

implement the processes specified in the CPP, and EPA is responsible for periodically reviewing the adequacy of the State's CPP. This document is being published in accordance with Paragraph 9 of the consent decree in the matter of American Littoral Society and Sierra Club v. EPA, Civil Docket No. 96-591. Consistent with the consent decree, EPA is publishing this notice of availability of the CPP to interested parties. By August 15, 1998, EPA will prepare a preliminary written summary of its review of the CPP and will make that summary available to interested parties for their review and comment. Copies of the CPP will be available beginning February 28, 1998 by contacting the person listed in the following **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Once available, copies of EPA's preliminary written summary may also be requested.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew T. Murawski, Office of Watersheds, at (215) 566-5748, or by email at murawski.matthew@epamail.epa.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notification of Public Advisory CSI Printing Sector and Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee Meetings; Open Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Printing Sector and the Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittees of the Common Sense Initiative Council will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Seating at both meetings will be on a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed with the two announcements below.

(1) Printing Sector Subcommittee—March 20, 1998

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will

hold an open meeting of the CSI Printing Sector Subcommittee on Friday, March 20, 1998, from approximately 8:30 a.m. EST until 12:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held at Resolve, located at 1255—23rd Street, NW, Suite 275 in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the progress in implementing the New York City Education Project and to discuss the plans to implement pilot projects of the PrintSTEP program. A formal agenda will be available at the meeting.

For further information concerning meeting times and agenda of this Printing Sector Subcommittee meeting, please contact Gina Bushong, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at EPA by telephone on (202) 564-5081 in Washington, DC, by fax on (202) 564-0009, or by e-mail at bushong.gina@epamail.epa.gov.

(2) Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee—March 12 and 13, 1998

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the CSI Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee on Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13, 1998, at the Fairfield Inn, Scottsdale Downtown, 5101 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. The telephone number is 602-945-4392. The Subcommittee will meet both days from approximately 9:00 a.m. MST to approximately 4:00 p.m. MST.

The Subcommittee meeting will focus on the Metal Finishing Sector's Strategic Goals Program, future roles of the Metal Finishing Subcommittee and other stakeholder oversight groups, and the activities of several workgroups and project teams (including the research and technology workgroup and the RCRA project team). A formal agenda will be available at the meeting.

For further information concerning meeting times and agenda of the Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee meeting, please contact Bob Benson, DFO, at EPA by telephone on (202) 260-8668 in Washington, DC, by fax on (202) 260-8662, or by e-mail at benson.robert@epamail.epa.gov

Inspection of Subcommittee Documents

Documents relating to the above Sector Subcommittee announcements will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with the official minutes for the meetings, will be available for public inspection in room 2821M of EPA Headquarters, Common Sense Initiative Staff, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone number 202-260-7417. Common Sense Initiative

information can be accessed electronically on our web site at <http://www.epa.gov/commonsense>.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

Kathleen Bailey,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Stakeholder Meeting To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations in Regard To Implementing the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of stakeholders meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a simultaneous, one day public meeting via videoconference call in eleven cities on March 12, 1998. The purposes of this meeting are to identify issues and solicit input from stakeholders and the public at large on environmental justice related considerations of several proposed drinking water regulations. This meeting is being held as part of the Agency's effort to comply with Executive Order 12898. President Clinton signed Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, on February 11, 1994. The Executive Order increased Agency responsibilities such that, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, each Federal Agency must make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States and its territories. In order to fulfill its responsibilities to Executive Order 12898, EPA would like to have a dialogue with stakeholders and the public on the various components of pending drinking water regulations, including treatment; costs; benefits; data quality; health effects; the regulatory process; and impacts to sensitive subpopulations, minority populations, and low-income populations. EPA is seeking input from national, state, Tribal, municipal, and individual stakeholders. This meeting is a

continuation of stakeholder meetings that started in 1995 to obtain input on the Agency's Drinking Water Program. These meetings were initiated as part of the Drinking Water Program Redirection efforts to help refocus EPA's drinking water priorities and to support strong, flexible partnerships among EPA, States, Tribes, local governments, and the public. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is specifically seeking input from stakeholders focused on issues related to environmental justice. EPA encourages the full participation of all stakeholders throughout this process.

DATES: This stakeholder meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. It will be held simultaneously in eleven cities across the United States via videoconference call.

Registration: To register for the meeting, please contact the name next to the city in which you plan to attend the meeting. Those registered for the meeting by Wednesday, March 4, 1998 will receive an agenda, logistics sheet, and background materials for the different regulations prior to the meeting. The following information contains the meeting location and contact name and phone number for registration in each city.

EPA Region 1, One Congress St., 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02203-0001: Rhona Julien, 617/565-9454.

EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, 26th Floor, New York, NY, 10007: Wanda Ayala, 212/637-3660.

OSWERNJ, Edison Division of Science and Assessment, 2890 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, NJ 08837: Wanda Ayala, 212/637-3660.

EPA Region 3, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107: Reggie Harris, 215/566-2988. (Philadelphia will be on conference call only)

EPA Region 4, 100 Alabama St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30303: Natalie Ellington, 404/562-9453.

EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson, Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3507: Karla Johnson, 312/886-5993.

EPA Region 6, First Interstate Bank at Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Ave., 12th Floor, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733: Shirley Augurson, 214/665-7401.

EPA Region 7, 726 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101: Althea Moses, 913/551-7649.

EPA Region 8, 999 18th St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2405: Nancy Reish, 303/312-6040.

EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105: Loretta Vanegas, 415/744-1946.

EPA Headquarters, Auditorium, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460:

Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996, EPA must develop regulations for several contaminants and develop regulatory tools for more thorough analyses. The 1996 SDWA amendments require that new regulations be developed so as to ensure that they represent a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction. Also required is a detailed analysis of the relationship to: health impacts, including those to sensitive subgroups; impacts of other contaminants; treatment objectives; incremental impacts above a baseline that considers current regulations; uncertainty; and affordability. EPA must also consider the impact on the technical, financial, and managerial capacity of water systems. In so doing, EPA must also use the best available, peer reviewed science and methods. After first defining a maximum contaminant level (MCL), or treatment technique standard based on affordable technology, EPA must determine whether the costs of that standard would be justified by the benefits. If not, EPA may adjust an MCL to a level that maximizes health risk reduction benefits at a cost that is justified by the benefits. The authority to adjust the MCL has limits that also require evaluation. The SDWA also requires that comprehensive, informative, and understandable information be provided to the public.

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to develop new regulations for specific drinking water contaminants and the processes involved in developing them. EPA is to propose a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) and National Primary Drinking Water Standards (NPDWSs) for radon by August 1999, and propose a NPDWS for arsenic by January 2000. EPA will revise and strengthen the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule and is required to have the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment and Stage 1 Disinfection Byproducts Rules (DBPR) finalized by November 1998, and the Ground Water Disinfection Rule (GWDR) proposed by March 1999. EPA must also issue regulations to address filter backwash recycling and a Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. These rules are to control microbial pathogens, disinfectants and disinfection byproducts (DBPs) in drinking water. Regulatory impact analysis (cost-benefit

analysis) is also addressed in SDWA and will be discussed at the meeting.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA has announced this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on EPA's plans for proposed regulations for radon, ground water disinfection, surface water treatment, arsenic, and approaches for enacting regulatory cost and benefit analysis.

Dated: February 20, 1998.

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Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-794, must be received on or before April 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (7502C), Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public