

analyzers and to notify them within 30 days if a reference or equivalent method designation applicable to the method has been canceled or if adjustment of the sampler or analyzer is necessary under 40 CFR Part 53.11(b) to avoid a cancellation.

(g) An applicant who modifies a sampler or analyzer previously designated as part of a reference or equivalent method is not permitted to sell the sampler or analyzer (as modified) as part of a reference or equivalent method (although it may be sold without such representation), nor to attach a label or sticker to the sampler or analyzer (as modified) under the provisions described above, until the applicant has received notice under 40 CFR Part 53.14(c) that the original designation or a new designation applies to the method as modified, or until the applicant has applied for and received notice under 40 CFR Part 53.8(b) of a new reference or equivalent method determination for the sampler or analyzer as modified.

Aside from occasional breakdowns or malfunctions, consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-77), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of these reference methods is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR Part 58. Questions concerning the commercial availability or technical aspects of any of these methods should be directed to the appropriate applicant.

#### Receipt of New Reference Method Applications

EPA is also hereby announcing that it has received three new applications for reference method determinations under 40 CFR Part 53. Publication of a notice of receipt of such applications is required by § 53.5.

On September 14, 1998, EPA received an application from Thermo Environmental Instruments, Incorporated, 8 West Forge Parkway, Franklin, Massachusetts 02038, for a reference method determination for a PM<sub>2.5</sub> method based on that Company's Model 606 CAPS Sequential PM<sub>2.5</sub> Sampler. Another application was received on September 18, 1998, from Anderson Instruments, Incorporated, 500 Technology Court, Smyrna, Georgia 30082, for a reference method determination for PM<sub>10</sub> methods based on that Company's Models RAAS10-

100 Single Channel PM<sub>10</sub> Sampler, RAAS10-200 Audit PM<sub>10</sub> Sampler, and RAAS10-300 Sequential PM<sub>10</sub> Sampler. An application was received on September 24, 1998, from Tisch Environmental, Incorporated, 145 South Miami Avenue, Village of Cleves, Ohio 45002, for a reference method determination for a PM<sub>10</sub> method based on that Company's Model TE-6001 High Volume PM<sub>10</sub> Air Sampler.

If, after appropriate technical study, the Administrator determines that any or all of these methods should be designated as reference methods under 40 CFR Part 53, notice thereof will be published in a subsequent issue of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 10, 1998.

**Norine E. Noonan,**

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6204-5]

#### Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, Meeting Date and Agenda

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene an open meeting of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) on January 14, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend at the meeting at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

Topics for discussion will include at a minimum a summary from the ELAB workgroup tasked to examine performance-based measurement systems and a briefing from the workgroup responsible for investigating issues affecting small laboratories.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Dutrow; Designated Federal Officer; USEPA; 401 M Street, SW (8724R); Washington, DC 20460. If questions arise, please contact Ms. Dutrow by phone at (202) 564-9061, by facsimile at (202) 565-2441 or by email at dutrow.elizabeth@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

**Thomas Dixon,**

*Acting Director, Quality Assurance Division.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the availability of the testing manual entitled "Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual" (Great Lakes Manual). The Great Lakes Manual was prepared by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Army Corps of Engineers (CE) workgroup comprised of staff with scientific and/or programmatic expertise related to Great Lakes dredged material discharge activities. This document supplements the manual entitled "Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Discharge in Waters of the U.S.-Testing Manual (Inland National Manual), EPA-823-B-98-004," which was finalized in February 1998. The Great Lakes Manual contains more specific guidance than the National Manual specifically for the Great Lakes system, including detailed bioassay test protocols. The Great Lakes Manual was noticed for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 1994. Both the draft Inland Testing Manual and the Great Lakes Manual were issued pursuant to the provisions of section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 230.

**DATES:** The Great Lakes Manual is intended to be utilized by The Corps of Engineers and all applicants for section 404(b)(1) dredged material discharge permits until March 17, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual can be obtained from the Internet at: [www.epa.gov/glnp/sediment/gitem/](http://www.epa.gov/glnp/sediment/gitem/). Copies are also available by contacting Marc Tuchman, USEPA Great Lakes National Program Office—G-9J, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, IL 60604; telephone: (312) 353-1369.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jan Miller, USACE Great Lakes & Ohio River Division, 111 North Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60606-7205; telephone: (312) 353-6354; Marc Tuchman, USEPA

Great Lakes National Program Office—G-9J, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, IL 60604; telephone: (312) 353-1369; or John Dorkin, USEPA Region 5—WS-16J, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, IL 60604; telephone: (312) 886-1980.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See also Notice of Availability of draft Great Lakes Manual at 59 FR 65358, December 19, 1994; proposed rule at 60 FR 419, January 4, 1995; and Notice of Availability of Inland Testing Manual at 63 FR 10218, March 2, 1998. Proposed discharges of dredged or fill material in Great Lakes Waters must be evaluated to determine the potential environmental impacts of such activities. Specifically, section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, Pub. L. 92-500, as amended by the CWA, Pub. L. 95-217, requires that the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. be permitted by the CE. EPA has the primary role in developing the environmental guidelines—the section 404(b)(1) Guidelines (Guidelines)—in conjunction with the CE, by which permit applications must be evaluated. The Guidelines are published at 40 CFR part 230. Fundamental to the Guidelines is the precept that dredged or fill material should not be discharged into the aquatic ecosystem, unless it can be demonstrated that such a discharge will not have an unacceptable adverse impact either individually or in combination with known and/or probable impacts of other activities affecting the ecosystems of concern.

Dredged material testing is part of the larger section 404(b)(1) evaluation of a proposed discharge activity to determine its compliance with the Guidelines. Sections 230.60 and 230.61 of the Guidelines provide the basis for certain contaminant-related factual determinations regarding the potential environmental effects of a proposed discharge. The Great Lakes Manual provides regional guidance on the testing provision of the Guidelines, supplementing the draft National Manual which was noticed for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 21, 1994 (59 FR 37234) and a proposed rule for the Comparison of Dredged Material to Reference Sediment at 60 FR 60419. These manuals detail the physical, chemical, and biological evaluation procedures outlined in §§ 230.60 and 230.61, including technical guidance on sampling and handling, quality assurance, chemical and physical analysis, and biological effects testing. The Great Lakes Manual contains more specific information for the Great Lakes system, including detailed bioassay test protocols. Conclusions reached utilizing

the manuals will be used to make factual determinations of the potential environmental effects of a proposed discharge of dredged material.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

**Jo Lynn Traub,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Registration and Agreement for Clean Water Act Section 301 Compliance Audit Program for the Pork Production Industry

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) have agreed to a comprehensive and voluntary Clean Water Act Compliance Audit Program (CAP). The NPPC, which represents pork producers nationally, plans to have independent auditors conduct more than 10,000 of the audits nationwide to improve environmental management practices and assure compliance with the Clean Water Act. The Clean Water Act CAP provides incentives for pork producers to undertake voluntary comprehensive on-farm environment assessments by greatly reducing penalties for any Clean Water Act violations that are promptly disclosed and corrected under this program. Participation in the NPPC audits or CAP process is voluntary. This Notice announces the opportunity for pork producers to register for EPA's Clean Water Act Section 301 Compliance Audit Program (CAP) for the Pork Production Industry. This Notice also announces the availability of the text of the Agreement (CAP Agreement), which producers may sign to register for the program.

**DATES:** Producers with existing pork production facilities must register for the CAP agreement by Sept. 30, 2001. For facilities that are completed after Sept. 30, 2001, producers must register by Sept. 30, 2003. Persons interested in participating in the CAP must register by sending a signed CAP Agreement to EPA before the end of the applicable registration period.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the CAP Agreement text may be obtained from <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ore/porkcap>. Pork producers who want to register for

the program can contact their local pork producers' organization or the National Pork Producers Council, at 1776 NW 114th St., Clive, Iowa 50325. Attention: Andy Baumert; Phone: (515) 223-2600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information about the CAP and the CAP Agreement is available from EPA by contacting Ciannat M. Howett, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Regulatory Enforcement, Water Enforcement Division (Mailcode: 2243-A), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Pork producers who want additional information about the CAP Agreement can contact their local pork producers' organization or the National Pork Producers Council, at 1776 NW 114th St., Clive, Iowa 50325. Attention: Andy Baumert; Phone: (515) 223-2600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Clean Water Act Compliance Audit Program (CAP) provides incentives for pork producers to have comprehensive on-farm environmental assessments conducted on their pork production facilities. The purpose of the assessments is to determine whether pork production facilities are conforming with good environmental management practices for this industry and to assess compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act.

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC), which represents pork producers nationally, is proposing to have independent auditors conduct these on-farm environmental assessments at more than 10,000 of the producers' facilities. EPA hopes to encourage this voluntary environmental assessment by substantially reducing civil penalties for violations that are promptly disclosed and corrected as a result of these audits. The program provides certainty regarding EPA's response to reported violations.

This program was developed after the NPPC approached EPA to propose an environmental assessment program for the industry. The NPPC audit protocol establishes a rigorous evaluation process for reviewing pork production facilities that is designed to assure the protection of our nation's waterways by improving environmental management controls at pork farms throughout the United States. The CAP is the result of an agreement between EPA and the NPPC that provides reasonable incentives for pork producers without compromising EPA's and the States' ability to consistently and appropriately enforce the law. This voluntary program demonstrates how government and industry can come together to find