

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Methamphetamine Initiative**

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the finding of no significant impact and the environmental assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Assessment, which is available to the public, concludes that the methamphetamine investigation and clandestine laboratory closure activities of the Methamphetamine Initiative will not have significant impact on the quality of the human environment given adherence to all applicable laws and regulations.

**ADDRESSES:** For copies of the Environment Assessment, please contact: COPS Grants Administration Division, 1100 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20530; Phone: (202) 616-3031 or 1-800-421-6770.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, 1-800-421-6770 and ask to speak with your Grant Program Specialist.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In Fiscal Year 2003, the COPS Office prepared an Environmental Assessment for its methamphetamine law enforcement programs, with specific application for the Methamphetamine Initiative. This Environmental Assessment was prepared as required by the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et al.*) The Methamphetamine Initiative addressed a broad array of law enforcement initiatives pertaining to the investigation of methamphetamine trafficking in many heavily impacted areas of the country. For the purposes of this program, funded items may include training of law enforcement officers in methamphetamine-related issues; collection and maintenance of intelligence and information relative to methamphetamine trafficking and traffickers; investigation, arrest and prosecution of producers, traffickers and users of methamphetamine; interdiction and removal of laboratories, finished products, and precursor chemicals and other elements necessary to produce methamphetamine; transportation and storage of finished products, and precursor chemicals, and other elements necessary to produce methamphetamine; and preventive

efforts to reduce the spread and use of methamphetamine. Individual projects will reflect a concentration on program areas consistent with Congressional appropriations.

Among the many challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in the Methamphetamine Initiative will be discovery, interdiction, and dismantling of clandestine drug laboratories. These lab sites, as well as other methamphetamine crime venues must be comprehensively dealt with in compliance with a variety of health, safety and environmental laws and regulations. The COPS Office requires that recipients, when encountering illegal drug laboratories, use grant funds to effect the proper removal and disposal of hazardous materials located at those laboratories and directly associated sites in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**Overview***Environmental Assessment*

The COPS Office will award grants to State and local criminal justice agencies for the FY 2004 COPS Methamphetamine Initiative. The Environmental Assessment concludes that the funding of this program will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment given adherence to all applicable laws and regulations. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared for the funding of this program.

Dated: March 18, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Office of Justice Programs**

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**Meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women**

**AGENCY:** Office on Violence Against Women, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming public meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women (hereinafter "the Committee").

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on April 15, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

and on April 16, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting will take place at the St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jana Sinclair White, The National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531. Telephone: (202) 353-4343. E-mail: [Whitej@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:Whitej@ojp.usdoj.gov). Fax: (202) 307-3911. You may view the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/nac/welcome.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee is chartered by the Attorney General, and co-chaired by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary), to provide the Attorney General and the Secretary with practical and general policy advice concerning implementation of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, and related laws, and will assist in the efforts of the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services to combat violence against women, especially domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

In addition, because violence is increasingly recognized as a public health problem of staggering human cost, the Committee will bring national attention to the problem of violence against women and increase public awareness of the need for prevention and enhanced victim services.

This meeting will primarily focus on the Committee's work; there will, however, be an opportunity for public comment on the Committee's role in providing general policy guidance on implementation of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, and related legislation.

**Meeting Format**

This meeting will be held according to the following schedule:

1. *Date:* Thursday, April 15, 2004.

*Time:* 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; including breaks and a working lunch.

2. *Date:* Friday, April 16, 2004.

*Time:* 9 a.m.-2 p.m., including breaks and a working lunch.

The meeting on April 15, 2004 will begin with consideration of the draft report prepared by the drafting subcommittee of the Advisory Committee. Time will be reserved for comments from the public, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 12 noon. See the section below on Reserving Time for