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You may submit a request to participate in the meeting by e-mail, telephone, fax, or in person. We would normally accept requests by mail, but in this time of delays in delivery of government mail due to health and security concerns, we cannot assure your request would arrive in a timely manner. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. Your request must be received by EPA on or before June 6, 2002. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPPT-2002-0020 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

1. *Electronically.* You may submit your request electronically by e-mail to Jane Smith at: smith.jane-scott@epa.gov or to the docket at: oppt.ncic@epa.gov. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Use WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to identify by docket ID number OPPT-2000-0020. You may also file a request online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

2. *By telephone or fax.* Contact Jane Smith, by telephone at (202) 564-8476 or by fax number at (202) 564-8483.

3. *In person or by courier.* You may deliver a request to: OPPT Docket Control Office, North East Mall, Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Docket Office is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the Office is (202) 260-7099.

II. Background

In 1996, through enactment of the Food Quality Protection Act, which amended the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, Congress directed EPA to develop a screening program to determine whether certain substances may have hormonal effects in humans. EPA formed a scientific advisory committee, the Endocrine Disruptor Screening and Testing Advisory Committee (EDSTAC), under FACA to advise it on establishing a program to carry out the Congressional directive. EDSTAC recommended a multi-step approach including a series of screens (Tier I Screens), and tests (Tier II Tests), because there were no validated test systems for determining whether a

chemical may be an endocrine disruptor. To ensure that EPA has the best and most up-to-date advice available regarding the validation of the screens and tests for the EDSP, EPA recently created the Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Subcommittee (EDMVS) of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). EDMVS, a group of subject-matter experts, provides independent advice and counsel to the Agency through NACEPT, on scientific and technical issues related to validation of the EDSP Tier I screens and Tier II tests, including advice on methods for reducing animal use, refining procedures involving animals to make them less stressful, and replacing animals where scientifically appropriate. More information is available on the website: <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/oscpendo>.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Endocrine disruptor screening program, Endocrine disruptors.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

DATES AND PLACE: June 12, 2002, Washington, DC. This meeting will take place in the Colonial Room of the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology is tentatively scheduled to meet in open session on Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at approximately 9 a.m., to discuss: (1) The science and technology of combating terrorism; (2) policies and technologies to improve energy efficiency; (3) the

federal investment in science and technology research and development; and (4) demand issues that can speed the deployment of a 21st Century broadband infrastructure. One or more of the PCAST panels on these topics will discuss the status of their work. This session will end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There will be a time allocated for the public to speak on any of the above agenda items. Please make your request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. The time for public comments will be limited to no more than 5 minutes per person. Written comments are welcome at any time prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Stan Sokul, PCAST Executive Director, at (202) 456-6070, or fax your request/comments to (202) 456-6021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding time, place and agenda, please call Cynthia Chase at (202) 456-6010, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2002. Information may also be available at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 13226, on September 30, 2001. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of science and technology policy, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Council members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John H. Marburger, III, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and by E. Floyd Kvamme, a Partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.

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