

amount acquired by import, the amount on hand at the start of the year, the amount available for use in 2003, the amount used for the essential use, the quantity contained in exported products, the amount destroyed, and the amount on hand at the end of 2003. Because all data necessary for applicants to complete Table IV will not be available until after January 1, 2004, companies should not include this chart with their EUA applications in response to this action. EPA plans to send a letter to each essential use applicant requesting the information in Table IV in the first 2 weeks of January 2004. Companies will have only fourteen days in which to respond to this letter, because EPA must compile companies' responses to complete the U.S. CFC Accounting Framework for submission to the Parties to the Montreal Protocol by the end of January.

EPA anticipates that the Parties' review of MDI essential use requests will focus extensively on the United States' progress in developing alternatives to CFC MDIs, including education programs to inform patients and health care providers of the CFC phaseout and the transition to alternatives. Accordingly, applicants are strongly advised to present detailed information on these points, including the scope and cost of such efforts and the medical and patient organizations involved in the work. Applicants should submit their exemption requests to EPA as noted in the **ADDRESSES** section at the beginning of today's document.

Dated: October 6, 2003.

Jeffrey R. Holmstead,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7573-5]

Gulf of Mexico Program Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), EPA gives notice of a meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Beach, 5002 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77551. (409-740-3581).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Mail Code EPA/GMPO, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items include: GMP's Role in Implementation of the Hypoxia Action Plan, GMP Outreach and Education, Citizen's Role in Gulf Guardian Awards Process, CAC Strategic Planning FY 2004-2005.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: October 6, 2003.

Gloria D. Car,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7574-3]

Meeting on Papers Addressing Scientific Issues in the Risk Assessment of Metals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces an October 28, 2003, public meeting on five draft scientific white papers on metals risk assessment. Development of the papers was led by Eastern Research Group Inc., a contractor to EPA. The notice of availability of these papers for review and comment was published in an earlier **Federal Register** Notice (68 FR 55051, September 22, 2003). Consistent with EPA's commitment to provide opportunities for external input, the Agency now announces a public meeting to gather further feedback on the draft papers. In order to assist in compiling comments on the issue papers, the Agency asks that commenters address questions posed in the September 22, 2003, **Federal Register** Notice. These questions are reprinted below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. ERG, the EPA contractor who lead the development of the issue papers, is organizing and convening the meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2003, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Participants wishing to attend are asked

to register with ERG by October 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street at Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. You may register online at <https://www.ergweb.com/projects/metalreg/index.html>. You may also register by calling ERG at (781) 674-7374. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please let ERG know if you plan to make comments at the meeting.

EPA has established an official public docket for comments under Docket Identification Number OAR-2003-0192. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. Comments may be submitted and reviewed on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket> as detailed in the earlier **Federal Register** Notice (68 FR 55051, September 22, 2003) entitled "Papers Addressing Scientific Issues in the Risk Assessment of Metals".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For meeting information, registration, and logistics, contact ERG, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts 02421; telephone: (781) 674-7374; facsimile: (781) 674-2906.

For technical information on the white papers, contact Dr. William P. Wood, Executive Director, Risk Assessment Forum, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development; telephone: (202) 564-3361; facsimile: (202) 565-0062; or email: risk.forum@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Presentations: Members of the public who are interested in making a short presentation on scientific issues at the meeting are requested to indicate this interest at the time of registration. EPA would appreciate provision of a short summary of the presentation, which should be no more than one page. Please provide this summary in written and electronic format upon arrival at the meeting. Presentations should be no more than 20 minutes in duration, subject to the number of presentations registered. Because EPA is seeking a variety of opinions, the facilitator will ensure that there is a balance of time allotted. Presenters please note that ERG may record the meeting proceedings to support their developing a meeting summary report. Resources ERG uses in the development of the report will remain the property of ERG. EPA will make the summary report available on-line through the Risk Assessment Forum's Web site, <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/>.

Comments: Comments presented during the meeting should be submitted to Edocket. In addition, please submit one unbound original set of comments with pages numbered consecutively at the meeting. For attachments, provide an index and number pages consecutively with the comments. Because all comments received will be placed in Edocket, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During their September 2002 review of the Agency's draft action plan for the development of a metals framework, the EPA Science Advisory Board emphasized the importance of engaging the outside community so as to contribute to the knowledge base the Agency would draw from in developing guidance on the risk assessment of metals. As part of the effort to engage stakeholders and the scientific community and to build on existing experience, the Agency commissioned ERG to organize external experts to lead the development of scientific papers on issues and state-of-the-art approaches to metals risk assessment. (Some individual EPA experts contributed specific discussions on topic(s) for which he or she has scientific expertise or knowledge of current Agency practice.)

On September 22, 2003, EPA published a **Federal Register** Notice announcing the availability of, and opportunity to comment on, five draft scientific white papers titled: (1) Issue Paper on the Environmental Chemistry of Metals, (2) Issue Paper on Metal Exposure Assessment, (3) Issue Paper on the Ecological Effects of Metals, (4) Issue Paper on the Human Health Effects of Metals, and (5) Issue Paper on the Bioavailability and Bioaccumulation of Metals. The draft issue papers are available primarily via the Internet on the Risk Assessment Forum's web page at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=59052>. Comments will be received on the draft papers until November 7, 2003.

The public meeting will provide further opportunity for the Agency to receive stakeholder input. EPA is particularly interested in the public's perspectives on the following:

1. For the purpose of deriving general principles that can be applied in the assessment of metals, do the issue papers provide an appropriate level of detail?
2. Are there additional chemical, biological and physical processes that

should be considered for metals assessment? If so, please describe and provide references.

3. Are you aware of any models, approaches or methods not considered in the reports that, if implemented, would substantially reduce uncertainty in the Agency's metal assessments? If so, which ones are ready for application now (or in the next few years), and which types of assessments would benefit most from their application (e.g., hazard ranking/characterization, national, or site-specific assessments)?

4. What other suggestions do you have to improve the utility of these papers as the Agency develops a metals assessment framework?

The purpose of this meeting is for EPA to receive additional scientific comment from the public on the issue papers. Therefore, although EPA staff will be present, EPA will not evaluate or respond to comments at the meeting. Likewise, EPA is not soliciting comments on past Agency actions.

The views expressed in the draft papers are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the EPA. For this reason, disposition of scientific comments received on these papers will be made at the author's or author team's discretion. The material contained in the papers may be used in total, or in part, as source material for the Agency's framework for metals risk assessment and EPA's evaluation of this material will therefore include consideration of the Assessment Factors recently published by EPA for use in evaluating the quality of scientific and technical information.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee and PPDC Registration Review Work Group; Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA's Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) will hold a public meeting on October 29 and 30, 2003. An agenda is being developed and

will be posted on EPA's website. Agenda topics will include a report from the PPDC's Registration Review Work Group; endangered species; non-governmental stewardship activities; pesticide budget/fees and output efficiencies; certification and training; and follow-up to issues discussed at the April 2003 PPDC meeting. In addition, the PPDC Registration Review Work Group will hold two separate public meetings on the following dates: October 17 and October 28, 2003. Agendas for the PPDC Registration Review Work Group meetings will also be posted on EPA's website.

DATES: The PPDC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, October 30, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The PPDC Registration Review Work Group will hold a public meeting on Friday, October 17, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The PPDC meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. The telephone number to the NRECA Conference Center is (703) 907-5500. The NRECA Conference Center is located adjacent to the Ballston Metro Station and about a 15 minute taxi ride from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The PPDC Registration Review Work Group meeting on October 17, 2003, will be held at EPA's Offices at 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall #2, Room 1110 (the Fishbowl), Arlington, VA. The PPDC Registration Review Work Group meeting on October 28, 2003, will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number to the Hyatt Regency Crystal City is (703) 413-6873.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margie Fehrenbach, Office of Pesticide Programs, Mail code 7501C, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-308-4775; fax number: 703-308-4776; e-mail address: Fehrenbach.Margie@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general; however, persons may be interested who work in agricultural settings or persons who are concerned about implementation of the Federal