

[FRL-5692-4]

**Proposed Settlement Agreement;
National Emission Standards for
Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)
From Facilities That Manufacture
Pharmaceutical Products**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act as amended (CA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement entered into by EPA and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). The proposed settlement agreement establishes a schedule for when EPA intends to take final action on the NESHAP for manufacturers of pharmaceutical products. The proposed settlement agreement accompanies revisions to a consent decree entered into by EPA and NRDC in establishing schedules for EPA's issuance, *inter alia*, of a number of effluent guidelines and standards under section 304(m) of the Clean Water Act (CA), including effluent guidelines for pharmaceutical manufacturers. EPA is agreeing to undertake the NESHAP rulemaking for the pharmaceutical manufacturers on the same schedule as the effluent guidelines for pharmaceutical manufacturers.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement from persons not party to the proposed settlement agreement. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the CA.

A copy of the proposed settlement agreement was filed with the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on January 31, 1997. Copies are also available from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Karen H. Clark at the address above and must be submitted on or before March 24, 1997.

Dated: February 10, 1997.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 97-4323 Filed 2-20-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-M

[FRL-5693-3]

**Establishment of the Microbial and
Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts
Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Establishment of FACA committee and meeting announcement.

SUMMARY: As required by section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) at 5 U.S.C. App. II section 9(a)(2), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is giving notice that it is establishing the Microbial and Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Advisory Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to assist the Agency in the development of regulations, guidance and policies to address microorganisms and disinfectants/disinfection byproducts in drinking water. EPA has determined that this is in the public interest and will assist the Agency in performing its duties as prescribed in the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

Copies of the committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress.

NOTICE OF MEETING: The Committee's first meeting is scheduled for March 13 and 14, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on each day, at the office of RESOLVE at 2828 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Suite 402, Washington D.C. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss 1) organizational matters of the Committee and 2) possible components of an Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) and a Stage 1 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts (DBP) Rule, including discussion of related technical issues such as enhanced coagulation and turbidity control.

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public may attend the meeting, make statements to the extent time permits and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Members of the public who would like more information or who would like to present an oral statement or submit a written statement are requested to contact Steve Potts, Office of Ground Water Drinking Water, U.S. EPA, Mail

Code 4607, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Mr. Potts may also be reached by telephone at (202) 260-5015 or contacted by e-mail at Potts.Steve@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

EPA is responsible under the SDWA for the development of regulations to address microbial pathogens and DBPs in drinking water. The 1996 amendments to the Act require the Agency to promulgate two of these regulations, the IESWTR and Stage 1 DBP Rule, by November 1998. The amendments also establish deadlines for subsequent rules in this cluster. Regulatory concerns include possible risk trade-offs between microbial pathogens and chemical DBPs.

As a result of formal regulatory negotiations in 1992 and 1993, EPA published regulatory proposals in the Federal Register in July 1994. In May 1996, the Agency initiated a series of public meetings for purposes of information exchange on issues related to the development of rules in the cluster. The creation of a Microbial and Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Advisory Committee is necessary and in the public interest as it will provide the structured environment for focused efforts to collect, share and analyze information and data and for consensus building discussions.

Participants: The Committee will consist of a balanced membership of approximately twenty (20) members appointed by the Deputy Administrator. Membership will include but is not limited to representatives of EPA, States, drinking water suppliers and public interest groups.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

[FR Doc. 97-4493 Filed 2-20-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

[ER-FRL-5477-6]

**Environmental Impact Statements;
Notice of Availability**

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed February 10, 1997 Through February 14, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970057, Final EIS, AFS, TN, Upper Ocoee River Corridor Land and Water-Based Recreational