

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology, Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gives notification of a two-day meeting of the Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities.

The Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee will provide advice to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator of EPA on techniques that may be used by EPA funding recipients to operate environmental permitting programs in compliance with Title VI.

This meeting is being held to provide the EPA with perspectives from representatives of state and local governments, industry, the academic community, tribal and indigenous organizations, and grassroots environmental and other non-governmental organizations.

DATES: The two-day public meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza in Old Town, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting will take place on Monday, January 11, 1999 from 10:00 am to 8:30 pm, and Tuesday, January 12, 1999 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The public comment session will be held on January 11 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Members of the public who wish to make brief oral presentations should contact Lillie Edmonds at 202-260-6041 by January 7, 1999 to reserve a time during the public comment session. The Committee is particularly interested in receiving public comments on the elements of an ideal or optimal Title VI program, especially as it concerns how the program should function in response to Title VI complaints. Individuals or groups making presentations will be limited to

a total time of five minutes. Those who have not reserved time in advance may make comments during the public comment session as time allows.

ADDRESSES: Materials or written comments may be sent to Melanie Medina-Ortiz, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA (1601-F), Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Medina-Ortiz, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, telephone 202-260-2695.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

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[FRL-6211-6]

Meeting on Setting Ecological Management Objectives

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This document announces a stakeholders meeting sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Risk Assessment Forum (Forum). The Forum intends to develop Agency-wide guidance on setting ecological management goals. This meeting will provide EPA an opportunity to hear and consider issues and information that are important to stakeholders and interested members of the public. The agenda will include opportunities for short stakeholder presentations, as well as structured, informal discussions based on the issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20001. Science Applications International Corporation, an EPA contractor will provide logistical support for the meeting. EPA urges participants to pre-register with Evelyn Hartzell, telephone (513) 569-5868, fax (513) 569-4800 by January 15, 1999, to attend.

PRESENTATIONS: Members of the public who are interested in making a short presentation on a particular issue at the

stakeholder meeting are requested to indicate this interest at the time of registration. Because EPA is seeking a variety of opinions, presentations are limited to approximately 5 minutes. The facilitator will ensure that there is sufficient time allocated for a balance of viewpoints to be presented. EPA would appreciate provision of a short summary of the presentation, which should be no more than one page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning the meeting on setting ecological management objectives, contact Marilyn Brower, USEPA (Code 8601-D), 401 M Street S.W., Washington D.C. 20460, telephone (202) 564-3363.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Risk Assessment Forum, in partnership with the Agency's Science Policy Council, is sponsoring this project to develop Agency guidance on setting ecological management objectives by building on previous EPA documents. In 1994, the report *Managing Ecological Risks at EPA: Issues and Recommendations for Progress* (EPA/600/R-94/183, <http://www.epa.gov/docs/ORD/ecorisk.html>) reviewed the ecological concerns already considered in many EPA program areas. The report recommended included that EPA develop common ecological concerns to be considered in all Agency ecological assessment activities. In 1997, the report *Priorities for Ecological Protection: An Initial List and Discussion Document for EPA* (EPA/600/S-97/002, <http://www.epa.gov/ORD/WebPubs/priorities/>) was prepared to stimulate Agency-wide discussion on which ecological entities should be considered priorities for protection by all Agency programs, and to propose a process by which decision makers can set specific ecological objectives to guide both assessments and risk management activities. The April 1998 *Guidelines for Ecological Risk Assessment* (EPA /630/R-95/002F, <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/ecorsk.htm>) focused on technical issues of risk assessment but indicated specific roles for risk management in the process. This meeting will allow stakeholders and interested individuals from the public to discuss examples of processes used to decide what environmental attributes to protect, and suggest criteria that might be useful in deciding what to protect.

Dated: December 22, 1998.

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

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