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Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board on March 2-3, 1999

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold an open meeting of the full Board in Washington, DC on March 2-3, 1999. The meeting will be held at the National Press Club, 13th Floor in the Holeman Lounge, 14th and F Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Tuesday, March 2 session will run from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Wednesday, March 3 session will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at approximately 11:30 a.m.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator on environmental finance. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss progress with work products under EFAB's current strategic action agenda. Environmental financing topics expected to be discussed include: Clean Water Plan, environmental and multi-state revolving funds, cost-effective environmental management, community-based environmental protection, brownfields redevelopment, and small business access to capital.

The meeting will be open to the public, but seating is limited. For further information, please contact Alecia Crichlow, EFAB Coordinator, U.S. EPA on (202) 564-5188, or Joanne Lynch, U.S. EPA on (202) 564-4999.

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Joseph Dillon,

Acting Comptroller.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6228-9]

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, Meeting Dates and Agenda

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene two open meetings of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) on March 1, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on March 9, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Both meetings will be conducted by teleconference. The public is invited to join Ms. Ramona Trovato in Room 911, West Tower, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

Topics for discussion will include at a minimum consistency of laboratory assessments from multiple accrediting authorities and assessors, the identity of the proficiency testing oversight board/proficiency testing provider accreditor in Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) standards and the role the National Institute of Standards and Technology serves, confidentiality of laboratory inspections when State laboratory staff serve on inspection teams of private laboratories, harmonization of the NELAC standards and EPA's quality guidance, and clarification of calibration issues.

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.

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Thomas E. Dixon,

Acting Director, Quality Assurance Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Agreement Pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for the Tar Lake Superfund Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment on proposed CERCLA 122(h)(1) agreement with 56th Century Antrim Iron Works, Inc. ("the Respondent") for the Tar Lake Superfund Site.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i)(1) of the Comprehensive

Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1984, as amended ("CERCLA") and section 7003(d) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), notification is hereby given of a proposed administrative agreement concerning the Tar Lake Company hazardous waste site at 1010 Elder Road, Mancelona, Michigan (the "Site"). EPA proposes to enter into this agreement under the authority of sections 106, 107 and 122 of CERCLA. The proposed agreement has not yet been executed by the Respondent or by EPA or the United States.

Under the proposed agreement, the Respondent will agree to pay oversight costs incurred by the U.S. EPA pursuant to the Administrative Order on Consent dated March 9, 1993, as amended at the Tar Lake Site, in Mancelona, Michigan. In addition, the Respondent will agree to reimburse the United States for \$3.5 million for the tar removal underway at the Site and to pay one-half of the tar removal costs, if any, that exceed \$10 million. EPA will agree not to take action against 56th Century for tar removal costs that do not exceed \$10 million or other future response costs, that when combined with the tar removal costs, do not exceed \$10 million.

For thirty days following the date of publication of this document, the EPA will receive written comments relating to this proposed agreement. EPA will consider all comments received and may decide not to enter this proposed agreement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed agreement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. In accordance with section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d), commenters may request an opportunity for a public hearing in the affected area.

DATES: Comments on the proposed agreement must be received on or before March 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604-3590, and should refer to: In the Matter of Tar Lake Site, Chicago, Illinois, U.S. EPA Docket No. V-W-98-C-471.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary L. Fulghum, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, C-14J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604-3590, (312) 886-4683.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement agreement may be obtained in person or by mail from the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel, 77