

Agreement where the U.S. intends to participate in their development. The Agency will provide in the notice a description of the issues and the basis for U.S. participation.

Many or all of these documents are currently available on the website of the UNECE World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm>

#### C. Opportunity to Comment

The agency proposes to seek public comment at key points during the development of global technical regulations. In the case of a proposal submitted by the U.S. for a new global technical regulation or the harmonization of existing regulations, the EPA will give notice, as stated above, and request comment.

However, if the contemplated international regulation concerns a top environmental priority which needs to be addressed by the issuance of a regulation in the U.S., then the Agency will publish a **Federal Register** notice under the appropriate environmental statute.

When the administrative body (Working Party 29) determines that a draft global regulation is suitable for submission to the Contracting Parties of the 1998 Agreement for their consideration, the EPA will seek public review and comment. The EPA will provide for adequate time for receipt and review of any comments before the U.S. exercises its vote on whether to adopt such regulation as a global regulation under the United Nations Agreement. It should be emphasized that a U.S. vote to adopt a regulation under the Agreement only obligates the U.S., or any other Contracting Party, to initiate its domestic regulatory process. The U.S., or any other Contracting Party, is not compelled to adopt the global regulation into domestic law.

#### D. Establishment of a Continuing Forum

The Agency seeks comment regarding the desirability of holding periodic public meetings to provide interested parties an opportunity to comment on any information they have gained from various sources including the **Federal Register** and the Internet.

#### IV. The Agency's Priorities in Participating in the Global Harmonization Process

The Agency reaffirms its commitment to the harmonization of environmental regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and components, including engines. However, it will, as a matter of U.S. policy, recognize the sovereign

right of any country to set regulations that provide an appropriate level of protection for that country. To that end, the EPA is committed to the development or harmonization of global regulations that will provide overall public health protection. As a matter of policy, the U.S. will not consider the adoption of global regulations that would diminish the level of environmental protection of existing regulations in the United States solely to achieve harmonization.

The Agency is also developing a list of recommended regulations that it believes should be candidates for future harmonization actions. This list, which will be formally submitted to the United Nations under this Agreement and kept in a compendium of technical regulations, will include both final U.S. EPA regulations that we believe should be seriously considered for adoption by other countries as well as future technical regulations in areas where new requirements should be developed. Examples of regulations that could be included in the compendium include the Tier 2 program, the 2007 Heavy-duty diesel program, the On-board diagnostic program, the development of driving cycles for on-highway motorcycles, and the next phase of standards for compression-ignition nonroad engines. We are interested in receiving comments on the types of actions EPA should be including in the compendium of regulations that will be submitted under the guidelines of the Agreement.

#### V. Public Workshop

All interested persons and organizations are invited to attend a workshop on the issues raised in this notice. The agency intends to conduct the workshop informally. 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. An EPA official will briefly describe the topics discussed in this notice and then open the floor for public comment.

Any person planning to participate should contact Mr. Kenneth Feith at the address and telephone number given at the beginning of this notice, no later than 10 calendar days before the workshop.

#### VI. Comments

The Agency invites all interested parties to submit written comments. The agency notes that participation in the public workshop is not a prerequisite for submission of written comments. Written comments should be sent to the

address specified above and follow the requirements stated therein.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The next meeting of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, a federal advisory committee that reports to the President and Congress on environmental and infrastructure projects along the U.S. border with Mexico, will take place March 21-22 in Yuma, Arizona. The meeting is open to the public. It is the first of three committee meetings that will take place along the border during 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Shilo Inn and Conference Center, 1550 Castle Dome Road, Yuma, Arizona.

**Agenda:** During the morning of March 21, the Board will hear from several invited speakers on the use of pesticides in the U.S.-Mexico border region; topics will include farmworker education, institutional responsibilities, the Colorado River toxics study, and others. These presentations will be followed by a public comment session during which attendees will be encouraged to speak about their own concerns and priorities for their communities as well as the wider border region.

Following lunch, the meeting will continue with report-outs from Board members on recent developments within their respective organizations and in other institutions in the United States and Mexico that have border-region programs. After these report-outs, the Board has invited a representative from the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission to give a status report on the Commission's activities and plans. The balance of the day, as well as the following day, primarily will be devoted to ongoing Board business such as strengthening outreach and preparations for its next advisory report. The meeting ends at noon on March 22.

**Public Attendance:** The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting. Members of the public who

plan to file written statements and/or make brief oral statements at the public comment session on the morning of March 21 are encouraged to contact the Designated Federal Officer for the Board prior to the meeting.

**Background:** The Good Neighbor Environmental Board was created by the Enterprise for the Americans Initiative Act of 1992. An Executive Order delegates implementing authority to the Administrator of EPA. The Board is responsible for providing advice to the President and the Congress on environmental and infrastructure issues and needs within the States contiguous to Mexico in order to improve the quality of life of persons residing on the United States side of the border. The statute calls for the Board to have representatives from U.S. Government agencies; the governments of the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas; and private organizations with expertise on environmental and infrastructure problems along the southwest border. The Board meets three times annually, primarily in various border locations. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gives notice of this meeting of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine M. Koerner, Designated Federal Officer for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, Office of the Administrator, USEPA, MC1601A, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20004, (202) 564-1484, [koerner.elaine@epa.gov](mailto:koerner.elaine@epa.gov).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC); Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a conference call meeting of the Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup. The

workgroup was established to advise the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee on ways of making information on inert ingredients more available to the public while working within the mandates of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and related Confidential Business Information concerns.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held by conference call on Tuesday, March 10, 2001, from noon to 3 p.m. eastern standard time.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public may listen to the meeting discussions on site at: Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; conference room 1123. Seating is limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Cameo Smoot, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (703) 305-5454. Office location: 11th floor, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; e-mail: [smoot.cameo@epa.gov](mailto:smoot.cameo@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general and to persons interested in the availability of public information regarding inert or "other" ingredients in pesticide products regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup was established to advise EPA, through the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), on potential measures to increase the availability to the public of information about inert ingredients (also called "other ingredients") under FIFRA. Among the factors the workgroup has been asked to consider in preparing its recommendations are: existing law regarding inert ingredients and Confidential Business Information (CBI); current Agency processes and policies for disseminating inert ingredient information to the public, including procedures for the protection of CBI; informational needs for a variety of stakeholders; and business reasons for limiting the disclosure of inert ingredient information.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup is composed of participants from the following sectors: Environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and pesticide users; Federal, State and local

governments; the general public; academia and public health organizations.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup meeting is open to the public. Written public statements are also welcome and should be submitted to the OPP administrative docket OPP-00439A. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after the conference call. These statements will become part of the permanent file and will be provided to the workgroup members for their information. If you have any questions about the workgroup, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### II. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. For general background information about the Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup, its mission, and a list of its members, go to <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ppdc/inert/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for this workgroup under docket control number OPP-00439A. The administrative record consists of the workgroup documents including discussion papers, meeting agenda, as well as comments submitted to the workgroup by members of the public. This administrative record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the administrative record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.