

Accordingly, applicants are strongly advised to present detailed information on these points, including the scope and cost of such efforts and the medical and patient organizations involved in the work. Applicants can strengthen their exemption requests by submitting a complete set of education materials and including copies of printed, electronic or audio-visual tools. Applicants are given notice that exemption requests without adequate information on research and education will not be considered complete.

Applicants should submit their exemption requests to EPA as noted in the ADDRESSES section at the beginning of today's notice.

Dated: August 3, 1998.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Availability of FY 97 Grant Performance Reports for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of grantee performance evaluation reports.

SUMMARY: EPA's grant regulations (40 CFR 35.150) require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency (40 CFR 56.7) require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA recently performed end-of-year evaluations of seven state air pollution control programs (Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, Mississippi Bureau of Pollution Control, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control), and 16 local programs (Knox County Department of Air Pollution Control, TN; Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, TN; Memphis-Shelby County Health Department, TN; Nashville-Davidson

County Metropolitan Health Department, TN; Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District, KY; Western North Carolina Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, NC; Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection, NC; Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, NC; Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, FL; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL; Dade County Environmental Resources Management, FL; Jacksonville Air Quality Division, FL; Broward County Environmental Quality Control Board, FL; Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, FL; City of Huntsville Department of Natural Resources, AL; Jefferson County Department of Health, AL). The 23 evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' performance under the grants awarded by EPA under authority of section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4 has prepared reports for each agency identified above and these reports are now available for public inspection. The State of Tennessee's evaluation will be made available for public review at a later date.

ADDRESSES: The reports may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Thomas, (404) 562-9064, at the above Region 4 address, for information concerning the state agencies in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and the local agencies in those states. Vera Bowers, (404) 562-9053, at the above Region 4 address, for information concerning the state agencies in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the local agencies in those states.

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Winston A. Smith,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Stakeholder Forums on Perchlorate in Water

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of stakeholder forums.

SUMMARY: The Interagency Perchlorate Steering Committee (IPSC) will be holding two one-day stakeholder forums

on August 25, 1998 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and on August 27, 1998 in Phoenix, Arizona. The IPSC, a working partnership of government agencies chartered to facilitate identification of the issues and coordinate the exchange of scientific information related to potential perchlorate contamination in the environment, includes representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Defense (DoD), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Native American Tribes, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Utah Department of Health Laboratories, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and California Department of Health Services. The purpose of these stakeholder forums is to disseminate information on the key scientific issues, to identify additional issues, and to hear stakeholder concerns. This meeting will be similar in content to the perchlorate stakeholders meeting the IPSC held in Henderson, Nevada on May 19-21, 1998. At the upcoming meeting, the IPSC is again seeking input from State and Tribal drinking water programs, the regulated community (public water systems), public health organizations, academia, environmental and public interest groups, engineering firms, and the public on a number of issues related to perchlorate contamination in the environment. The IPSC encourages the full participation of stakeholders at the forum.

DATES: The Salt Lake City, Utah forum will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. MST. An additional public evening session will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. MST. The Phoenix, Arizona forum will be held on Thursday, August 27, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: The August 25, 1998 forum will be held at the Department of Environmental Quality, 168 North, 1950 West, Building 2, Room 101. The August 27, 1998 forum will be held at Arizona State University, West Campus, UCB Building, La Sala Rm. B & C. To register, please contact the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline via e-mail at hotline-sdwa@epamail.epa.gov or by calling 1-800-426-4791 or 703-285-1093 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EDT. Those registered by August 18, 1998, will receive a draft agenda, logistics information, and discussion papers prior to the forum. When registering, please indicate it is for the