, and ecosystem management.

The meeting is being held to discuss recommendations the Committee plans to submit to EPA. Scheduling constraints preclude oral comments from the public during the meeting. Written comments can be submitted by mail, and will be transmitted to Committee members for consideration. **DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, and Wednesday, September 11, 1996, at the Mayflower Park Hotel, 405 Olive Way, Seattle, Washington. On Tuesday, September 10, the Committee will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, September 11, the Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Mark Joyce or Deborah Ross, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. EPA (1601F), 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Joyce or Deborah Ross, Designated Federal Officials, Direct line (202) 260-6889 or (202) 260-9752, Secretary's line (202) 260-9744.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

Mark Joyce and Deborah Ross,
Designated Federal Officials.

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Worker Protection Standard; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is holding a series of public meetings to solicit information from workers, growers, and others regarding regulations designed to protect agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. The first meeting was held in Winter Haven, Florida on February 22, 1996. The meetings are a part of EPA's commitment to monitor and evaluate the impact and performance of the Worker Protection regulations. The public meetings are designed to provide an opportunity for those directly affected by the regulations to relay their experiences after the regulations' first full year of implementation. By reaching out to those on the frontlines and for whom these regulations are intended to provide public health protection, EPA will better understand how the program is working and where meaningful improvements should be made. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 21, 1996. Registration begins at 5 p.m., and the public meeting begins at 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tipton County Fair Grounds, 1200 South Main St., Tipton, Indiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Jeanne Heying (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (703) 305-7164, Fax: (703) 308-2962, e-mail: heying.jeanne@epamail.epa.gov. To verify the schedule for the meeting contact: Don Baumgartner, (312) 886-7835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

In 1992, EPA issued final regulations governing the protection of employees on farms, forests and nurseries, and greenhouses from occupational exposures to agricultural pesticides. The WPS covers both workers in areas treated with pesticides, and employees who handle (mix, load, apply, etc.) pesticides. More specifically, the provisions of the Standard are intended to:

Inform employees about the hazards of pesticides:

-By requiring provisions for basic safety training, posting and distribution of information about the pesticides.

Eliminate exposure to pesticides:

-By prohibiting against the application of pesticides in a way that would cause exposure to people.

-By requiring time-limited restrictions for workers to return to areas following the application of pesticides.

-By requiring provisions for workers and handlers to wear proper protective clothing/equipment.

Mitigate exposures that occur:

-By requiring arrangements for the supply of soap, water, and towels in the case of pesticide exposure.

-By requiring provisions for emergency assistance.

II. Information Sought by EPA

EPA believes that agricultural workers, handlers, and growers are best able to provide unique insights on the effects of the WPS requirements. Their input will be supplemented by data generated from other sources during the course of EPA's longer-term evaluation effort. As a follow-up to the public meetings, EPA will develop a summary of information gained. These tools will be used to develop strategies for improving the administration of the WPS. The Agency is specifically interested in hearing public comment, or receiving written comment, on the following topics.

1. Assistance from regulatory partners and others involved with the WPS.
2. Usefulness of available assistance.
3. Understanding the WPS requirements.
4. Success in implementing the requirements.
5. Difficulties in implementing the requirements.
6. Suggestions to improve implementation.

III. Registration to Make Comments

Persons who wish to speak at the public meeting are encouraged to register at the meeting location. The Agency encourages parties to submit data to substantiate comments whenever possible. All comments, as well as information gathered at the public meetings will be available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays) at the Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division, Room 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Information submitted as part of any comment may be claimed as confidential by marking any or all of that information as Confidential Business Information (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record.

Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by the Agency without prior notice to the

submitter. The Agency anticipates that most of the comments will not be classified as CBI, and prefers that all information submitted be publicly available. Any records or transcripts of the open meetings will be considered public information and cannot be declared CBI.

IV. Structure of the Meeting

EPA will open the meeting with brief introductory comments. EPA will then invite those parties who have registered to present their comments. EPA anticipates that each speaker will be permitted 5 minutes to make comments. After each speaker, Agency and state representatives may ask the presenter questions of clarification. The Agency reserves the right to adjust the time for presenters depending on the number of speakers.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written documentation to EPA at the meeting to ensure that their entire position goes on record in the event that time does not permit a complete oral presentation.

Any information may be delivered to Jeanne Heying at the address stated earlier in this Notice.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

Cathleen Kronopolis,
*Acting Director, Field Operations Division,
Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622, notice is hereby given that a proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement associated with the Croydon Superfund Site in Croydon PA, was executed by the purchaser on August 12, 1996 and

is subject to final approval by the Agency and United States Department of Justice. The Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential EPA claims under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, against Slogam Enterprises Limited, a Pennsylvania limited partnership ("the purchaser"). The settlement would require the purchaser to pay a principal payment of \$20,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The proposed agreement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107. A copy of the proposed agreement may be obtained from Suzanne Canning, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Docket Clerk (3RC00), 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Comments should reference the "Croydon Superfund Site" and "EPA Docket No. III-96-80-DC" and should be forwarded to Suzanne Canning at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Gray Torres (3RC21), Associate Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 566-2696.

Dated: August 12, 1996.
Thomas Maslany,
*Acting Regional Administrator, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency, Region III.*

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Draft Canada-United States Strategy for the Virtual Elimination of Persistent Toxic Substances in the Great Lakes Basin

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of the Draft Canada-United States Strategy for the Virtual Elimination of Persistent Toxic Substances in the Great Lakes

Basin (the Strategy) and opportunity to comment.

SUMMARY: The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1978, as amended by Protocol signed November 1987, between the United States and Canada commits the two countries to seek to virtually eliminate the discharge of persistent toxic substances to the Great Lakes ecosystem. Pursuant to this goal, the Strategy establishes a framework by which the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Environment Canada, the Great Lakes States and stakeholders, the Tribes, and national stakeholders whose actions affect or impact the Great Lakes Basin, can pursue virtual elimination of persistent toxic substances, particularly those which bioaccumulate, from the Great Lakes. These actions will help to protect and ensure the long-term health and integrity of the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Virtual elimination of persistent toxic substances will be pursued through a variety of voluntary, regulatory, and incentive-based actions aimed at reducing specific pollutants over specific timeframes. The primary approach will be to achieve reductions through pollution prevention or other voluntary means.

The geographic scope of the strategy will be focused primarily on the Great Lakes Basin; however, a larger geographic scale will be used to address atmospheric deposition. The strategy will serve as a vehicle to pursue discussions with jurisdictions having out-of-basin sources that may be adversely impacting Great Lakes water quality.

Extensive efforts have been made to inform stakeholders and the public of the Strategy, its objectives, and the process established for public involvement. These efforts have included holding public meetings, issuing progress reports, and making information available via the Internet. A number of stakeholder meetings (9/93, 9/94, and 8/95) were held in connection with the Virtual Elimination Pilot Project and Strategy development.

During the development of the Strategy, various Great Lakes stakeholders, governmental organizations, and the public have had an opportunity to provide preliminary comments. This notice now invites a wider spectrum of comments from the public, governmental organizations, stakeholders, and other interested parties. To provide this additional opportunity for input, all interested commenters will have 30 days to submit comments on the draft Strategy.