

required under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

| Burden statement/type of study | Studies/year | Resp./study | Ave. burden hours/resp. | Total annual respondent burden hours |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Water Pollution Studies | 2 | 3,262.5 | 6.10 | 39,802 |
| DMR-QA Studies (chemistry data) | 1 | 6,112 | 4.37 | 26,710 |
| DMR-QA Studies (toxicity data) | 1 | 300 | 66.2 | 19,860 |
| Water Supply Studies (chemistry data) | 2 | 2,202.5 | 7.87 | 34,667 |
| Water Supply Studies (micro. data) | 2 | 300 | 5.34 | 3,204 |
| Total | | | | 124,243 |

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: April 16, 1997.

T.A. Clark,

Acting Director, NERL, ORD.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-42192; FRL-5714-6]

Endocrine Disruptors; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the third meeting of the Endocrine Disruptors Screening and Testing Advisory Committee (EDSTAC), a committee

established under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to advise EPA on a strategy for screening chemicals and pesticides for their potential to disrupt endocrine function in humans and wildlife.

DATES: The meeting will begin on April 29 at 9 a.m. and adjourn April 30 at 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Cross Keys Inn, 5100 Fall Road, Baltimore, MD. The telephone number at the hotel is 410-532-6900. The fax number is 410-532-2403.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Dr. Anthony Maciorowski (telephone: 202-260-3048; e-mail:

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tim.gary@epamail.epa.gov) at EPA. To obtain additional information please contact the contractor assisting EPA with meeting facilitation and logistics: Ms. Tutti Otteson, The Keystone Center, P.O. Box 8606, Keystone, CO 80435; telephone: 970-468-5822; fax: 970-262-0152; e-mail: totteson@keystone.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances is taking the lead for the Agency on endocrine disruption screening and testing required by recent legislation (i.e., reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act and passage of the Food Quality Protection Act) and has formed an advisory committee (EDSTAC) to provide advice and counsel to the Agency on a strategy to screen and test endocrine disrupting

chemicals and pesticides in humans, fish and wildlife. The first EDSTAC meeting was held on December 12-13, 1996 (61 FR 60280, November 27, 1996)(FRL-5575-7) and the second meeting was held on February 5-6, 1997 (62 FR 3894, January 27, 1997) (FR-5585-2).

It is proposed that the agenda for this meeting includes the following topics:

Tuesday, April 29

1. Overview of Activities Since the Houston Meeting—Principles Work Group Report, Screening and Testing Work Group Report, Communication and Outreach Work Group Report, and the Priority Setting Work Group Report.

2. Opening Comments Clarifying the Charge to the EDSTAC and Perspective on Progress to Date—Dr. Lynn Goldman.

3. Opportunity for Full Committee Dialogue and Questions and Answers on Dr. Goldman's Clarifications to the EDSTAC Charge.

4. Presentation of Revised Draft Conceptual Framework Developed by the Principles Work Group.

5. Discuss and Attempt to Come to Consensus on the Definition of "Endocrine Disruption" that will be used by the EDSTAC.

6. Public Comment—Members of the public will be given an opportunity to comment on any aspect of the convening of the EDSTAC. The precise amount of time that will be given to each individual will depend on the number of people wishing to provide comment during this time period.

Wednesday, April 30

1. Discuss Implications of the EDSTAC Conceptual Framework to the

Priority Setting, Screening and Testing, and Communication and Outreach Work Groups; Develop Agreements on the Terms of Reference/Mission of these Work Groups.

2. Discuss and Agree Upon Overall Schedule for Completing the EDSTAC Charge, and Specific Next Steps in the EDSTAC Process.

Dated: April 22, 1997.

Lynn R. Goldman,

Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5819-1]

Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The theme of the next meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee is partnerships and members will hear presentations on Federal/State/Local partnerships from two panels, one presenting the experiences of Henrietta, Oklahoma and one presenting the experiences New Orleans, Louisiana. The Roles and Responsibilities and the Tools for Local Decision-Makers Subcommittees will meet in subcommittee sessions to continue work on their recommendations to the Agency.

From 3:00-3:15 p.m. on the 12th, the Committee will hear comments from the public. Each individual or organization wishing to address the Committee will be allowed three minutes. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the number listed below to schedule agenda time. Time will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to attend. Meeting minutes will be available after the meeting and can be obtained by written request from the DFO. Members of the public are requested to call the DFO at the number listed below if planning to attend so that arrangements can be made to comfortably accommodate attendees as much as possible. However, seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12th and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on the 13th.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree New Orleans Hotel

located at 300 Canal Street on May 12 and in the Riverwalk Aquarium Meeting Room on May 13.

Requests for Minutes and other information can be obtained by writing to 401 M Street, SW. (1502), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The DFO for this Committee is Denise Zabinski Ney. She is the point of contact for information concerning any Committee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 260-0419.

Dated: 24 April, 1997.

Denise Zabinski Ney,

Designated Federal Officer, Local Government Advisory Committee.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5818-3]

Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Municipal Waste Management

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of data availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In support of the Source Reduction and Recycling Initiative under the President's Climate Change Action Plan, EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Office of Economy and Environment are releasing for public review a draft contractor report estimating the greenhouse gas emissions and sinks associated with managing ten materials in municipal solid waste in a variety of ways. The ten materials examined are newspaper, office paper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum, steel, HDPE plastic, LDPE plastic, PET plastic, food scraps, and yard trimmings. Together, these materials constitute roughly 50 percent of the municipal solid waste stream. The municipal solid waste management strategies addressed are source reduction, recycling, composting, combustion, and landfilling.

The report employs a streamlined life cycle inventory methodology to calculate the greenhouse gas emissions and sinks associated with managing these materials in specific ways. This methodology includes assessments of the following: (1) Process and transportation greenhouse gas emissions from raw materials acquisition and manufacturing; (2) carbon storage in forests; (3) soil carbon storage; and (4) greenhouse gas emissions and emissions offsets associated with combustion and

landfilling. Greenhouse gas emissions estimates are made for each material and management strategy on the basis of metric tons of carbon equivalents per ton of material managed in a specific way.

Preliminary results indicate that municipal solid waste management strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are generally consistent with the municipal solid waste management hierarchy of preferred waste management methods. That is to say, source reduction yields the greatest reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, followed, in order, by recycling (including composting), and disposal (whether combustion or landfilling results in lower greenhouse gas emissions depends on the specific material).

The Agency is providing a 90-day comment period for this draft contractor report. Information on how to submit comments is provided below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-97-GGEA-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-97-GGEA-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file; please avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays. To review docket materials, the Agency recommends making an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. Persons may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any