

Connors in the Office of External Affairs  
at [carol.connors@ferc.gov](mailto:carol.connors@ferc.gov).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 02-7199 Filed 3-25-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7163-8]

### Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Announcement of conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Science and Technology and Battelle, co-sponsors, will hold the "25th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment" to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement. The conference is open to the public.

**DATES:** The annual conference will be held on May 7-9, 2002. On May 7, 2002, the conference will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. A workshop on "Surviving a Laboratory Audit" will be presented from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

On May 8, 2002, the conference will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 4:15 p.m. On May 9, 2002, the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The conference will be held at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, Virginia, 23510.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Conference and workshop arrangements are being conducted by Battelle. For information on registration, hotel rates, transportation, social events, and reservations call Andrea Grew, Battelle, at (781) 952-5290 or by facsimile at (781) 934-2124.

If you need special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, you should contact Andrea Grew, Battelle, at least five business days prior to the meeting so that we can make appropriate arrangements. If you have technical questions regarding the conference or workshop programs, please contact Marion Kelly, e-mail: [kelly.marion@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.marion@epa.gov), (202) 566-1045 or by facsimile at (202) 566-1053.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The "25th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment" is designed to bring together representatives of regulated industries, commercial environmental laboratories, State and Federal regulators, municipal

water and wastewater laboratories, and environmental consultants and contractors to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement with a particular focus on environmental water regulations, compliance monitoring, and related issues.

The draft program agenda for the conference follows:

#### Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Welcome and Status of Office of Water Activities

8:45 a.m. Welcome—Robert G. Beimer, Battelle

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks—William Telliard, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division

9:15 a.m. Office of Water Activities—James Hanlon, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Water, Field Techniques

9:45 a.m. Comparison of Field Collection Techniques and Filtration Procedures for Determination of Chlorophyll in Ambient Waters—R.E. Stewart, D.H. Smith, and T.Y. Du, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

10:15 a.m. Break

#### Bacteriological Tracking

10:30 a.m. Microbial Source Tracking: Principles and Practice—Mansour Samadpour, University of Washington

11:00 a.m. Source Tracking of Bacteria: A Case Study—Ward Staubitz, U.S. Geological Survey Site Investigation

11:30 a.m. The Destruction of the World Trade Center and PCBs, PBDEs, PCDD/Fs, PBDD/Fs, and Chlorinated Biphenylenes in Water, Sediment, and Sewage Sludge—Simon Litten, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; D. McChesney, U.S. EPA Region II; and Brian Fowler and M.C. Hamilton, Axys Analytical Services

12:00 Noon—Lunch

#### Workshop

1:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Surviving a Laboratory Audit—U.S. EPA Staff: Nancy Wentworth, Office of Research and Development, Quality Assurance Division; Joseph Slayton, U.S. EPA Region III, Environmental Science Center; U.S. EPA Drinking Water Representative; Steve Baker, State of Arizona

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### Wednesday, May 8, 2002

##### Organics Analysis

8:45 a.m. Determination of the Congener Distribution in Aroclors to the Sub-ppm Level—Coreen Hamilton, Katherine Kaye, and Brian Fowler, Axys Analytical Services

9:15 a.m. Application of Aroclor Toxicity Equivalents to Historic Aroclor Data and to Non-detects—Andy Beliveau, U.S. EPA Region I

9:45 a.m. Navigating EPA's Alternate Test Procedure for Development of an Alternate Chlorophenolics Procedure: Process and Results—Diana Cook, Glenn Wilson, and Michelle Wrabel, National Council for Air and Stream Improvement

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers: An Emerging Environmental Problem—Mehran Alaei, Canadian Center for Inland Waters

10:45 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers by Gas Chromatography with an Electron Capture Detector—Robert Rieck, U.S. EPA Region X, Manchester Laboratory

11:15 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers by HRGC/HRMS—Coreen Hamilton, Brian Fowler, and Louis Haviland, Axys Analytical Services

11:45 a.m. Lunch

##### Sample Preservation and Holding Times

1:00 p.m. Study Supporting Extension of the Unpreserved Mercury Holding Time to 28 Days—Mark Bruce, Scott Irwin, and Patrick O'Meara, Severn Trent Laboratory, Canton, Ohio

1:30 p.m. Effect of Freezing on Concentrations of Classical Pollutants—Khouane Dithavong, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division

2:00 p.m. Effect of Starting Temperature, Ice Placement, and Other Variables on Length of Time that Samples Remain Below 4 °C in a Picnic Cooler—William Telliard, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division

2:30 p.m. Break

##### Metals Analysis

2:45 p.m. Determination of Arsenic Species in Fish and Their Impact on Fish Advisories—Eric Creclius, Margaret O'Neill, and Tim Fortman, Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory

3:15 p.m. Results of the Interlaboratory Validation of EPA Method 245.7: Mercury in Water by Cold-vapor Atomic Fluorescence—

Maria Gomez-Taylor, U.S. EPA  
Office of Science & Technology,  
Engineering and Analysis Division

#### Bioassay

3:45 p.m. Comparison of Results of  
Determination of Dioxin-like  
Toxicity by Cell-line Bioassays and  
HRGC/HRMS—Harry McCarty,  
DynCorp Information & Enterprise  
Technology, Inc.  
4:15 p.m. Adjourn  
5:30 p.m. Conference Reception

#### Thursday, May 9, 2002

#### Whole Effluent Toxicity

8:30 a.m. Grading on a Curve: How  
to Use Laboratory Control Charts  
and Other QA/QC Data to Interpret  
Toxicity Test Results—Tim Moore,  
Risk Sciences; and Jim Pletl,  
Hampton Roads Sanitation District

#### Microbiological Methods

9:00 a.m. Interlaboratory Validation  
of EPA Method 1605 for *Aeromonas*  
in Water—Misty Pope, Ken Miller,  
Kevin Connell, Jessica Pulz, Chris  
Maynard, Ben Meadows, and Kyle  
May, DynCorp Information &  
Enterprise Technology, Inc.; and  
Mary Ann Feige, U.S. EPA Office of  
Ground Water and Drinking Water  
Technical Support Center,  
Cincinnati  
9:30 a.m. Are Current  
Microbiological Method Holding  
Times Meaningful? An Assessment  
of the Stability of Multiple  
Pathogens in Wastewater at  
Multiple Times and  
Temperatures—Robin Oshiro, U.S.  
EPA Office of Science and

Technology, Engineering and  
Analysis Division; and Misty Pope,  
Kevin Connell, Jessica Pulz, Ken  
Miller, and Yildiz Chambers,  
DynCorp Information & Enterprise  
Technology, Inc.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Special Session:  
Demonstration of *E. coli* and  
Enterococci Methods Proposed by  
EPA for Use in Recreational Water  
Monitoring—Robin Oshiro, U.S.  
EPA Office of Science and  
Technology, Engineering and  
Analysis Division  
12:00 Noon—Adjourn

Dated: March 19, 2002.

**Geoffrey H. Grubbs,**

*Director, Office of Science and Technology.*

[FR Doc. 02-7225 Filed 3-25-02; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6560-50-P**

#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency  
Management Agency, as part of its  
continuing effort to reduce paperwork  
and respondent burden, invites the  
general public and other Federal  
agencies to take this opportunity to  
comment on proposed continuing  
information collections. In accordance  
with the Paperwork Reduction Act of  
1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this

notice seeks comments concerning the  
U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire  
Academy Long-term Course Evaluation  
Forms.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The data  
collection from the long-term evaluation  
forms—one for students and one for the  
student's supervisor—will obtain course  
specific feedback regarding the impact  
of course content on job performance.  
This data is needed to improve  
instructional delivery and curriculum  
design. Demographic data are needed to  
identify differentials in course impact.  
The information collection also  
supports the Government Performance  
and Results Act.

#### Collection of Information

**Title:** National Fire Academy Long-  
term Evaluation Form for Supervisors,  
National Fire Academy Long-term  
Evaluation Form for Students.

**Type of Information Collection:**  
Renewal of existing collection in use  
with OMB approval.

**OMB Number:** 3067-0260.

**Form Numbers:** Form F-8872-NETC;  
F-8873-NETC.

**Abstract:** The National Fire  
Academy's long-term evaluation  
forms—one for students and one for the  
student's supervisor—will obtain course  
specific feedback regarding impact of  
course content on job performance. The  
information is needed to improve  
instruction and content. Demographic  
data are needed to identify differentials  
in course impact.

**Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden  
Hours:** 375.

FEMA Forms	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per re- sponse (C)	Annual burden hours (A × B × C)
Student .....	750	1	.33	247.50
Superv .....	750	1	.17	127.50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,500</b>	.....	.....	<b>375</b>

**Estimated Cost:** \$105,000.

**Comments:** Written comments are  
solicited to (a) evaluate whether the  
proposed data collection is necessary for  
the proper performance of the agency,  
including whether the information shall  
have practical utility; (b) 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;  
(c) enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected; and (d) 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. Comments should be  
received within 60 days of the date of  
this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should  
submit written comments to Muriel B.  
Anderson, Chief, Records Management  
Section, Program Services and Systems  
Branch, Facilities and Services

Management Division, Administration  
and Resource Planning Directorate,  
Federal Emergency Management  
Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316,  
Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms.  
Terry Gladhill, Program Analyst,  
National Fire Academy, (301) 447-1239  
for additional information. You may  
contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the  
proposed collection of information at  
telephone number (202) 646-2625 or  
facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-  
mail [muriel.Anderson@fema.gov](mailto:muriel.Anderson@fema.gov).