

which EPA works cooperatively with the States, Territories, and authorized Tribes to restore those waters that do not achieve the clean water goals—water quality standards—set for them by the States.

The July 2000 rule generated considerable controversy. Particularly, there was concern that EPA's estimate of the cost of the July 2000 rule (i.e., \$22.8 million per year, as described in the accompanying economic analysis) was unrealistic, and significantly underestimated the full cost of the TMDL program.

In response to these and other concerns, Congress directed EPA to conduct a more comprehensive assessment of the costs of developing and implementing TMDLs and report those findings to the Appropriations Committees. This comprehensive assessment includes the cost of monitoring impaired waters, developing TMDLs for the listed waters and implementing the TMDLs. These costs are based on both the existing program as well as the requirements of the July 2000 rule, which is not effective yet. The directive was contained in the Conference Report #106-988 describing the VA/HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2001. In response, EPA has prepared a draft report which is the subject of today's notice.

## B. Key Findings

EPA's draft report estimates the total national cost to develop TMDLs and then compares the estimated cost to actual costs experienced by States and EPA to date. The report also estimates the costs to pollutant sources of implementing TMDLs to restore impaired waters under various scenarios. In addition, the report addresses economic analysis issues raised by the Comptroller General. The Comptroller General's comments can be found on the Internet at <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO/RCED-00-206R>.

Key findings of the report include:

1. The costs to pollutant sources for implementing the TMDL program are expected to be between approximately \$1 billion and \$3.4 billion per year but might be higher or lower depending on the extent to which States choose to allocate more of the reductions to sources with lower control costs versus equal percentage reductions to sources regardless of costs.

The report examines costs under three potential scenarios: (1) A "least flexible" scenario which describes a uniform and inflexible approach for allocating point and nonpoint source

pollutant loads, (2) a "moderately cost-effective" scenario under which pollutant load reductions are targeted to the appropriate point and nonpoint sources and (3) a "more cost-effective" scenario, under which a State could minimize costs by assigning most of the pollutant load reductions to sources that have relatively low costs for achieving these reductions. Under the "more cost-effective" scenario, the cost of measures to implement TMDLs for impaired waters now identified by States is estimated to be between \$900 million and \$3.2 billion per year. Under the "moderately cost-effective" scenario, costs would be expected to be between \$1 billion and \$3.4 billion per year. Under the "least flexible" scenario, costs might be as high as \$4.3 billion per year.

2. The average costs of developing TMDLs is estimated to be between \$63 million and \$69 million per year nationwide over the next 15 years.

This estimate is based on the 36,000 TMDLs that will need to be developed for the various pollutants in the over 20,000 waterbodies identified as impaired. The average cost of developing an individual TMDL is estimated to be about \$50,000, with a range of costs between \$26,000 and over \$500,000. The costs of TMDL development cited in this report are based on requirements of the existing TMDL program as well as new provisions added in July 2000, but not yet in effect. The costs of the additional requirements associated with the July 2000 regulations represent less than 10% of the total TMDL development cost estimated in this report.

3. The cost of water quality monitoring to support the development of TMDLs is expected to be approximately \$17 million per year.

This is a preliminary national estimate of additional monitoring needed to support TMDL development and implementation from a limited survey of State experiences to date.

## C. Request for Comments

EPA is requesting comments on all aspects of this draft report and the support documents. Please submit an original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references). To ensure that EPA can read, understand, and therefore properly respond to comments, the Agency would prefer that comments cite, where possible, the sections in the draft report or supporting documents to which each comment refers. Commenters should use a separate paragraph for each issue discussed.

Electronic comments must be submitted as a WordPerfect 5.1, WP6.1 or WP8 file or as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WP 5.1, WP6.1 or WP8, or ASCII file format. Electronic comments on this Notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No facsimiles (faxes) or submissions in other electronic formats (e.g., Word, pdf, Excel) will be accepted.

The information received in response to this notice will be filed under docket number W-00-31-II, and includes referenced documents as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. The record is available for inspection from 9 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at the Water Docket, EB57, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 401 M St. SW., Washington, DC. For access to docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027 to schedule an appointment.

Dated: August 2, 2001.

**Diane C. Regas,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**DATE & TIME:** Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be closed to the public.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE&TIME:** Thursday, August 16, 2001; Meeting open to the public.

This meeting has been cancelled.

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:**

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,  
Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 66 FR 35242.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:** 10 a.m.—August 15, 2001.

**CHANGE IN THE MEETING:**

Removal of item in the OPEN portion of the meeting.

Item 1—Ocean Shipping Reform Act Impact Study; Docket No. 01-01—The Impact of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary, (202) 523-5725.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**

*Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., Monday August 13, 2001.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:***Discussion Agenda*

1. Proposed 2002—2003 Federal Reserve Board budget objective.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**Note:** This meeting will be recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend. Cassettes will be available for listening in the Board's Freedom of Information Office, and copies may be ordered for \$6 per cassette by calling 202-452-3684 or by writing to: Freedom of Information Office, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Michelle A. Smith, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 for a recorded announcement of this meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement. (The Web site also includes procedural and other information about the open meeting.)

Dated: August 6, 2001.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Office of the Secretary****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health; Supplemental Community Survey—NEW—The Office of Women's Health (OWH) is currently conducting a study of patient satisfaction and service utilization to assess the National Centers of Excellence (CoE) in Women's Health program. This proposed collection of information would survey women in three communities with a CoE, to compare the data with CoE patient data and national benchmark data. The information will be used to enhance the analysis of the CoE study. Respondents: Individuals; Number of Respondents: 600; Frequency of Response: one-time; Burden per Response: 15 minutes; Total Burden: 150 hours.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Allison Herron Eydt.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 18, 2001.

**Kerry Weems,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease: Notice of Charter Renewal**

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, of the Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period extending through July 28, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Spengler, Sc.D., Executive Secretary, Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S E-28, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/498-0003 or fax 404/498-0081.

The Director, Management and Analysis and Services office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

**Carolyn J. Russell,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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