

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources, complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. Respondents/Affected Entities: Estimated at 2,333 per year. (This burden assumes that the number of respondents will increase as the survey is phased in. EPA assumes total number of surveys as 7,500: 500 surveys the first year, 3,000 surveys the second year; 4,000 surveys the third year.)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,333.

Frequency of Response: One time per year.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 5,000 hours (per year). (15,000 total hours/3 years: 1,000 hours the first year; 6,000 hours the second year; 8,000 hours the third year.)

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$100,000 (5,000 hours/year at \$20/hour).

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following address: Mr. Rick Hoffmann, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4305), OW, Standards and Applied Science Division, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: April 25, 1997.

Tudor T. Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5821-9]

Notice of Request To Nominate Candidates for Membership on the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council or One of Its Subcommittees

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) was established in September 3, 1993. The Council, known as NEJAC, complies with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is required to renew its charter every two years and to ensure that at least one-third of its membership is rotated annually to ensure that the NEJAC presents a balanced view. The Council was established September 3, 1993 and A Request to Nominate Candidates for Membership was issued at that time. EPA is again asking for candidates to be considered for membership of the NEJAC Executive Council or one of the six subcommittees described below. The NEJAC, including the subcommittees, provides advice and information to the Administrator on broad, cross-cutting domestic and international environmental justice policies and issues. In order to ensure a balanced council, the membership of the NEJAC is comprised of senior officials drawn from the following stakeholder organizations: (1) community based organizations; (2) industry and business; (3) state and local governments; (4) tribal governments; (5) non-government organizations; (6) environmental groups; and (7) academic institutions. There are 25 members of the Executive Council and an additional 35 members on the six subcommittees. One-third of the membership is replaced each year to ensure that no one view monopolizes the council.

SUBCOMMITTEES: These six subcommittees address the major issues faced by communities disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution, usually these communities are low-income or predominately minority. The subcommittees are: Enforcement; Health/Research; Indigenous Peoples; International; Public Participation/

Accountability; and Waste/Facility Siting.

NOMINATIONS: Individuals may nominate themselves or may submit the names of persons who represent one of the stakeholder categories named above. To be considered, a nomination must include the following information about the individual: 1. Name, Title, Complete Address, Office Telephone, Home Telephone, FAX Number; 2. Organizational History (Resume is Preferred); 3. Indicate whether the individual is to be considered for a specific Subcommittee or for the Executive Council; 4. Why you believe the individual would be an active and productive member, and 5. Indicate the stakeholder category from the above list that the individual's organization best fits.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked by Midnight, June 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Please note that there are two addresses.

For Courier Delivery (Federal Express, UPS, Airborne, etc.):

Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. EPA (Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Room 2224, Washington, DC 20004

For U.S. Mail:

Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. EPA (Mail Code 2201-A), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460

Telephone: 202-564-2515 or 1-800-962-6215; FAX No.: 202-501-0740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of past meeting summaries, the Council's charter, a current membership list, as well as background information on the Council is available on the Internet: <http://www.ttemi.com/nejac> or by calling: 1-800-962-6215. The NEJAC is a Federal Advisory Council and was established to provide advice, consultation and make recommendations on a continuing basis to the Administrator. The Council is also focusing on creating mutually supportive partnerships and increasing communication among all levels of government, the business community and academic institutions to improve the effectiveness of federal and non-federal resources directed at solving environmental justice problems. The NEJAC meets at least twice a year. All members are appointed as representatives of non-federal interests. No honoraria or salaries are provided for members but compensation for travel and per diem expenses while attending meetings is provided. Members are appointed for one to three year terms and must be citizens of the United States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marva E. King at 1-800-962-6215, EMAIL: King.Marva@epamail.epa.gov, FAX: 202-501-0740. Selected nominees will be announced after August 1, 1997. No individual responses will be made prior to that date.

Nominations must be submitted no later than Midnight June 10, 1997.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

Clarice E. Gaylord,

Director, Office of Environmental Justice.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Public Meeting on the Expert Panel on Arsenic Carcinogenicity: Review and Workshop

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an Expert Panel on Arsenic Carcinogenicity: Review and Workshop to review and discuss the relevant scientific literature for evaluating the possible mode(s) of action underlying the carcinogenic action of arsenic (As). This Expert Panel workshop is being used to address scientific consensus and peer review as a part of the process to "update" the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) file on arsenic (As). A summary of the Expert Panel's report will be included in the revision of the As file prior to loading on IRIS. This workshop is being sponsored by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment and EPA's Office of Water.

DATES: This Workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn—National Airport on Wednesday, May 21, 1997 through Thursday, May 22, 1997. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday and will conclude on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers from 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday through 12:15 p.m. on Thursday and there will be a 30-minute period on Wednesday for observer comments. The afternoon of Thursday (1:30 p.m. through 4:00 p.m.) will be limited to Panel members in order to permit the Expert Panel to write a first draft of their report.

ADDRESSES: The Expert Panel on Arsenic Carcinogenicity: Review and Workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn—National Airport, Washington DC at 1489 Jefferson Davis Highway, U.S.

Rte. # 1, Arlington, VA 22202, telephone: 703-416-1600; Fax: 702-416-1615. To attend this Workshop as an observer, contact Ms. Beth O'Connor at Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02173-3134, telephone: 617-674-7250; FAX: 617-674-2906 or call the ERG Conference Registration Line at telephone number, 617-674-7374.

There is no charge for attending this Workshop as an observer, but seats are limited, so register as soon as possible. Each registrant will receive a confirmation letter, a preliminary agenda and a logistical fact sheet. Copies of relevant material will be supplied to the workshop registrants in advance and/or at the meeting site, as circumstances allow. Any observer wishing to make comments or address issues must sign up with ERG prior to the workshop. Each will be assigned a time slot on a first-come, first-served basis. Individual comments should be limited to 2 to 3 minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles O. Abernathy, Health Ecological Criteria Division, (4304), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone (202) 260-5374, fax (202) 260-1036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this Workshop is to review and discuss the scientific data base on the carcinogenic modes of action(s) of As, and to comment on the most appropriate approach for extrapolating the dose-response relationship to the low-dose associated with drinking water exposure. The Panel will consist of scientists with expertise in arsenic metabolism, mechanism(s) of gene regulation, DNA repair, molecular biology of cancer and statistical treatment of these processes. These experts will consider the mode of action data and its implications for the dose-response extrapolation as described in the EPA's 1996 Proposed Guidelines for Carcinogenic Risk Assessment. The product of this Panel workshop will be a report that explains the mode of action understanding, discusses major points of interpretation and rationale as well as pointing out uncertainties that deserve attention. Based on this mode of action understanding, the Panel will recommend the most appropriate dose-response extrapolation procedures. The final report is to include a concise statement describing the major conclusions that the Agency can use to derive additional discussion for the revision of the IRIS file for arsenic.

Dated: April 21, 1997.

Tudor T. Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Open Meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group.

SUMMARY: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), EPA is giving notice of the fourth meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Policy Dialogue Committee, also known as the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group. The purpose of this committee is to advise EPA and ASTSWMO (the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials) in developing voluntary guidance for the management of industrial non-hazardous waste in landfills, waste piles, surface impoundments, and land application units. The Focus Group will facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among the interested parties relating to the development of such guidance. The purpose of the fourth meeting will be to continue discussion of issues related to development of such guidance. The agenda will mostly include a discussion of 2 levels of ground-water risk methodology (in addition to site-specific analysis) that can be used by the facility manager of a new industrial non-hazardous waste unit in considering whether and what type of liner system may be appropriate for the unit. One of these 2 levels of risk assessment methodology is a waste-specific national approach. The other is a rough location adjustment to the national approach, where an artificial neural network is used to allow modification of certain key factors. There will be an opportunity for limited public comment at the end of each day of the meeting.

DATES: The committee will meet on May 20 and 21, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 20, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 21.

ADDRESSES: The location of the meeting is the St. James Hotel, 950 24th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037. The phone