

not involve evaluations of indirect effects.

Each panel will be composed of experts from the public and private sector. They will use the two case studies to evaluate how the nature and extent of uncertainties associated with the TEF approach and with associated data sets can have varying implications in different types of risk assessments. The results of the workshop will be compiled and summarized by Eastern Research Group in a workshop report. The availability of this workshop report will be announced in a future **Federal Register** document.

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### Technical Workshop on Drake Site Incinerator Risk Issues

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a workshop convened by Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, for scientific peer review of the EPA draft risk assessment for the Drake Chemical Superfund Site Incinerator full-scale operation in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The workshop will be held in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and will be open to members of the public as observers. The peer review, to be conducted by scientists from outside EPA, is being organized to assist in completing the risk assessment.

**DATES:** The workshop will begin on Thursday, January 15, 1998 at 12 Noon and end on Friday, January 16, 1998 at 12:30 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Genetti Hotel & Conference Center, 200 West 4th Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701. Since seating capacity is limited, please contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel.: (781) 674-7374, by January 9, 1998 to attend the workshop as an observer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical inquiries, contact Mr. Gregg Crystall, U.S. EPA Region III, 841 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Tel.: (215) 566-3207. Copies of

the draft risk assessment will be available for inspection in the EPA Region III Library, Philadelphia, PA, and the EPA Headquarters Information Resources Center, Washington DC. In addition, the draft risk assessment will be available for inspection in: the Ross Public Library, West Main Street, Lock Haven, PA, 17745; the Stevenson Library, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven PA, 17745; and the Lock Haven City Hall, 20 East Church Street, Lock Haven, PA, 17745. Inquiries concerning additional opportunities for document review should be directed to Mr. Crystall.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** While operational, the Drake Chemical Company in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania was cited numerous times by State and Federal agencies for violating environmental and health and safety regulations. In 1982 as a response to the Company's noncompliance with environmental regulations, EPA Region III undertook emergency removal actions. These actions included removal and disposal of surface drums, surface sludges, and liquids contained in process and storage tanks, and placement of fences around the property. Additional remediation actions have been conducted in several phases since then. Phase I remedial activities included the remediation of a leachate stream draining into Bald Eagle Creek. Phase II included drainage and removal of materials from two lined Lagoons, and demolition and removal of the on-site buildings. Subsequent studies conducted at the site indicated that the remaining contamination in soils presented a serious threat to the environment and human health. The 1988 Record of Decision concluded that the remaining site wastes, approximately 200,000 cubic yards of contaminated site soils, sediments, and sludges from the on-site lagoons, should be excavated and treated on-site in a high temperature incinerator. The excavated soils would be stockpiled temporarily, remediated in an on-site rotary kiln incinerator, then returned to the site. After all the contaminated soil had been remediated, the incinerator would be dismantled and removed from the site.

Prior to full-scale operation, a trial burn process was conducted to ensure incinerator equipment functioned according to operational and safety specifications. Prior to conducting this evaluation, EPA Region III prepared a trial burn process risk assessment (June, 1996). The trial burn process risk assessment was developed using approximated data drawn from site soil

samples, anticipated soil feed rates, incinerator design parameters, and emissions data from other incinerators. Results of the trial burn risk assessment were presented during a public meeting held in September 1996. The trial burn process was conducted in January and February 1997.

Most recently, EPA Region III developed a full-scale operation risk assessment by utilizing actual data collected during the trial burn process. The resulting Draft Drake Chemical Site Incinerator Full-Scale Operation Risk Assessment (November 1997) is the subject of the current peer review.

For the current review, EPA is inviting a panel of 14 independent scientists from the fields of toxicology, environmental fate and transport, combustion engineering, atmospheric modeling, exposure assessment, and ecological assessment. These scientists will focus on the scientific data, methods, and analyses, along with the assumptions and uncertainties that are associated with full-scale operation risk estimates. Following the workshop, EPA will consider the scientist's individual recommendations in completing the risk assessment. The risk assessment documents undergoing review relate only to scientific issues. Although the completed risk assessment will be one of the factors considered in making future decisions for the Drake Chemical site, these decisions and other risk management issues will not be a part of the peer review process.

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### Notice of Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board on February 10-11, 1998

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold an open meeting of the full Board on February 10-11, 1998. The meeting will be held at the National Press Club, 13th Floor in the Holeman Lounge, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC. The February 10 session will run from 9 am to 5 pm, while the February 11 session will run from 8:15 am to 11 am.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA