

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Technical Workshop on Selecting Input Distributions for Probabilistic Assessments**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a workshop on issues related to using probability distributions to represent exposure factors in probabilistic risk assessments. Experts from industry and academia as well as practitioners from state and federal agencies will convene to discuss these issues. The workshop will be open to members of the public as observers.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 8:00 a.m. and end on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Region II Headquarters offices, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007. Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, will convene and facilitate the workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel: (781) 674-7374. You may also obtain additional information and register by visiting the National Center for Environmental Assessment HomePage at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/calendar.htm>. Space is limited so please register early.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning the Workshop on Selecting Input Distributions, please contact Marian Olsen, U.S. EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007, Telephone (212) 637-4313 or Steven Knott, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (8601-D), 401 M St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, Telephone (202) 564-3359.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 15, 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Deputy Administrator signed the Agency's "Policy for Use of Probabilistic Analysis in Risk Assessment." This policy establishes the Agency's position that "such probabilistic analysis techniques as Monte Carlo Analysis, given adequate supporting data and credible assumptions, can be viable statistical tools for analyzing variability and uncertainty in risk assessments." The policy also identifies several implementation activities designed to assist Agency assessors with their review and preparation of probabilistic

assessments. These activities include a commitment by the EPA Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) to organize workshops or colloquia to facilitate the development of distributions for exposure factors.

In the Summer of 1997, a technical panel, convened under the auspices of the RAF, began work on a framework for selecting input distributions for use in Monte Carlo analyses. The framework emphasized parametric methods and was organized around three fundamental activities: selecting candidate theoretical distributions, estimating the parameters of the candidate distributions, and evaluating the quality of the fit of the candidate distributions. Application of this framework to three exposure factors highlighted several issues. These issues resolve into two broad categories: issues associated with the representativeness of the data, and issues associated with using the Empirical Distribution Function (or resampling techniques) versus using a theoretical Parametric Distribution Function. These issues will be the focal point for discussions during this workshop. The goal of the Workshop is to provide a forum for expert discussions on these issues. Eastern Research Group, Inc. will take notes during these discussions and will produce a Workshop report. The information obtained through these discussions will be considered by EPA as work continues on the development of a framework and guidance for selecting input distributions for probabilistic risk assessments.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

William H. Farland,*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**Sunshine Act Meeting****AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the forthcoming regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

DATE AND TIME: The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on April 9, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Floyd Fithian, Secretary to the Farm

Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

ADDRESS: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open SessionA. *Approval of Minutes*B. *Report*

—Farm Credit System Building Association—Quarterly Report

C. *New Business*

—Policy Statement on FCA's Financial Institution Rating System

Dated: April 12, 1998.

Floyd Fithian,*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee for the 1999/2000 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-99 Advisory Committee)****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the next meeting of the WRC-99 Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, April 27, 1998, at the Federal Communications Commission. The purpose of the meeting is to continue preparations for the 1999 World Radiocommunication Conference. The Advisory Committee will consider any consensus views or proposals introduced by the Advisory Committee's Informal Working Groups.

DATES: April 27, 1998; 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Room 856, Washington DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Damon C. Ladson, FCC International Bureau, Planning and Negotiations Division, at (202) 418-0420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the WRC-99 Advisory