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*Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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### **Notice of Public Meeting on the National Performance Measures Strategy for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting to solicit suggestions for innovative, supplemental measures of enforcement and compliance assurance program performance; develop a common understanding with partners and stakeholders about a set of national measures and the steps necessary to implement them (based on the state of national compliance); and discuss how to carry out an implementation plan to put the new set of measures into practice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a public meeting on Monday, February 3, 1997, in Washington, D.C., which will be devoted to the National Performance Measures Strategy for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. The focus of the meeting will be to hear presentations and statements from a cross-section of stakeholders about innovative approaches to measuring enforcement and compliance assurance program performance.

**DATES:** The meeting date will take place on Monday, February 3, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place on Monday, February 3, 1997, at the Holiday Inn Historic District Alexandria, 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314 (703-548-6300).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James McDonald, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Compliance, 401 M Street, S.W. (2201A), Washington, D.C., 20460; telephone (202) 564-4043, fax (202) 501-0701.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

For many years, EPA has counted annual enforcement outputs (e.g., inspections conducted, number of civil and criminal cases, penalties assessed) as the predominant measure of performance for the enforcement and compliance assurance program. While these outputs will continue to be used as an important measure of environmental enforcement, EPA seeks additional measures to assess the status and trends of regulatory compliance, as well as environmental improvements resulting from enforcement and compliance assurance activities. This need was recognized during the enforcement reorganization in 1993, and a commitment was made during that process to develop additional measures. In addition, the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) offer an opportunity to review and improve performance measures.

For almost three years, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) has been taking steps to improve its performance measures for enforcement and compliance assurance activities. During that time, OECA: (1) convened a Measures of Success Work Group comprised of EPA and Regional officials, (2) developed and implemented a Case Conclusion Data Sheet (CCDS) to gather new types of information about completed cases, (3) developed and implemented a reporting measure for compliance assistance activities, and (4) realigned single-media data bases to enable reporting of enforcement data by industry sector.

Through these steps, OECA has made progress in developing an enhanced set of performance measures. Specifically, OECA is now able to supplement traditional enforcement output measures with other measures, including: (1) actions taken by violators to return to compliance, (2) quantitative environmental impact and qualitative environmental benefit of those actions, (3) types, amounts, and impact of compliance assistance activities, and (4) industry-specific compliance rates. These elements were fully operational together for the first time in FY 96, and the results of these efforts are being compiled in a national accomplishments report. However, OECA recognizes further improvements can, and should, be made with regard to reporting the state of national compliance and trends of environmental enforcement and compliance.

The purpose of this notice is to reach out for new ideas from EPA's regulatory

partners (i.e., State, Tribal, and Local governments) and interested stakeholders. As described below, EPA plans to initiate this effort with a national meeting.

#### **II. The National Performance Measures Strategy**

The purpose of the National Performance Measures Strategy is to develop and implement an enhanced set of performance measures for the enforcement and compliance assurance program. The Strategy includes: (1) soliciting new ideas from regulatory partners and stakeholders for more meaningful and sophisticated measures of program performance, (2) developing a common understanding with regulatory partners and stakeholders about a set of national measures and the short- and long-term steps necessary to implement them, and (3) carrying out an implementation plan to put the new set of measures into practice.

The Strategy includes the following elements:

1. Conduct dialogue with regulatory partners, including senior EPA Headquarters and Regional managers, State officials, and a Department of Justice representative, to assist with implementation of the Strategy
2. Hold initial public meetings to present objectives of the Strategy and key measurement issues and hear presentations and statements from a cross-section of stakeholders (by March 1, 1997)
3. Meet with sets of stakeholders during FY 97 to discuss ideas and proposals for improved measures and/or conduct meetings of mixed stakeholders in various locations (between March and June 1997)
4. Meet with other Federal regulatory and law enforcement agencies to learn about new performance measurement approaches being used in enforcement and compliance programs (between March and June 1997)
5. Hold a "capstone" conference with a cross-section of stakeholders at the end of the outreach process to identify common understandings, areas of agreement, and unresolved issues (by mid-September 1997)
6. Develop a report of findings and an implementation plan with a schedule (by October 1, 1997)
7. Implement new ideas and approaches in accordance with the schedule.

#### **III. Agenda/Focus Topics for Public Meeting**

EPA is interested in hearing and considering ideas from regulatory partners and a wide range of

stakeholders regarding the state of compliance and additional ways to measure the performance of EPA's enforcement and compliance assurance program. EPA accepts the idea that its current approach of counting annual enforcement outputs needs to be supplemented by other approaches that measure improvements in environmental quality and the state of compliance. As such, the Agency wants to focus the outreach effort on identifying and implementing new approaches rather than on the limitations of its current approach.

Stakeholders and regulatory partners are asked to focus on the following issues of special interest to EPA:

1. What innovative approaches are being used (or could be used) by other environmental agencies, other regulatory agencies, and law enforcement agencies to measure the effects of their enforcement and compliance assurance programs?

2. What innovative approaches are being used by regulated facilities, companies, or trade groups and associations to measure the effect of their efforts to achieve and maintain compliance and protect the environment?

3. What can EPA use to measure the impact of its enforcement and compliance assurance program in low-income/ minority population communities?

4. How can EPA measure industry performance in complying with environmental laws and regulations?

5. How can EPA measure the deterrent effect of its enforcement-related activities, including conducting inspections, taking enforcement actions, and publicizing those actions?

6. How can EPA measure the impact of compliance assistance activities and compliance incentives, such as its audit and self-disclosure policy?

#### IV. Information for Participants

Stakeholders and Tribal, State, and Local entities are encouraged to offer ideas and proposals through submission of written comments, participation in the public meeting organized by EPA, or both. Persons interested in speaking, presenting information, or otherwise expressing comments at this meeting should send or fax their name, affiliation, phone number, topic, and a brief statement describing their presentation to Michelle Angelich, Science Applications International Corporation, 1710 Goodridge Drive, MS 1-11-8, McLean, Virginia, 22102; telephone 703-821-4432, fax 703-903-1373 by January 24, 1997. Persons wishing to submit pre-filed testimony

may also send or fax such material to Ms. Angelich. Speakers will be notified of their time slots or panel assignments once the final format is determined. This meeting will be open to the public as space permits, and a transcript of the proceedings will be prepared.

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Steven A. Herman,  
*Assistant Administrator, Office of  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.*  
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##### **Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Human Exposure and Health Subcommittee (HEHS) of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Integrated Risk Project will hold a public teleconference on Wednesday, January 29, 1997, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The teleconference will be hosted in the SAB Conference Room 2103 of the Mall, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building at 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. For easy access, members of the public should use the EPA entrance next to the Safeway.

Purpose of the Meeting—The main purpose of the meeting is plan future directions and activities for the Subcommittee, particularly on the topic of the feasibility of producing a ranking of human health risks. The Subcommittee's activities are part of an SAB project to update the 1990 SAB report, *Reducing Risk: Setting Priorities and Strategies for Environmental Protection*.

A limited number of telephone lines will be available for use by members of the public.

For Further Information—Members of the public desiring additional information concerning the teleconference or who wish to submit comments should contact Mr. Samuel Rondberg, Designated Federal Officer for the HEHS, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202)260-2559; by fax at (202) 260-7118 or via the INTERNET at: rondberg.sam@epamail.epa.gov. After January 16, 1996, copies of the draft meeting agenda will be available from Ms. Mary Winston at (202) 260-8414, by fax at (202) 260-7118, and by INTERNET at: winston.mary@epamail.epa.gov.

Information regarding how to access the teleconference is available by contacting Ms. Winston at the above numbers.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact Mr. Rondberg in writing by letter, by fax, or by INTERNET (at INTERNET address above) no later than 12 noon (Eastern Standard Time) Thursday, January 23, 1997, in order to be included on the Agenda. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. Oral comments will be limited to five minutes per person.

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Donald G. Barnes,  
*Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.*  
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##### **Notice of Proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a proposed prospective purchaser agreement associated with the MRM Superfund Site, located in Sikeston, Missouri, was executed by the Agency on November 26, 1996, and concurred upon by the United States Department of Justice on November 18, 1996. This agreement is subject to final approval after the comment period. The Prospective Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential EPA claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1996 ("CERCLA"), against North Ridge Homes, Inc., the prospective purchaser ("the purchaser").

The settlement would require the purchaser to pay the EPA the sum of \$20,000, within thirty days after the date upon which Settling Respondent acquires title to the Property. The purchaser must record a deed restriction prohibiting use of the Property for residential purposes or for any purpose that could reasonably be expected to attract children, including, but not