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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bertha Crisp, Contract Specialist, bertha.crisp@oak.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation document will contain all the information relative to this action for prospective applicants. The solicitation is targeted for release in late September 2001. Pre-applications and applications will be subject to scientific peer review against predetermined, published criteria. Consideration will be given to a broad spectrum of proposed university programs, ranging from single-investigator projects to comprehensive Centers of Excellence. Final selection of successful applications will be made by the DOE/NNSA. It is anticipated that multiple Cooperative Agreements and Research Grants will be awarded within the available funding. The stockpile stewardship mission focuses on both an increased fundamental understanding of basic physical phenomena associated with stockpile performance, safety, and reliability, as well as on sustaining a comprehensive set of core science and technology competencies in the NNSA/DP complex. Under the Stewardship Science Academic Alliances Program, the NNSA will consider applications for university-based research in fields of physical sciences that are relevant to stockpile stewardship and which fall within the areas of research supported by the NNSA/DP Office of Research, Development and Simulation. An objective of the Stewardship Science Academic Alliances Program is to complement the current NNSA/DP Accelerated Strategic Computing Initiative (ASCI) Academic Strategic Alliances Program (ASAP) by emphasizing primarily experimental research in the following physical sciences areas:

A.—Properties of Materials under Extreme Conditions and

Hydrodynamics: This research area includes the static and dynamic (i.e., shock-compressed) properties of materials under conditions of high-pressure, high-temperature (1–10 eV regime), high-strain and high-strain-rate, and hydrodynamic experiments in low-energy-density physics regimes where materials properties (strength, etc.) dominate.

B.—High-Energy-Density Physics and Fluid Dynamics: This research area includes plasma physics, properties of materials under high-energy-density conditions, inertial fusion, atomic physics, radiation generation, the interaction of radiation with matter, and the physics of turbulence and fluid interfaces.

C.—Low-Energy Nuclear Science: This research area includes experimental and theoretical investigations leading to greater accuracy in the knowledge of cross sections of stable and unstable nuclei and corresponding reaction rates for neutron-, γ - and ion-induced reactions of relevance to the stockpile for both simulation and radiochemistry diagnosis.

Additional topics of interest may be added pending clarification of funding for FY02. All work funded through this program will be unclassified.

Issued in Oakland, CA, on August 21, 2001.

Ernest Rios,

Director, Financial Assistance Center, Oakland Operations Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7044-2]

Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Board of Scientific Counselors' Subcommittee 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), Board of Scientific Counselors Subcommittee (BOSC), will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 10 & 11, 2001. The meeting will

begin at 9 am on October 10 and adjourn at approximately 5 pm on October 11. All times noted are Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Charles Glover Building, 808 17th Street, NW., 4th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20006. Seating is limited; therefore, you must notify Joanna Foellmer, Designated Federal Official, Board of Scientific Counselors Subcommittee, to confirm attendance no later than October 4 (address listed below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanna Foellmer at (202) 564-3208.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) was established to provide objective and independent counsel to the Office of Research and Development (ORD) on the management and operation of ORD's research programs. The primary functions of BOSC are: (1) To evaluate science and engineering research programs, laboratories, and research-management practices of ORD and recommend actions to improve their quality and/or strengthen their relevance to the mission of the EPA; and (2) to evaluate and provide advice concerning the use of peer review within ORD to sustain and enhance the quality of science in EPA.

In September 1997, a programmatic review of ORD's National Center of Environmental Assessment (NCEA) by an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the BOSC provided an opportunity for NCEA to look at its past, present, and future. As part of the review, the staff and management of NCEA prepared a "Self-Study Report," which was submitted to the BOSC Subcommittee for pre-meeting review. During the meeting, the Subcommittee discussed the Self-Study Report responses with NCEA management and staff. They gathered additional comments from the staff regarding the organization, management, human resources, and their professional relationships with the Agency and with external users of NCEA products. A final report from the BOSC Ad Hoc Subcommittee, dated April 1998, was submitted to NCEA. The final report included the conclusions and recommendations of the Subcommittee based on the input from the meeting, the Self Study Report, and the experience of the Subcommittee.

Since the 1998 report, NCEA has worked to refocus some of its activities and directions in response to the recommendations of the Subcommittee and in the context of the EPA and ORD Strategic Plans. As a next step, standing BOSC Subcommittees have been

developed that will work closely with the individual ORD laboratories and centers. The membership of each of the standing subcommittees have been selected to reflect the missions of each ORD component within the risk assessment paradigm. The upcoming meeting is the first step in this working partnership between the NCEA-BOSC Subcommittee and NCEA management and staff.

NCEA is in process of developing a response to a series of questions that were submitted by the BOSC to help the NCEA-BOSC Subcommittee gauge the progress of the Center since its 1997 review and to evaluate science and planning activities that NCEA has developed to address the priorities and directions included in the EPA and ORD Strategic Plans. The October meeting will include a discussion of the NCEA responses to the questions and opportunities for public comment.

Anyone desiring a draft agenda may fax their request to Joanna Foellmer at Fax Number 202-565-0061. If you would prefer to e-mail your request, the address is: Foellmer.Joanna@epa.gov. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should contact Joanna Foellmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment, (Mail Code: 8601D), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or by telephone at (202) 564-3208. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes. Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Joanna Foellmer no later than noon Eastern Time one week prior to the meeting. E-mail must be in WordPerfect formats suitable for Windows 95/98. The draft report will be available in mid September. Anyone interested in a copy can download the file off the internet. Please contact Joanna Foellmer for the correct internet address.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Art Payne,

*Acting Deputy Director for Management,
National Center for Environmental
Assessment.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[SWH-FRL-7044-1]

**Recovered Materials Advisory Notice
IV**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Draft Document for Review.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) today is providing notice of the issuance of a draft Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN IV). The RMAN provides guidance to procuring agencies for purchasing certain items containing recovered materials. Under section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, EPA designates items that are or can be made with recovered materials and provides recommendations for the procurement of these items. Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, EPA is proposing to designate 11 items under RCRA Section 6002. EPA is proposing to designate the following: bike racks, blasting grit, cement and concrete containing cenospheres, cement and concrete containing silica fume, modular threshold ramps, nonpressure pipe, nylon carpet and nylon carpet backing, office furniture, rebuilt vehicular parts, roofing materials, and tires. Today's draft RMAN IV contains recommended recovered materials content levels for these items.

Today's draft RMAN IV also includes revisions to EPA's previous recommendations for polyester carpet issued in RMAN I (60 FR 21386, May 1, 1995). Previously, EPA designated polyester carpet for use in low- and medium-wear applications and referenced those applications in the RMAN. Since the issuance of EPA's designation and recommendations for polyester carpet, the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) has issued new carpet use classifications. Under CRI's new classifications, certain applications that EPA has considered to be low- and medium-wear are now classified as moderate- and heavy-wear applications. Therefore, today's draft RMAN revises the recommendations for polyester carpet to recommend its use in certain moderate- and heavy-wear applications, such as those found in single family housing units, private offices, and similar applications. Today's draft RMAN IV also recommends that when procuring agencies purchase new carpet, they also consider making arrangements to have their old carpet

collected and recycled or otherwise reused to make new carpeting.

Today's draft RMAN IV proposes revisions to EPA's previous recommendations for railroad grade crossing surfaces by adding recommended recovered materials content levels for railroad grade crossing surfaces containing recovered wood and plastic. In addition, today's draft RMAN proposes to revise EPA's previous recommendations for consolidated and reprocessed latex paint issued in RMAN II (62 FR 60975, November 13, 1997). In RMAN II, EPA recommended that procuring agencies refer to federal specification TT-P-2846 when purchasing recycled paint. (See Section C-7-Latex Paint.) EPA has recently learned that the General Services Administration (GSA) has cancelled this specification and will replace it with commercial item description (CID) A-A-3185. A copy of this CID will be placed in the RCRA public docket for today's notice when it becomes available. In the final RMAN IV, EPA intends to revise Section C-7 of the RMAN to delete reference to federal specification TT-P-2846 and replace it with reference to CID A-A-3185.

DATES: EPA will accept public comments on the recommendations contained in the draft RMAN IV until October 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To comment on this notice, please send an original and two copies of comments to: RCRA Information Center (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Please place the docket number F-2001-CP4P-FFFFF on your comments.

If any information is confidential, it should be identified as such. An original and two copies of Confidential Business Information (CBI) must be submitted under separate cover to: Document Control Officer (5305), Office of Solid Waste, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Documents related to today's notice are available for viewing at the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Ground Floor, Crystal Gateway One, Arlington, VA 22202. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for federal holidays. The public must make an appointment to review docket materials. Call (703) 603-9230 for appointments. Copies cost \$.15 per page.