

regulations in January of 2001 as part of the Agency's revision of 40 CFR part 35, the rules governing categorical environmental program grants. The regulation at 40 CFR 35.133(b) states that: "The Administrator may, in guidance or regulation, describe subsequent additions, deletions, or changes to the list of environmental programs eligible for inclusion in Performance Partnership Grants." The BSTR grant program authorized by CERCLA 128(a) is funded in the same line item that funds categorical grants for "multimedia or single media pollution prevention, control and abatement and related environmental activities" and, therefore, this grant program is eligible for inclusion in PPGs. This notice is made pursuant to 40 CFR 35.133(b), to inform entities eligible to receive PPGs that the BSTR grant program may be included in a PPG subject to any limitations herein defined.

In the fiscal year 2003 Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, Public Law 108-7, EPA was appropriated funds "for carrying out section 128[(a)] of CERCLA, as amended." Congress has included funds for CERCLA 128(a) in subsequent EPA appropriations. Heretofore and hereafter, the BSTR grant program funds, with the exception of funds states and tribes use to capitalize a revolving loan fund under CERCLA

128(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I), are eligible for inclusion in PPGs, and may be included in a PPG at the request of the appropriate official of an eligible entity, subject to EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 31 and 40 CFR 35.001 through 35.138 and 35.500 through 35.538. A Region should notify the Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response when it plans to award Brownfield grant program funds as part of a PPG.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Open Meeting, Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB), Workshop on the Use of Captive Insurance as a Financial Assurance Mechanism

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Financial Advisory Board will hold an open meeting of its Financial Assurance Project Workgroup.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator and EPA program offices on issues relating to environmental finance. The purpose of this meeting is for the EFAB to gather information and ideas with respect to the use of captive insurance as a financial assurance tool in EPA programs. The day will be structured to address this issue via a series of presentations and panel discussions involving Federal environmental officials, State insurance regulators, insurance rating and information analysts, insurance industry professionals, and State environmental regulators.

The meeting is open to the public with seating available on a first come first served basis. Due to building security requirements, all members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance no later than Monday, June 17, 2006.

DATES: June 27, 2006 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: ConEdison, 4 Irving Place, 19th Floor Auditorium, New York, NY 10003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the workshop or to obtain further information, contact Timothy McProuty, U.S. EPA, EFAB Staff, at 202-564-4996 or mcprouty.timothy@epa.gov.

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Timothy McProuty at 202-564-4996 or mcprouty.timothy@epa.gov. To request accommodation of disability, please contact Timothy McProuty, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: May 3, 2006.

Joseph Dillon,

Director, Office of Enterprise Technology and Innovation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Report on ECOS-EPA Performance-Based Environmental Programs: Proposed Initial Implementation Actions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice seeks public comment about proposed actions resulting from a collaborative effort between EPA and representatives from the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS). ECOS and EPA have developed a series of action recommendations to: identify, develop, and implement incentives for top environmental performers that are part of state and federal performance-based environmental programs; facilitate the integration of performance based programs into EPA and State Agencies; and enhance marketing and outreach of performance based programs. Today's recommended actions build on preliminary ideas that EPA provided for public comment on August 4, 2005 (70 FR 44921), and a public meeting held in Chicago, IL on October 19, 2005.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2005-0003 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* doCKET.oei@epa.gov.

- *Fax:* 202-566-0224.

- *Mail:* Office of Administrator Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery:* EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B-102, 1301 Constitution Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. M-F), special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2005-0003. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information