

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5965-7]

Proposed Settlement; Methyl Bromide Phase Out Rule Litigation**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 ("CAA"), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement of *Natural Resources Defense Council v. United States Environmental Protection Agency*, No. 94-1079 (D.C. Cir.).

This case involves a challenge to the final rule, entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone; Final Rule," published at 58 FR 65043 *et seq.* (Dec. 10, 1993) and codified at 40 CFR part 82, subpart A (the "Methyl Bromide Rule"). The action of the Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency) would take under this proposed settlement would be to publish a clarification of a portion of the preamble to the original Methyl Bromide Phase Out Rule. That portion of the preamble considered the applicability of the labeling requirements issued by EPA under section 611 of the CAA to agricultural products treated with methyl bromide.

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 who were not named as parties to the litigation in question. The Agency 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 Act. Copies of the settlement are available from Samantha Hooks, 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 Nancy Ketcham-Colwill, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460 and must be submitted on or before March 13, 1998.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**Office of National Drug Control Policy****Drug Control Research, Data, and Evaluation Committee (DCRDEC); Notice of Forthcoming Meeting**

SUMMARY: This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of the Drug Control Research, Data, and Evaluation Committee of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Date, time and place. February 26, 1998, 9:00 a.m., Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, 750 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Type of meeting and contact person. Open public meeting, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., unless public participation does not last that long; open committee discussion, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Janie Dargan, ONDCP, (202) 395-6714. Persons intending to attend the meeting should arrive in advance and come to 7th Floor Security with identification; the meeting will take place on a secure floor of the building.

General function of the committee. The Committee provides an avenue of communication by which a distinguished group of experts representing scientific, engineering, law enforcement, treatment, and associated international scientific communities advise the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) on questions related to national drug control research. The Committee assists ONDCP in identifying gaps in current data collection to improve the generation of accurate and useful information on which to base national drug control policy.

Agenda—Open public meeting. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues of national drug control research and policy, pending before the Committee. Specifically, the Committee will discuss finalizing edits to a draft Report on recommendations to ONDCP regarding the agency's national data policy priorities, including how to better integrate drug information for more effective drug control policy. The Committee will also be briefed on new scientific technologies, research, and drug data policy initiatives conducted by ONDCP and the other Federal drug-control agencies. Those desiring to make formal presentations must notify the contact person before February 19, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed

participants, and an indication of the approximate time required to make their comments.

Open committee discussion. The Committee will discuss and advise ONDCP regarding the following: (1) final edits to the Report from the Drug Control Research, Data, and Evaluation Committee; (2) the Counter Technology Assessment Center's Subcommittee on Science and Technology presentation of the TRI-Net PROJECT (formerly the DENS STUDY); (3) discussion of HHS's expansion of the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA), and a research study conducted by the Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), to identify treatment in correctional facilities; and (4) ONDCP's performance measurement system.

The agenda, the questions to be addressed by the committee, and a current list of committee members will be available at the meeting location on the day of the meeting. Transcripts of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, FOIA Requests, Office of Legal Counsel, 750 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcript may be viewed at the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Office of Legal Counsel at the above indicated address. Summary minutes of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (address above) beginning approximately 90 days after the meeting.

This notice is issued under section 10 (a)(1) and (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2), and 41 CFR 101-6, *et seq.*, the Federal regulations on advisory committees.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2255]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

February 5, 1998.

Petitions for reconsideration and clarification have been filed the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of these