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Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Oxygenate Use in Gasoline Panel Meeting

SUMMARY: On November 30, 1998, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol M. Browner announced the creation of a blue-ribbon panel of leading experts from the public health and scientific communities, automotive fuels industry, water utilities, and local and State government to review the important issues posed by the use of MTBE and other oxygenates in gasoline. EPA created the panel to gain a better understanding of the public health concerns raised by the discovery of MTBE in some water supplies. The panel will be chaired by Mr. Daniel Greenbaum, President of the Health Effects Institute (HEI) of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Mr. Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, US EPA.

This notice announces the time and place for the first meeting of the panel.

DATES: The blue-ribbon panel reviewing the use of oxygenates in gasoline will conduct its first meeting on Friday, January 22, 1999, in Washington DC beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Marriott Crystal City, 1999 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Smith at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation, 401 M Street, SW (6406J), Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 564-9674, or John Brophy at (202) 564-9068.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the first of several meetings at locations around the country to hear from regional and national experts on the facts concerning oxygenate use in fuel. In addition to invited presentations, the panel has set aside time for public comment. A sign-up sheet will be available at the registration table the morning of the meeting and any person desiring to make a brief statement should sign-up by 11:00 a.m. These statements will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis and may be limited in length to allow for

participation by all parties. The panel will also be accepting written submissions. Written submissions can be mailed to US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Mail Code 6406J (Attn: Blue-Ribbon Panel), Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: January 13, 1999.

Michael G. Shields,

Acting Director, Office of Mobile Sources.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed January 04, 1999 Through January 08, 1999 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990000, FINAL EIS, AFS, UT, South Spruce Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron and Kane Counties, UT, Due: February 15, 1999, Contact: Phillip G. Eisenhauer (435) 865-3200.

EIS No. 990001, DRAFT EIS, AFS, ID, St. Joe Ranger District Noxious Weed Control Project, Implementation, Proposal from Control Noxious Weeds on 131 Sites, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Benewah, Latah and Shoshone Counties, Idaho, Due: March 01, 1999, Contact: Dennis Griffith (208) 245-2531.

EIS No. 990002, DRAFT EIS, DOE, MN, Snake River Watershed Plan, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Marshall Pennington and Polk Counties, MN, Due: March 01, 1999, Contact: Vic Ruhland (612) 602-7900.

EIS No. 990003, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, AFS, ID, Thompson Creek Molybdenum Project, Cyprus Mines Corporation, Custer County, ID, Due: February 15, 1999, Contact: Tom Buchta (801) 625-5663.

EIS No. 990004, DRAFT EIS, BLM, CO, Yankee Gulch Sodium Minerals Project, To Produce Sodium Products, Piceance Basin, Right-of-Way Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Rio Blanch County, CO, Due: March 08, 1999, Contact: Larry Shutts (970) 878-3601.

EIS No. 990005, FINAL EIS, NOA, Monkfish Fishery Regulations Northeast Multispecies Fishery (FMP), Fishery Management Plan, Amendment 9, Implementation, Exclusive Economic Zone, off the New England and Mid-Atlantic Coast, Due: February 15, 1999, Contact: Kathi Rodrigues (978) 281-9300.

EIS No. 990006, FINAL EIS, COE, Santa Maria and Sisquoc Rivers Specific Plan, Mining and Reclamation Plans, (MRPs), Coast Rock Site and S.P. Milling Site, Conditional Use Permits, Approval of Reclamation Plans, and Section 404 Permits, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County, CA, Due: February 15, 1999, Contact: Ms. Tiffany Welch (805) 641-2935.

EIS No. 990007, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, AFS, CO, Sheep Flats Diversity Unit, Timber Sales and Related Road Construction, Additional Information on Soils and Water Quality, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Colibran Ranger District, Mesa County, CO, Due: March 05, 1999, Contact: Pam Bode (970) 641-0471.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared December 28, 1998 through January 01, 1999 pursuant to the Environmental Review

Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (62 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65311-ID Rating EC2, North Fork St. Joe River Project, Implementation, Idaho Panhandles National Forest, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns. EPA requested