

reduction issues of common interest and to exchange ideas on risk reduction techniques. Further, the meetings will serve as an introduction to PESP for organizations considering membership and for other parties interested in pesticide risk reduction.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 6 and 7, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting on May 6 will be held at U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology, 1600 SW 23rd Drive, Gainesville, FL. The meeting on May 7 will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 2900 SW 13th St., Gainesville, FL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Frank W. Ellis, Jr., Office of Pesticide Programs (7511W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 5th floor, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, 703-308-8107; e-mail: ellis.frank@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is a voluntary partnership between the pesticide user community and EPA. Begun in 1994 with 23 charter partners, PESP has grown to include 85 partners encompassing interests as diverse as almond growers in California, villages in the Northeast and utility rights-of-way managers throughout the country and 16 supporters encompassing interests as diverse as major food processors and stormwater management agencies. Partner organizations represent pesticide users; supporter organizations influence pesticide use or have an interest in pesticide issues.

In 1996, a National PESP Workshop was held in the Washington, DC area. At that workshop, many participants suggested that regional workshops be held to provide for more one-on-one contact between members in smaller groups. These workshops are in response to that request. The Agency anticipates holding additional regional workshops in the future.

The May 6 meeting will concentrate on residential and commercial pest control operators and their specific pesticide risk reduction needs. This session will include demonstrations of new pest control technologies being developed at the Agricultural Research Service facility. The May 7 meeting will include both agricultural and non-agricultural participants in PESP. Topics to be discussed on the second day include the development and implementation of risk reduction

strategies and the PESP grant process. There will be time for open discussion among the participants.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

PLACE: Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20507.

STATUS: Part of the meeting will be open to the public and part of the meeting will be closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Open Session

1. Announcement of Notation Votes, and
2. Priority Charge Handling Task Force, Litigation Task Force Report.

Closed Session

Litigation Authorization: General Counsel Recommendations.

Note: Any matter not discussed or concluded may be carried over to a later meeting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions.) Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTD) at any time for information on these meetings. Contact Person for More Information: Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

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Frances M. Hart,

Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Designation of High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas

AGENCY: Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists three (3) new High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas designated by the Director of National Drug Control Policy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments and questions regarding this notice should be directed to Mr. Richard Y. Yamamoto, Director, HIDTA, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C. 20503; 202-395-6755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1990, the Director of ONDCP designated the first five HIDTAs. These original HIDTAs, areas through which most illegal drugs enter the United States, are the Southwest Border, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/New Jersey, and South Florida. In 1994, the Director designated the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA to address the extensive drug distribution networks serving hardcore drug users. Also in 1994, the Director designated Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands as a HIDTA based on the significant amount of drugs entering the United States through this region. In 1995, the Director designated three more HIDTAs in Atlanta, Chicago, and Philadelphia/Camden to target drug abuse and drug trafficking in those areas.

HIDTAs are domestic regions identified as having the most critical drug trafficking problems that adversely affect the United States. These new counties are designated pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 1504(c), as amended, to promote more effective coordination of drug control efforts. This action will support local, state and federal law enforcement officers in assessing regional drug threats, designing strategies to combat the threats, developing initiatives to implement the strategies, and evaluation of the effectiveness of these coordinated efforts.

HIDTAs support over 250 co-located officer/agent task forces in twenty regions of the country, including the entire Southwest Border. The HIDTA program strengthens mutually supporting local, state, and federal drug trafficking and money laundering task forces, bolsters information analysis and sharing networks and, improves