

term goals and objectives; and initiate critical actions and projects. In pursuit of these objectives, EPA and a number of partners launched a Drinking Water Futures Forum to evaluate the challenges facing the nation in ensuring a safe supply of drinking water for the next 25 years.

To answer the overriding question of "How can we ensure safe drinking water in 25 years?", the Futures Forum has selected seven critical areas to address. The areas chosen are: Treatment Technologies, Unserved Populations, Cost, Source Water, Vulnerable Subpopulations, Small Systems and Research. The goal is that by December 16, 1999, consensus will be reached on the most important issues and recommendations presented by the Futures Forum. The deliberations will be guided by four questions:

1. What science and research are necessary to achieve public health objectives, satisfy SDWA standards for sound science, and meet statutory requirements and deadlines in the areas of health effects, treatment and distribution systems, exposure, analytical methods and special issues (i.e., sensitive subpopulations, mixtures)?

2. What level of research investment is adequate to address near and long term needs?

3. What is the most efficient, effective and timely combination of public and private efforts to undertake, coordinate and manage the necessary drinking water research and data collections?

4. If there is a gap between programmatic research needs and available resources, what is the best way for EPA and interested stakeholders to decide on priorities?

EPA is inviting all interested members of the public to participate in the meeting. As with all previous meetings in this process, to the extent that is available, EPA is instituting an open door policy to allow any member of the public to attend any of the meetings for any length of time. Seats will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

DATES: The meeting will start at 9:00 AM on May 4 and will adjourn on May 4 at 5:00 PM.

ADDRESSES: For additional information about the meeting, please contact William R. Diamond, at 202-260-7575 of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-7575 or Joan Harrigan Farrelly at 202-260-6672 or by e-mail at Farrelly.Joan@epamail.epa.gov.

Questions may also be sent to William R. Diamond, U.S. EPA (4607), Office of Ground Water

and Drinking Water, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Harrigan Farrelly, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, telephone 202-260-6672.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S3300f *et seq.*), will be held on May 5, 1999, from 3:00 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m., and on May 6, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. at the State Game Lodge, Custer State Park, Custer, South Dakota. The major focus of this meeting is on small and Tribal public water supply systems, action on the reports from the Underground Injection Control/Source Water and Right to Know Working Groups, and updates on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) upcoming regulations.

The meeting is open to the public. The Council encourages the hearing of outside statements and will allocate one hour for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes, and it is preferred that only one person present the statement. Any outside parties interested in presenting an oral statement should petition the Council by telephone at (202) 260-2285 before April 30, 1999.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received prior to the meeting will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Ms. Charlene Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is Area Code (202) 260-2285 or E-Mail shaw.charlene@epa.gov.

Dated: April 13, 1999.

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Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), will hold its Executive Committee Meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 29-30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel Park Terrace, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. On Thursday, April 29, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., and recess at 4:30 p.m., and on Friday, April 30, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will adjourn at 12:00 Noon. All times noted are Eastern Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items will include, but not limited to: State of ORD, STAR Review, a working session on Particulate Matter, and a presentation on Stakeholder Involvement in ORD's FY2000 Strategic Plan Development. Anyone desiring a draft BOSC agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton, (202) 565-2444. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; or by telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general,