

Thursday, May 7, 1998*Welcome and Status of Office Water Activities*

- 8:30 am—Welcome from the Water Environment Federation: Current Projects and Future Goals of the Laboratory Practices Committee—Laura Conrad, Occoquan Sewage Authority
- 8:45 am—Office of Water Activities—James Hanlon, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology
- 9:00 am—Analytical Activities Within EPA's Office of Science and Technology—William Telliard, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology

Cyanide

- 9:30 am—Analysis and Characterization of Cyanide in Contaminated Groundwater—Sharon Drop, Alcoa Technical Center
- 10:00 am—Break

Organics

- 10:15 am—Determination of 209 PCB Congeners in 14 Aroclors by HRGC/HRMS Using EPA Method 1668—Brian Fowler, Axys Analytical Services, Ltd.
- 10:45 am—Approaches to Chemical Fingerprinting of Fossil Fuel Residues in Tissues—Paul Boehm, Arthur D. Little, Inc.
- 11:15 am—Analysis of Humic and Fulvic Acids using Flow Field-Flow Fractionation as an Analytical Technique—Kathryn Healy, Iowa State University
- 11:45 am—Lunch

Sampling

- 1:00 pm—In-situ Sample Preparation for Radiochemical Analyses of Surface Water—Donna Beals, Westinghouse Savannah River Company

Microbiologicals

- 1:30 pm—Methods for Determination of Toxic and Non-toxic *Pfisteria* and *Pfisteria*-like Dinoflagellates—JoAnn Burkholder, North Carolina State University
- 2:00 pm—The Usefulness of the Microtox Test for Predicting Aquatic Community Protection—Donald Mount, ASci Corporation
- 2:30 pm—Validation of USEPA Method 1622: *Cryptosporidium* in Water by Filtration/IMS/FA—Jennifer Clancy, CEC
- 3:00 pm—Break
- 3:15 pm—Technical Transfer of a Protozoan Detection Method from Research to Standard Operating Procedure—Carrie Hancock, CH Diagnostic
- 3:45 pm—Methods for Detection of Viable and Infectious

Cryptosporidium parvum in Water—Ricardo DeLeon, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

- 4:15 pm—Food for Thought: New Methods for *Salmonella* Detection in Biosolids—Rick Danielson, BioVir Laboratories

Friday, May 8, 1998*Data Reporting*

- 8:30 am—Roll-out of DEEMS (Department of Energy Environmental Management Electronic Data Deliverable Master Specification)—Joan Fisk, U. S. EPA OERR and Joseph Solsky, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Detection/Quantitation

- 9:15 am—Routine QC Standards Used as a Guide to Conducting Detection Limit Studies—Larry Penfold, Quanterra, Inc.

Oil and Grease and TPH

- 9:45 am—Analytical Issues with the Determination of Oxygenates in the Environment—Ileana Rhodes, Shell Development Company
- 10:15 am—Break
- 10:30 am—Methods for the Analysis of Oil and Grease and Sources of Variability in their Application to Produced Waters from Oil and Gas Production Operations—Joe Raia, J.C. Raia Consulting Services
- 11:00 am—Alternate Methods for Infrared Analysis of Total Oil and Grease (TOG) in Effluent Water and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) in Soils—Paul Wilks, Wilks Enterprise, Inc.
- 11:30 am—Lunch

Great Lakes Initiative

- 12:45 pm—Toxics Monitoring for Modeling in Lake Michigan: A QA Manager's Perspective—Louis Blume, U.S. EPA Region V, Great Lakes National Program Office

Metals

- 1:15 pm—Evaluation of Techniques for Collection of Effluent Samples for Trace Metals Analysis—Kim Shaw, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
- 1:45 pm—Corrosion in Drinking Water Distribution Systems: A Major Source of Copper and Lead to Wastewaters and Effluents—Russell Isaac, Massachusetts DEP
- 2:15 pm—Uptake and Assimilation of Mercury and Methylmercury by Phytoplankton—Carl Watras, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- 2:45 pm—Break
- 3:00 pm—Analytical Issues Associated with Application of EPA's Proposed

1600 Series Trace Metals Methods to Pulp and Paper Effluents—Jeff Louch, NCASI

- 3:30 pm—Copper-Complexing Organic Ligands in the Chesapeake Bay Water Column and Sediment Porewaters: Effects on Copper Speciation and Implications of Their Sediment/Water Exchange—John Donat, Old Dominion University
- 4:00 pm—Lower MDLs and Better Accuracy for "Total Recoverable Metals" in Water Through the Use of Dilute HF/HNO₃ Digestion at 85° C in Sealed Teflon Bottles—Nicolas Bloom, Frontier Geosciences
- 4:30 pm—Closing Remarks—James Hanlon, Deputy Director, Office of Science and Technology

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Tudor T. Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; notification of Public Advisory CSI Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee meeting; open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notification is hereby given that the Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee of the Common Sense Initiative Council will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed with the announcement below.

Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee—April 14 and 15, 1998

Notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the CSI Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee to begin on Tuesday, April 14 with registration at 9:00 a.m. EST. On Wednesday, April 15, 1998, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. EST and end at 3:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria,

Virginia. The telephone number is (703) 548-6300.

Both days, April 14 and 15, will be devoted partly to breakout sessions for the three subcommittee workgroups (Reporting and Information Access; Overcoming Barriers to Pollution Prevention, Product Stewardship, and Recycling; and Integrated and Sustainable Alternative Strategies for Electronics) and partly to plenary sessions. Over the course of the two days, the Subcommittee will be discussing progress on a number of projects for environmental protection in the computers and electronics industry.

Projects that will be discussed include: BOLDER (Basic On-Line Disaster and Emergency Response), a project to integrate the BOLDER emergency response electronic reporting and information access system with the EPA "One Plan," and to implement a full-scale test of the system in Phoenix, AZ.; Beta-BOLDER, a project to test the transferability of the BOLDER system to less technologically advanced communities by pilot testing the system in at least one small city; Better BOLDER, a project to make the BOLDER facility emergency response plan information accessible to the public in a useful context, using both the Internet and other means; CURE (Consolidated Uniform Report for the Environment), a project to develop and test in Texas a system for submitting environmental information required by multiple statutes on a single form, and to make that form electronic; Voluntary Program for Life Cycle Management of Electronic Products/State Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue, a project to develop a challenge program with incentives to marshal industry's interest and capacity to preserve resources and promote recycling, building on current state programs; SPECIE (Superior Performance for the Environment through Community Involvement and Engagement), a project to develop a printed resource guide to strengthen community collaboration in projects requiring input from multiple stakeholders by providing tools to assist stakeholders to develop cooperative and constructive approaches to addressing environmental issues in their communities; Evaluation of Models and Development of Best Practices for Electronic Equipment Recovery/San Francisco Recycling Pilot, a project to compile and examine data from pilot collection projects, including one in San Francisco, identify data gaps, and

provide an umbrella report to communities and the recycling industry; Green Track, a project to develop a program that offers regulatory flexibility or other incentives to encourage facilities to improve environmental performance beyond current regulatory requirements; Definition of "Legitimate Recycling;" a project to seek consensus-based decisions on the recycling of computer parts, and define certain electronics-related activities that the sector would recommend EPA exempt from existing solid waste regulation.

Opportunity for public comment on major issues under discussion will be provided at intervals throughout the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John J. Bowser, Acting DFO, U.S. EPA on (202) 260-1771, by fax on (202) 260-1096, by e-mail at bowser.john@epamail.epa.gov., or by mail at U.S. EPA (MC 7405), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460; Mark Mahoney, U.S. EPA Region 1 on (617) 565-1155; or David Jones, U.S. EPA Region 9 on (415) 744-2266.

Inspection of Subcommittee Documents

Documents relating to the above Sector Subcommittee announcement will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with the official minutes for the meeting, will be available for public inspection in room 2821M of EPA Headquarters, Common Sense Initiative Staff, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone number 202-260-7417. Common Sense Initiative information can be accessed electronically on our web site at <http://www.epa.gov/commonsense>.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

Kathleen Bailey,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Effluent Guidelines Task Force Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Effluent Guidelines Task Force, an EPA advisory committee, will

hold a meeting to discuss the Agency's Effluent Guidelines Program. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, May 21, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Best Western Key Bridge, 1850 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Randolph, Office of Water (4303), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-5373; fax (202) 260-7185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Environmental Protection Agency gives notice of a meeting of the Effluent Guidelines Task Force (EGTF). The EGTF is a committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT), the external policy advisory board to the Administrator of EPA.

The EGTF was established in July of 1992 to advise EPA on the Effluent Guidelines Program, which develops regulations for dischargers of industrial wastewater pursuant to Title III of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*). The Task Force consists of members appointed by EPA from industry, citizen groups, state and local government, the academic and scientific communities, and EPA regional offices. The Task Force was created to offer advice to the Administrator on the long-term strategy for the effluent guidelines program, and particularly to provide recommendations on a process for expediting the promulgation of effluent guidelines. The Task Force generally does not discuss specific effluent guideline regulations currently under development.

The meeting is open to the public, and limited seating for the public is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The public may submit written comments to the Task Force regarding improvements to the Effluent Guidelines program. Comments should be sent to Beverly Randolph at the above address. Comments submitted by May 13, 1998 will be considered by the Task Force at or subsequent to the meeting.

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Tudor T. Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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