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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Science and  
Technology and Battelle, co-sponsors,  
will hold the "25th Annual Conference  
on Analysis of Pollutants in the  
Environment" to discuss all aspects of  
environmental measurement. The  
conference is open to the public.

**DATES:** The annual conference will be  
held on May 7-9, 2002. On May 7, 2002,  
the conference will begin at 8:45 a.m.  
and adjourn at 5 p.m. A workshop on  
"Surviving a Laboratory Audit" will be  
presented from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

On May 8, 2002, the conference will  
begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 4:15  
p.m. On May 9, 2002, the conference  
will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12  
p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The conference will be held  
at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel,  
777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, Virginia,  
23510.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Conference and workshop arrangements  
are being conducted by Battelle. For  
information on registration, hotel rates,  
transportation, social events, and  
reservations call Andrea Grew, Battelle,  
at (781) 952-5290 or by facsimile at  
(781) 934-2124.

If you need special accommodations  
at this meeting, including wheelchair  
access, you should contact Andrea  
Grew, Battelle, at least five business  
days prior to the meeting so that we can  
make appropriate arrangements. If you  
have technical questions regarding the  
conference or workshop programs,  
please contact Marion Kelly, e-mail:  
[kelly.marion@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.marion@epa.gov), (202) 566-1045  
or by facsimile at (202) 566-1053.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The "25th  
Annual Conference on Analysis of  
Pollutants in the Environment" is  
designed to bring together  
representatives of regulated industries,  
commercial environmental laboratories,  
State and Federal regulators, municipal

water and wastewater laboratories, and  
environmental consultants and  
contractors to discuss all aspects of  
environmental measurement with a  
particular focus on environmental water  
regulations, compliance monitoring, and  
related issues.

The draft program agenda for the  
conference follows:

#### Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Welcome and Status of Office of Water  
Activities

8:45 a.m. Welcome—Robert G.  
Beimer, Battelle

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks—  
William Telliard, U.S. EPA Office of  
Science & Technology, Engineering  
and Analysis Division

9:15 a.m. Office of Water  
Activities—James Hanlon, Acting  
Deputy Assistant Administrator,  
U.S. EPA Office of Water, Field  
Techniques

9:45 a.m. Comparison of Field  
Collection Techniques and  
Filtration Procedures for  
Determination of Chlorophyll in  
Ambient Waters—R.E. Stewart, D.H.  
Smith, and T.Y. Du, Virginia  
Department of Environmental  
Quality

10:15 a.m. Break

#### Bacteriological Tracking

10:30 a.m. Microbial Source  
Tracking: Principles and Practice—  
Mansour Samadpour, University of  
Washington

11:00 a.m. Source Tracking of  
Bacteria: A Case Study—Ward  
Staubitz, U.S. Geological Survey  
Site Investigation

11:30 a.m. The Destruction of the  
World Trade Center and PCBs,  
PBDEs, PCDD/Fs, PBDD/Fs, and  
Chlorinated Biphenylenes in Water,  
Sediment, and Sewage Sludge—  
Simon Litten, New York State  
Department of Environmental  
Conservation; D. McChesney, U.S.  
EPA Region II; and Brian Fowler  
and M.C. Hamilton, Axys  
Analytical Services

12:00 Noon—Lunch

#### Workshop

1:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Surviving a  
Laboratory Audit—U.S. EPA Staff:  
Nancy Wentworth, Office of  
Research and Development, Quality  
Assurance Division; Joseph Slayton,  
U.S. EPA Region III, Environmental  
Science Center; U.S. EPA Drinking  
Water Representative; Steve Baker,  
State of Arizona

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### Wednesday, May 8, 2002

##### Organics Analysis

8:45 a.m. Determination of the  
Congener Distribution in Aroclors  
to the Sub-ppm Level—Coreen  
Hamilton, Katherine Kaye, and  
Brian Fowler, Axys Analytical  
Services

9:15 a.m. Application of Aroclor  
Toxicity Equivalents to Historic  
Aroclor Data and to Non-detects—  
Andy Beliveau, U.S. EPA Region I  
9:45 a.m. Navigating EPA's Alternate  
Test Procedure for Development of  
an Alternate Chlorophenolics  
Procedure: Process and Results—  
Diana Cook, Glenn Wilson, and  
Michelle Wrabel, National Council  
for Air and Stream Improvement

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl  
ethers: An Emerging Environmental  
Problem—Mehran Alaei, Canadian  
Center for Inland Waters

10:45 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl  
ethers by Gas Chromatography with  
an Electron Capture Detector—  
Robert Rieck, U.S. EPA Region X,  
Manchester Laboratory

11:15 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl  
ethers by HRGC/HRMS—Coreen  
Hamilton, Brian Fowler, and Louis  
Haviland, Axys Analytical Services

11:45 a.m. Lunch

##### Sample Preservation and Holding Times

1:00 p.m. Study Supporting  
Extension of the Unpreserved  
Mercury Holding Time to 28 Days—  
Mark Bruce, Scott Irwin, and  
Patrick O'Meara, Severn Trent  
Laboratory, Canton, Ohio

1:30 p.m. Effect of Freezing on  
Concentrations of Classical  
Pollutants—Khouane Dithavong,  
U.S. EPA Office of Science &  
Technology, Engineering and  
Analysis Division

2:00 p.m. Effect of Starting  
Temperature, Ice Placement, and  
Other Variables on Length of Time  
that Samples Remain Below 4 °C in  
a Picnic Cooler—William Telliard,  
U.S. EPA Office of Science &  
Technology, Engineering and  
Analysis Division

2:30 p.m. Break

##### Metals Analysis

2:45 p.m. Determination of Arsenic  
Species in Fish and Their Impact on  
Fish Advisories—Eric Crecelius,  
Margaret O'Neill, and Tim Fortman,  
Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory

3:15 p.m. Results of the  
Interlaboratory Validation of EPA  
Method 245.7: Mercury in Water by  
Cold-vapor Atomic Fluorescence—

Maria Gomez-Taylor, U.S. EPA  
Office of Science & Technology,  
Engineering and Analysis Division

*Bioassay*

3:45 p.m. Comparison of Results of Determination of Dioxin-like Toxicity by Cell-line Bioassays and HRGC/HRMS—Harry McCarty, DynCorp Information & Enterprise Technology, Inc.  
4:15 p.m. Adjourn  
5:30 p.m. Conference Reception

**Thursday, May 9, 2002**

*Whole Effluent Toxicity*

8:30 a.m. Grading on a Curve: How to Use Laboratory Control Charts and Other QA/QC Data to Interpret Toxicity Test Results—Tim Moore, Risk Sciences; and Jim Plehl, Hampton Roads Sanitation District

*Microbiological Methods*

9:00 a.m. Interlaboratory Validation of EPA Method 1605 for Aeromonas in Water—Misty Pope, Ken Miller, Kevin Connell, Jessica Pulz, Chris Maynard, Ben Meadows, and Kyle May, DynCorp Information & Enterprise Technology, Inc.; and Mary Ann Feige, U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Technical Support Center, Cincinnati  
9:30 a.m. Are Current Microbiological Method Holding Times Meaningful? An Assessment of the Stability of Multiple Pathogens in Wastewater at Multiple Times and Temperatures—Robin Oshiro, U.S. EPA Office of Science and

Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division; and Misty Pope, Kevin Connell, Jessica Pulz, Ken Miller, and Yildiz Chambers, DynCorp Information & Enterprise Technology, Inc.

10:00 a.m. Break  
10:15 a.m. Special Session: Demonstration of E. coli and Enterococci Methods Proposed by EPA for Use in Recreational Water Monitoring—Robin Oshiro, U.S. EPA Office of Science and Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division  
12:00 Noon—Adjourn

Dated: March 19, 2002.

**Geoffrey H. Grubbs,**  
*Director, Office of Science and Technology.*  
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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed continuing information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this

notice seeks comments concerning the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy Long-term Course Evaluation Forms.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The data collection from the long-term evaluation forms—one for students and one for the student's supervisor—will obtain course specific feedback regarding the impact of course content on job performance. This data is needed to improve instructional delivery and curriculum design. Demographic data are needed to identify differentials in course impact. The information collection also supports the Government Performance and Results Act.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* National Fire Academy Long-term Evaluation Form for Supervisors, National Fire Academy Long-term Evaluation Form for Students.

*Type of Information Collection:* Renewal of existing collection in use with OMB approval.

*OMB Number:* 3067-0260.  
*Form Numbers:* Form F-8872-NETC; F-8873-NETC.

*Abstract:* The National Fire Academy's long-term evaluation forms—one for students and one for the student's supervisor—will obtain course specific feedback regarding impact of course content on job performance. The information is needed to improve instruction and content. Demographic data are needed to identify differentials in course impact.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 375.

FEMA Forms	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A × B × C)
Student .....	750	1	.33	247.50
Superv .....	750	1	.17	127.50
Total .....	1,500	.....	.....	375

*Estimated Cost:* \$105,000.

*Comments:* Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Section, Program Services and Systems Branch, Facilities and Services

Management Division, Administration and Resource Planning Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Terry Gladhill, Program Analyst, National Fire Academy, (301) 447-1239 for additional information. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information at telephone number (202) 646-2625 or facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail *muriel.Anderson@fema.gov*.