

supplies, equipment, contractual and indirect costs and a budget by activity, such as water monitoring, modeling, watershed characterization, best management practices, etc. Identify all sources of funding.

*Project Description:* (Should not exceed two (2) pages of single spaced text)

*Expected Accomplishments or Products(s) with Dates and Interim Milestones:* Since eligible activities must be of a relatively short time frame with tangible results, the project and budget period should not exceed two (2) years.

*Describe How the Project Meets the Evaluation Criteria:* EPA will consider proposals based on the following criteria:

- The relationship of the proposed project to the priorities identified in this notice
- How well the project proposes to address a need
- How well the project is likely to increase water quality protection
- How reasonable the expectation of being successful and implementable
- Soundness of technical content
- Applicant's financial commitment
- Compliance with direction for submittal contained in this notice.

#### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for assistance agreements under Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act are state water pollution control agencies, tribes, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations. This solicitation is limited to applicants within EPA Region 4.

#### Application Procedure

Please send three copies of the proposal if it is not electronically transmitted. The completed proposals should be limited to three pages. Full application packages should not be submitted at this time.

#### Schedule of Activities

This is the estimated schedule of activities for review of proposals and notification of selections:

Proposals due to EPA by April 23, 2001.

June 5, 2001—Initial approvals identified and sponsors of projects selected for funding will be requested to submit a formal application package.

#### A. Stanley Meiburg,

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6949-3]

### Clean Air Act Advisory Committee Notice of Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical scientific, and enforcement policy issues.

*Open Meeting Notice:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2 Section 10(a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold its next open meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2001, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Three of the CAAAC's four Subcommittees (the Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns Subcommittee; the Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration Subcommittee; and the Economics Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee) will hold meetings on Tuesday, March 27, 2001 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel, the same location as the full Committee. The Energy, Clean Air and Climate Change Subcommittee will not meet at this time. The Permits/NSR/Toxics Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; the Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 12 noon to 2 p.m.; and the Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Inspection of Committee Documents:* The Committee agenda and any documents prepared for the meeting will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with CAAAC meeting minutes, will be available by contacting the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and requesting information under docket item A-94-34 (CAAAC). The Docket office can be reached by telephoning 202-260-7548; FAX 202-260-4400.

*For Further Information* concerning this meeting of the full CAAAC, please contact Paul Rasmussen, Office of Air and Radiation, US EPA (202) 564-1306, FAX (202) 564-1352 or by mail at US

EPA, Office of Air and Radiation (Mail code 6102 A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. For information on the Subcommittee meetings, please contact the following individuals: (1) Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration—Debbie Stackhouse, 919-541-5354; and (2) Linking Transportation, Land Use and Air Quality Concerns—Lucie Audette, 734-668-4438; and (3) Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations—Carey Fitzmaurice, 202-564-1667. Additional information on these meetings and the CAAAC and its Subcommittees can be found on the CAAAC Web Site: [www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/](http://www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/)

Dated: February 21, 2001.

**Robert D. Brenner,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6951-2]

### National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy and management issues.

NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing.

The NACEPT is addressing several policy issues associated with EPA's human resource planning, the integration of key Agency planning processes, and the identification of emerging issues and trends facing the Agency. The NACEPT Council will: Present its recommendations regarding EPA's Workforce Capacity efforts to the Agency; provide an update on the identification of emerging issues and trends facing EPA over the next five to ten years; and continue to help the Agency identify ways to integrate its

human resource planning, information and technology planning, and strategic planning processes.

**DATES:** The NACEPT will hold a 2-day public meeting on Wednesday, March 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 22, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The NACEPT 2-day public meeting will be held at the Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. Materials or written comments may be transmitted to the Council through Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer/NACEPT, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. The public will have an opportunity to make comments directly to the Council during the first day of the meeting. Oral comments will be limited to a total time of five minutes. Requests to make oral comments must be submitted no later than March 15, 2001 to Gwendolyn Whitt, at the address above or faxed to (202) 501-0661. Anyone who has not reserved time in advance, may make comments during the public comment period as time allows.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer, NACEPT, at (202) 564-9741.

Dated: February 26, 2001.

**Timothy O. Sherer,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6948-4]

### Public Participation in Activities Relating to the 1998 Agreement on Global Technical Regulations; Statement of Policy

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is holding a public workshop and soliciting public comments with regard to the development of the Agency's policy concerning its participation in the United Nations/Economic Commission for Europe, World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and the development of regulations under the 1998 "Agreement Concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts." This notice is also soliciting comment on the

involvement of the public in the Agency's participation in the development of global technical regulations under the 1998 Agreement. Finally, this notice sets forth the Agency's priorities in participating in the global regulatory harmonization process. The Agency intends to issue its policy following the receipt of comments solicited here.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) which, together with EPA, negotiated the Agreement on behalf of the U.S., will participate in this workshop.

**DATES:** Written comments to the agency must be received by April 18, 2001. The public workshop will be held on March 19, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must refer to docket number A-2001-08 and be submitted (preferably 2 copies) to EPA's Air Docket at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Air Docket (6102), Room M-1500, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. The Docket Office is open between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except on government holidays. You can reach the Air Docket by telephone at (202) 260-7548, and by facsimile at (202) 260-4400. We may charge a reasonable fee for copying docket materials, as provided in 40 CFR Part 2. *Public workshop:* The public workshop will be held in room 1332A of the EPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building North, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC. Those persons wishing to participate in the workshop should contact Mr. Kenneth Feith by telephone, (202) 564-1679, or email, "feith.ken@epa.gov" no later than March 15, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kenneth Feith, Office of Air and Radiation, Mail Code 6103A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC. 20460, Telephone: (202) 564-1679; Fax: (202) 564-1557; email "feith.ken@epa.gov"

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## I. Introduction

### A. The 1998 Agreement

The U.S. became the first signatory to the United Nations/Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) Agreement Concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts Which Can Be Fitted And/or Be Used on Wheeled Vehicles (the "Agreement"). The 1998 Agreement entered into force on August 28, 2000. The Agreement provides for the establishment of global technical regulations regarding wheeled vehicle safety, environmental performance, energy sources and theft prevention.

### B. Purpose of and Need for 1998 Agreement

The decision of the U.S. to become a Contracting Party to the 1998 Agreement and participate in a global regulation development process is a critical step toward a cooperative worldwide identification of best safety, environmental and energy practices.

Becoming a Contracting Party to the 1998 Agreement accomplishes several purposes for the U.S. and the EPA in particular. It gives the U.S. a vote in the establishment of voluntary global environmental regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts under the United Nations. Such participation enables the U.S. to take a leading role in the design and development of globally harmonized mobile source environmental regulations that can be adopted worldwide. Further, the 1998 Agreement ensures that U.S. mobile source regulatory standards will be considered in any effort to develop such harmonized global technical regulations for mobile sources.

### C. Purpose of this Notice

There are three main purposes of this notice. First, it announces the procedures that EPA intends to follow to ensure that its activities under the 1998 Agreement are open and transparent to the public. Second, it specifies the priorities that will guide the Agency during its participation in activities under the 1998 Agreement. One of these priorities is to promote and establish environmental standards for mobile sources that reflect the best environmental practices around the world. Lastly, the notice announces a public workshop on March 19, 2001 at which these issues will be discussed with interested stakeholders.