

Priority Setting, Screening and Testing, and Communication and Outreach Work Groups; Develop Agreements on the Terms of Reference/Mission of these Work Groups.

2. Discuss and Agree Upon Overall Schedule for Completing the EDSTAC Charge, and Specific Next Steps in the EDSTAC Process.

Dated: April 22, 1997.

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Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The theme of the next meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee is partnerships and members will hear presentations on Federal/State/Local partnerships from two panels, one presenting the experiences of Henrietta, Oklahoma and one presenting the experiences New Orleans, Louisiana. The Roles and Responsibilities and the Tools for Local Decision-Makers Subcommittees will meet in subcommittee sessions to continue work on their recommendations to the Agency.

From 3:00-3:15 p.m. on the 12th, the Committee will hear comments from the public. Each individual or organization wishing to address the Committee will be allowed three minutes. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the number listed below to schedule agenda time. Time will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to attend. Meeting minutes will be available after the meeting and can be obtained by written request from the DFO. Members of the public are requested to call the DFO at the number listed below if planning to attend so that arrangements can be made to comfortably accommodate attendees as much as possible. However, seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12th and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on the 13th.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree New Orleans Hotel

located at 300 Canal Street on May 12 and in the Riverwalk Aquarium Meeting Room on May 13.

Requests for Minutes and other information can be obtained by writing to 401 M Street, SW. (1502), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The DFO for this Committee is Denise Zabinski Ney. She is the point of contact for information concerning any Committee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 260-0419.

Dated: 24 April, 1997.

Denise Zabinski Ney,

Designated Federal Officer, Local Government Advisory Committee.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5818-3]

Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Municipal Waste Management

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of data availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In support of the Source Reduction and Recycling Initiative under the President's Climate Change Action Plan, EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Office of Economy and Environment are releasing for public review a draft contractor report estimating the greenhouse gas emissions and sinks associated with managing ten materials in municipal solid waste in a variety of ways. The ten materials examined are newspaper, office paper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum, steel, HDPE plastic, LDPE plastic, PET plastic, food scraps, and yard trimmings. Together, these materials constitute roughly 50 percent of the municipal solid waste stream. The municipal solid waste management strategies addressed are source reduction, recycling, composting, combustion, and landfilling.

The report employs a streamlined life cycle inventory methodology to calculate the greenhouse gas emissions and sinks associated with managing these materials in specific ways. This methodology includes assessments of the following: (1) Process and transportation greenhouse gas emissions from raw materials acquisition and manufacturing; (2) carbon storage in forests; (3) soil carbon storage; and (4) greenhouse gas emissions and emissions offsets associated with combustion and

landfilling. Greenhouse gas emissions estimates are made for each material and management strategy on the basis of metric tons of carbon equivalents per ton of material managed in a specific way.

Preliminary results indicate that municipal solid waste management strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are generally consistent with the municipal solid waste management hierarchy of preferred waste management methods. That is to say, source reduction yields the greatest reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, followed, in order, by recycling (including composting), and disposal (whether combustion or landfilling results in lower greenhouse gas emissions depends on the specific material).

The Agency is providing a 90-day comment period for this draft contractor report. Information on how to submit comments is provided below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-97-GGEA-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-97-GGEA-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file; please avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays. To review docket materials, the Agency recommends making an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. Persons may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any

regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD 412-3323.

For a paper copy of the report, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Municipal Waste Management," please contact the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323. The document number is EPA 530-R-97-010. The report is also available in electronic format on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/muncpl/>.

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "Addresses" section above.

EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be contained in a notice in the **Federal Register** or in a response to comments document placed in the official record for this Notice of Data Availability. EPA will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

Finally, for detailed questions regarding the report or to schedule a report review meeting during the comment period, please E-Mail Eugene Lee at lee.eugene@epamail.epa.gov or Clare Lindsay at lindsay.clare@epamail.epa.gov and insert in the subject line of the message only the term "ghg." Organizations interested in meeting with EPA to discuss the draft report should submit a list of questions or issues to Eugene Lee or Clare Lindsay by E-Mail at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In October 1993, President Clinton announced the U.S. Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP). The primary goal of the CCAP is to return U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to their 1990 levels by the year 2000. The plan's programs are voluntary public/private partnerships between federal agencies and organizations that want to protect the environment and operate more efficiently. Throughout the country,

CCAP program participants increase the energy efficiency of their operations; conserve resources and promote renewable energy technologies; and improve industrial, agricultural, and forest productivity as they relate to atmospheric pollution.

Among the 50 some initiatives outlined in the CCAP is Initiative # 16—the Source Reduction, Pollution Prevention and Recycling Initiative. The purpose of this Initiative is to promote reduction and recycling of municipal solid waste (MSW) as a means to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In an effort to estimate the potential for source reduction and recycling of MSW to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Office of Economy and the Environment jointly launched a research effort to quantify the greenhouse gas emissions associated with reducing, recycling, composting, combusting, and landfilling ten materials commonly found in MSW. The draft contractor report noticed for public review today is the product of this initial research.

While this draft contractor report has been reviewed by EPA and other government agencies as well as a number of academic peer reviewers, the report has not yet been reviewed by industry, state and local governments, or non-governmental organizations. The Agency is looking forward to detailed input from these sectors to help in improving the methodology and data used in this draft report. EPA expects this review process to result in changes and improvements to the estimates contained in the draft that will make it more useful for the applications outlined below.

The Agency anticipates four potential applications for the greenhouse gas emission factors provided in this draft report. First, organizations that are interested in quantifying greenhouse gas emission reductions associated with managing a waste in a particular way may use these estimates for that purpose. Second, the estimates of greenhouse gas emissions and sinks may be useful to solid waste decision-makers when evaluating specific municipal solid waste management options. Third, EPA plans to use the estimates to evaluate the extent to which its efforts to promote source reduction and recycling (through such programs as WasteWiSe and Pay-As-You-Throw) may be contributing to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Finally, this analysis may assist other countries in estimating the extent to which waste management offers opportunities for greenhouse gas reduction.

The Agency is providing a 90-day comment period for this draft contractor report. Comments can be submitted to the RCRA Docket either electronically or by hard copy. See **ADDRESSES** section above for information on submitting comments. For information on how to schedule a meeting, please see the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section above.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Lake Hartwell No Discharge Zone Determination

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 Regional Administrator concurs with the determinations of the States of South Carolina and Georgia that adequate and reasonably available pump out facilities exist at Lake Hartwell. A petition was received from the State of South Carolina and concurred with by the State of Georgia requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to Section 312(f)(3) of Pub. L. 92-500 as amended by Pub. L. 95-217 and Pub. L. 100-4, that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for Hartwell Lake to qualify as a "No Discharge Zone" (NDZ).

The proposed action was previously noticed in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 60, No. 91, Thursday May 11, 1995. Since that time, 16 letters supporting NDZ designation and 4 letters opposing NDZ designation have been received.

Questions were raised concerning the availability of pump out facilities in the letters which opposed NDZ designation.

On May 22, 1996, representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Region 4 EPA, and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control participated in an on site investigation of Lake Hartwell to determine the availability of pump out facilities and address the concerns raised in the dissenting letters. Based upon the field data collected, it was determined at a November 26, 1996 meeting at the COE Lake Hartwell Office to proceed with NDZ designation, since adequate pump out facilities are available and the addition of future pump out facilities is very probable.

This action is taken under Section 312 (f)(3) of the Clean Water Act which states: