

m. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2-A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

February 9, 2001.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record

communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(91)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. Project No. 1962; 2-7-01; Nicholas Jayjack and Chuck Hall
2. CP01-31-000; 2-7-01; David Swearingen, FERC
3. Project No. 137; 2-5-01; Glen Caruso
5. Project No. 137; 2-7-01; Glen Caruso
6. Project No. 137; 2-5-01; Glen Caruso
7. Project No. 137; 2-5-01; Chuck Whatford
8. Project No. 137; 2-5-01; Chuck Whatford
9. Project No. 137; 2-5-01; Frank Winchell, FERC
10. Project No. 137; 2-5-01; Frank Winchell, FERC
11. Project No. 137; 2-5-01; Shelly Davis-King
12. Project No. 137; 2-5-01; Shelly Davis-King

13. Project Nos. 2777, 2061, 1975; 2-5-01; Mark Druss
14. Project Nos. 2777, 2061, 1975; 2-5-01; Susan Pengilly Neitzel
15. Project Nos. 2777, 2061, 1975; 2-5-01; Mark Druss
16. Project Nos. 2777, 2061, 1975; 2-5-01; Lorraine S. Gross
17. Project Nos. 2777, 2061, 1975; 2-5-01; Mark Druss
18. Project Nos. 2777, 2061, 1975; 2-5-01; Mark Druss
19. Project Nos. 2777, 2061, 1975; 2-5-01; Mark Druss
20. Project Nos. 2777, 2061, 1975; 2-5-01; Carol Gleichman
21. CP01-12-000; 2-2-01; Juan Polit, FERC

Prohibited

1. RP00-332-000; 2-5-01; Mark Lewis

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Three Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of three meetings of the Joint Subcommittee on Industrial Ecology and Environmental Systems Management of the US EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC). First, the Subcommittee will meet by conference call from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday March 1, 2001. From March 21 to 23, the Subcommittee will meet face-to-face in conference room 130/138 of the National Risk Management Research Laboratory at the Environmental Protection Agency's Andrew W. Breidenback Environmental Research Facility, 26 West Martin Luther King Boulevard, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Subcommittee will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday March 21 and adjourn no later than 3 p.m. Friday March 23. The Subcommittee may begin earlier and end later otherwise as needed for the work. Finally, on Wednesday April 18 the Subcommittee will meet by conference call from 1-3 p.m.

Both conference call meetings will be coordinated through a conference call connection in room 6450C Ariel Rios North (6th Floor), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, DC. The

public is strongly encouraged to attend the meeting through a telephonic link, but may attend physically if arrangements are made in advance with the SAB staff. In both cases, arrangements should be made with the SAB staff by noon the Wednesday *before* the meeting. Staff may not be able to accommodate the presence of people who appear in person without advance notice. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference calls can be obtained by calling Ms. Mary Winston, Management Assistant, at (202) 564-4538, and via e-mail at: winston.mary@epa.gov.

All times noted are Eastern Standard Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB activities are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

Purpose of the Meetings

1. The purpose of the March 1, 2001 conference call meeting is to allow the Subcommittee and the Agency to complete preparations for the face-to-face meeting on March 21–23, 2001.

2. At the March 21–23, 2001 meeting, the Committee will conduct a consultation on environmental systems management research at EPA and prepare a commentary on industrial ecology.

A “consultation” is a means of conferring, as a group of knowledgeable individuals, in public session with the Agency on a technical matter, before the Agency has begun substantive work on that issue. The goal is to leaven EPA’s thinking by brainstorming a variety of approaches to the problem very early in the development process. There is no attempt or intent to express an SAB consensus or to generate a formal SAB position. The Board, via a brief letter, simply notifies the Administrator that a Consultation has taken place.

The Subcommittee will prepare by individually selecting and reading documents that provide background information on the direction and focus of EPA’s programs and those being conducted by or under the sponsorship of other government agencies, corporations, and Non governmental organizations (NGOs). The purpose of this preparation is to understand the context for the Environmental Systems Management research program.

Also, the Subcommittee will review a *short* document prepared by the Agency

which describes the direction, scope, and focus of EPA’s current and planned research and expertise in the areas that comprise Environmental Systems Management. Information in the document may be supplemented by briefings, Q&A and discussion with the Subcommittee and relevant ORD staff.

This is the tentative charge for this consultation. The Subcommittee will not attempt to develop a consensus. Individual members will comment on:

(a) the *completeness* of EPA’s existing and planned research programs in Environmental Systems Management;

(b) whether scope, direction, and focus draw on EPA strengths and support EPA’s mission;

(c) whether the Agency’s assembled expertise is sufficient to address the multi-disciplinary nature of this type of research;

(d) the *appropriateness* of the EPA program given its strengths and weaknesses;

(e) whether there is a sound scientific basis for the program;

(f) overlaps with programs of other agencies, corporations, and NGOs

(g) the advisability of better coordination among different groups;

(h) the forms such coordination might take; and

(i) the adequacy of the planned budget.

While no written report will be prepared of the Subcommittee’s thoughts, individual members will be encouraged to provide their comments in writing to the DFO who will include these with the minutes of the meeting.

A “commentary” is a short communication that provides unsolicited SAB advice about a technical issue the Board feels should be drawn to the Administrator’s attention. The tentative charge for this commentary is:

(a) The Commentary will provide an overview of Industrial Ecology, including, for reference, a brief summary of activities at EPA.

(b) The Commentary will address how Industrial Ecology is consistent with, and complementary to, the single-pollutant, risk-based approach to environmental management.

(c) The Commentary will address the implications of industrial ecology for environmental policy, including identification of potential applications at EPA.

(d) The Commentary will address the kinds of research that would strengthen the scientific foundation of Industrial Ecology and provide a robust framework for application to environmental policy.

3. The Subcommittee will meet by conference call on April 18, 2001 from

1–3 p.m. to complete any remaining business from the March 21–23, 2001 meeting.

Availability of Materials—Copies of the brief descriptive material prepared by the Agency for the Environmental Systems Management Research consultation can be obtained after February 20, 2001 from Ms. Amy Fox, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, MS-498, Cincinnati, OH 45268. Ms. Fox may be reached by telephone at (513) 569-7079; fax (513) 487-2511, and by email at fox.amy@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (10 minutes or less) must contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4559; fax (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at conway.kathleen@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. Kathleen White no later than noon Eastern Standard Time on the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. **Written Comments:** Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration.

Comments should be supplied to Ms. White at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information—Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY2000 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Ms. White at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: February 7, 2001.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of a Stakeholder Meeting on Draft Information Strategy for the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of a stakeholder meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting to obtain stakeholder input on issues, options and directions affecting the future of the national drinking water and source water information systems and related activities supporting the protection of public health.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the draft Information Strategy will be held on March 8-9, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Resolve, Inc. (an EPA contractor) will provide logistical support for the stakeholders meeting. The meeting will be held at Resolve, Inc., 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, D.C. 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting, please contact Mr. Jeff Citrin at Resolve, Inc., 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, D.C. 20037; phone: (202) 965-6388; fax: (202) 338-1264, or e-mail at jcitrin@resolv.org. For other information on the Information Strategy, please contact Jeffrey Bryan, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Phone: (202) 260-4934, Fax: (202) 401-3041, E-mail: bryan.jeffrey@epa.gov. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting Mr. Jeff Citrin by Feb. 20. Those registered by Feb. 20 will receive background materials prior to the meeting. There will be a limited number of teleconference lines available for those who are unable to attend in person. Information about how to access these lines will accompany the pre-meeting materials that will be mailed out to those who register.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background on the Draft Information Strategy and Request for Input

Information is critical to the management of national programs and shapes responses to rapidly changing events in the public health arena. Sound science and the best available data are the foundation of decisions that the EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) make to protect public health and the environment. Information technology has improved, and the process for developing drinking water standards has changed significantly since OGWDW developed its most recent Information Strategic Plan in 1992. EPA must implement a strategy that responds to new technology and regulatory needs, maximizes efficiency and minimizes cost of data transactions, meets national water program needs, and links efficiently to relevant data sources. The strategy must be business-driven, incorporating the needs of stakeholders both inside and outside of EPA.

EPA encourages public input into questions that will allow OGWDW to make more informed decisions regarding its information systems and processes. Once implemented, the strategy will help OGWDW to better focus on essential business data, minimize reporting burden, obtain early involvement in information requirements for regulators, streamline the federal Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS-FED) to reduce reporting errors, continue to support the state Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS-STATE), and provide an information framework

for source water protection. Questions for discussion include:

1. How will OGWDW ensure that it has the data it needs to implement its programs, address gaps (e.g., source water protection and underground injection control), and coordinate with other EPA programs?

2. What essential data does the primary enforcement authority need to track?

3. How should EPA obtain parametric (sampling) drinking water data to address future information requirements?

4. What changes should EPA make to minimize reporting burden for existing and upcoming rules?

5. What improvements to SDWIS should EPA make to allow for easier data entry by states?

6. How can OGWDW improve the performance of its information systems, given that any improvements would require states to make near-term adjustments to achieve long-term reporting benefits?

7. What steps should EPA take to improve data quality?

8. EPA primarily uses data for program tracking, policy development, rulemaking and enforcement, and public access. Are there other priority uses EPA should consider?

9. How will public access to drinking water data be improved?

10. What steps should be taken to make OGWDW information systems more economically efficient?

The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above or other issues related to the draft Information Strategy during the March 8-9, 2001 meeting.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Cynthia Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Meeting of the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) will meet on March 1-2, 2001 in Seattle, WA. At this meeting members of the SCAS's Resolution Session Team will