

West in Downtown Nashville, Funding, U.S. Coast Guard Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Davidson County, TN, Due: May 20, 1996, Contact: Dennis C. Cook (615) 736-5394.

EIS No. 960144, Draft EIS, SFW, WA, Washington State Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), Issuance of a Permit for Incidental Take of Federally-Listed Species and Implementation of the Multi-Species Plan for Lands Managed by WDNR, WA, Due: June 04, 1996, Contact: William Vogel (360) 534-9330.

The US Department of Interior's, Fish and Wildlife Service and US Department of Commerce (DOC) are Joint Lead Agencies for this project. Contact Person for (DOC) is Steven W. Landino (360) 534-9330.

EIS No. 960145, Draft EIS, DOE, TX, Pantex Plant Continued Operation and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components, Implementation, Approvals and Permits Issuance, Carson County, TX, Due: July 05, 1996, Contact: Nanette D. Founds (505) 845-4212.

EIS No. 960146, Draft EIS, USN, CA, Naval Station Long Beach Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance and Possible NPDES Permit Issuance, Los Angeles County, CA, Due: May 20, 1996, Contact: Jo Ellen Anderson (619) 532-3912.

EIS No. 960147, Final EIS, TVA, TN, Upper Tennessee River Navigation Improvement Project, Rehabilitation and/or Construction, Chickamauga Dam—Navigation Lock Structural Improvement Alternative, Funding, NPDES Permit, Coast Guard Bridge Permit and COE Section 404 Permits, Tennessee River, Hamilton County, TN, Due: May 06, 1996, Contact: W. Gary Brock (423) 632-8877.

EIS No. 960148, Final EIS, BLM, WY, Green River Resource Area Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Rock Springs District, Sweetwater, Fremont, Uinta, Sublette and Lincoln Counties, WY, Due: May 06, 1996, Contact: Joe Patty (307) 775-6101.

Dated: April 2, 1996.

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Bayou Lafourche Siphon Fresh Water Diversion Restoration Project, Louisiana

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Notice of Intent to conduct public scoping meetings associated with the planning and evaluation of the Bayou Lafourche Siphon Fresh Water Diversion Restoration Project in Louisiana. The Bayou Lafourche Siphon Project is authorized under the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) PL 101 (646).

PURPOSE: To meet the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and CWPPRA requirements for consideration of environmental impacts, benefits and costs associated with diversion of freshwater and sediments from the Mississippi River to the Bayou Lafourche at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, and into coastal wetland areas.

SUMMARY: The CWPPRA requires selection of projects on an annual basis for implementation to benefit, protect and restore coastal wetlands. On February 28, 1996, the CWPPRA Task Force administering the responsibilities of CWPPRA, designated the Bayou Lafourche Siphon Project to the fifth priority project list submitted to Congress, with the added requirement to conduct engineering, design and evaluation as a first phase. The project is estimated to significantly benefit wetlands by providing freshwater, sediments and nutrients to degraded areas. This project is to be implemented as a partnership between the EPA, the State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resources and the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District.

ALTERNATIVES: EPA may upon completion of the first phase proceed with implementation of the second and third phases for construction and monitoring or may determine not to proceed with the project.

SCOPING MEETINGS: EPA will hold a series of public meetings to receive input from the public on environmental, socio-economic, and engineering issues and concerns. EPA is seeking information and identification of impacts both adverse and beneficial on the project. The meetings will be held on the following days and locations:

Tuesday, April 30, 1996, Larose-Cut Off Junior High School Auditorium, 13356 West Main Street, Larose, LA 70373.

Wednesday, May 1, 1996, Assumption High School Auditorium, 4880

Highway 308, Napoleonville, LA 70390.

Thursday, May 2, 1996, City Hall, 609 Railroad Avenue, Donaldsonville, LA 70346.

Thursday, May 9, 1996, Thibodaux High School Auditorium, 1355 Tiger Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301.

All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the night designated. Additional information on the project and schedule will be provided at the meetings. For scoping comments or additional information contact: Mr. Norm Thomas, Technical Committee CWPPRA, EPA Water Quality Field Office, Suite 173, 777 Florida St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801, Telephone: (504) 389-0736, FAX: (504) 389-0704. For planning purposes and defining the scope of the project and evaluation, please provide your comments by May 31, 1996.

Dated: April 2, 1996.

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Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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EPA's Drinking Water Health Advisory Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of a stakeholder meeting on the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a one-day public meeting on EPA's Drinking Water Health Advisory Program. The purpose of this meeting is to have a dialogue with stakeholders and the public at large on the future of EPA's Drinking Water Health Advisory Program. This program is non-regulatory and is designed to provide guidance to individuals and government officials on the health effects of drinking water contaminants. The upcoming meeting is a continuation of a series of meetings with stakeholders that started in 1995 to obtain input on the Agency's Drinking Water Program. These meetings were initiated as part of the Drinking Water Program Redirection efforts to help refocus EPA's drinking water priorities and to take a risk-based approach in the allocation of program resources. Thus, the Agency seeks to ensure that the highest priority chemicals are targeted for public health protection. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from stakeholders on a number of issues related to the Health Advisory Program

as a first step in the assessment of this program's effectiveness.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program will be held on May 21, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Resolve, Inc. (an EPA contractor) is utilizing TLI Systems, Inc. as a subcontractor to provide logistical support for the stakeholders meeting. The meeting will be held at the Resolve, Inc. offices at 2828 Pennsylvania Avenue (Suite 402), N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007.

Members of the public may submit written comments pertaining to the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program to: Ms. Barbara Corcoran, Office of Science and Technology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (Mail Code: 4304), 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460. It would be most helpful for the success of the meeting to receive written comments 10 working days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting Ms. Adriane Alexander at TLI Systems, Inc. (Phone: 301-718-2276, ext. 500) by May 10. Those registered for the meeting will receive background materials at least one week prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting logistics, please contact Ms. Adriane Alexander at TLI Systems, Inc., 4340 East West Highway, Suite 1120, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (Phone: 301-718-2276, ext. 500); Fax: 301-718-2277).

For information on the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program, please contact Ms. Barbara Corcoran, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460 (Phone: 202-260-1332; Fax: 202-260-1036).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background on the Drinking Water Health Advisory Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Drinking Water Health Advisory Program was initiated in 1978 to provide information and guidance to individuals or agencies concerned with potential risk from drinking water contaminants for which no national regulations exist. Health Advisories are developed for contaminants that meet two criteria: (1) The contaminant has the potential to cause adverse health effects in exposed humans; and (2) the contaminant is either known to occur or might reasonably be expected to occur in drinking water supplies. Each Health Advisory contains information on the

nature of the adverse health effects associated with the contaminant and the concentrations of the contaminant that would not be anticipated to cause an adverse effect following various periods of exposure. Health Advisories are developed for one-day, ten-day, longer term (approximately 7 years, or 10% of an individual's lifetime) and lifetime exposure based on data describing noncarcinogenic end points of toxicity. In addition, the Health Advisory summarizes information on available analytical methods and treatment techniques for the contaminant. To date, EPA has issued over 150 Health Advisories covering a wide variety of inorganic, pesticides and nonpesticide organic chemicals, munition related compounds, and microbials.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA began a series of stakeholder meetings in March of 1995 to obtain input on a number of issues related to the Agency's Drinking Water Program. Separate stakeholder meetings were conducted on priorities for the Drinking Water Program; scientific data needs; treatment technology; health assessment; analytical methods; source water protection; small systems capacity building; focusing and improving implementation; revising chemical monitoring requirements and defining source protection as a best available technology (BAT); and other revisions to strengthen enforcement and implementation. Input from those meetings helped the Agency in the development of a draft comprehensive drinking water redirection plan released for public comment on November 19, 1995 (USEPA, Drinking Water Program Redirection Proposal, A Public Comment Draft; EPA 810-D-95-001. Nov. 1995).

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to assess the existing Drinking Water Health Advisory Program in order to determine what changes should be made to this program to make it more effective in the future. The specific issues for discussion at the meeting include (but may not be limited to) the following:

- (1) How and when are drinking water health advisories used by State governments and others?
- (2) Are less-than-lifetime health advisory values used, and if so, how?
- (3) Do you suggest any changes to the current health advisory methodology?
- (4) What chemicals are of greatest concern for development of new health advisories?
- (5) Which existing Health Advisories should be revised?

(6) How should the agency prioritize chemicals for the health advisory program in the future?

(7) Is the present format and content of the health advisory documents useful? Would you like other kinds of information included than currently provided?

(8) Do you find the summary Fact Sheets useful? Should EPA continue this practice?

(9) Are the summary tables on the status of health advisories helpful? Should EPA include additional information to the summary tables? What kind of information (e.g., critical endpoints, analytical methods, treatment technologies)?

(10) Would it be useful to develop a clearinghouse on States-developed health advisories? How would it work?

(11) What mechanisms for obtaining current information on the Health Advisory Program are most useful to you?

(12) Do States and other stakeholders need guidance on how to use health advisories?

(13) Should EPA expand the scope of the Health Advisory Program to incorporate information on other water quality issues (e.g., aquatic life concerns, fish contamination levels safe for human consumption, etc.)?

EPA has convened this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on how the current Health Advisory Program is working and how it can be improved. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above or other issues related to the Health Advisory Program in writing or during the May 21, 1996 meeting.

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Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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Science Advisory Board; Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis; for teleconference meetings, the number of available phone lines is limited. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below.