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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks—Jim Makris (8:30–9:00).
- II. Electronic Submission Workgroup Discussion of Issues (9:00–11:45).
- III. Comments from the public on Electronic Submission (11:45–12:00) Lunch on your own (12:00–1:30).
- IV. How to expand public outreach and understanding in the risk management program (1:30–3:00) Break (3:00–3:15).
- V. Other Business (3:15–4:15).
- VI. Comments from the public (4:15–4:30).

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation in person in Washington D.C. to the Subcommittee at the May 9 meeting, must contact Karen Shanahan in writing (by letter, fax, or email—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, May 2, 1997 in order to be included on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Accident Prevention Subcommittee or the Electronic Submission Workgroup up through the date of the meeting. Please address such material to Karen Shanahan at the above address.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive or previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than thirty minutes total. Written comments (twelve copies) received sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week prior to a meeting or teleconference), may be mailed to the Subcommittee prior to its meeting.

Additional information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee and Electronic Submission Workgroup are available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/rmp-wg.html>

If you would like to automatically receive future information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee and the Electronic Submission Workgroup by email, please send an email to Karen Shanahan at: shanahan.karen@epamail.epa.gov requesting to be put on the email list for these groups.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

Karen Shanahan,

Designated Federal Official.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA's National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of a stakeholder meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting on EPA's development of a National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base. The purpose of this meeting is to have a dialogue with stakeholders and the public at large on the process of assembling and maintaining a national drinking water contaminant occurrence data base. In recent months, EPA has been working on a Conceptual Approach for the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from key national, State, individual stakeholders and other interested parties concerning the development and maintenance of the national drinking water contaminant occurrence data base, including such issues as the structure and design of the data base, data input parameters and requirements, and the use and interpretation of data. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base will be held on May 21–22, 1997 from 1:00–5:00 p.m. EST on May 21 and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST on May 22.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Large Conference Room 6228 at USEPA Ariel Rios, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044. For additional information, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791, fax: (703) 285-1101, or by e-mail at hotline-sdwa@epamail.epa.gov. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by May 5, 1997. Those registered for the meeting will receive background materials prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791, fax: (703) 285-1101, or by e-mail at: hotline-sdwa@epamail.epa.gov. For other information on the National

Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base please contact Charles Job, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Phone: 202-260-7084, Fax: 202-260-3762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Background on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base

The SDWA, as amended in 1996, states that: Not later than three years after the date of enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, the Administrator shall assemble and maintain a national drinking water contaminant occurrence data base using information on the occurrence of both regulated and unregulated contaminants in public water systems obtained under section 1445(a)(1)(A) or section 1445(a)(2) and reliable information from other public and private sources. The National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base is required to be developed and maintained by August 1, 1999.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to develop the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base. EPA's goal is to use the data to support ongoing evaluations of currently regulated contaminants as well as in making determinations of which contaminants to regulate in the future under section 1412(b)(1) with respect to the occurrence of a contaminant in drinking water at a level of public health concern. The National Contaminant Occurrence Data Base will be considered in the listing of contaminants on the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List which will be used as a first step in identifying contaminants to regulate. The prioritization of contaminants for drinking water regulation (and for development of health advisories, research or monitoring efforts) would ensure that EPA uses its limited resources in an efficient manner. The data base will be used to assist in establishing these priorities.

The meeting will be divided into two parts. On May 21, an overview of the conceptual approach and data bases which may contribute data to the National Occurrence Data Base will be presented. This time will also be used for stakeholder comments. On May 22, a structured technical session is planned to elicit responses on specific interest in data base design and structure, data input and requirements,

and use and interpretation; as well as which contaminants should be included in the data base.

EPA is working on a Conceptual Approach for the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base. This approach considers factors such as what data are needed in the data base, how is the database going to be used, what information is available for the database, how can databases be merged, and how to address data uncertainty with quality assurance and quality control. Both chemical contaminants and microbes will be considered in the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base development process. Background material on the Conceptual Approach and the process to develop and implement the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base will be sent to all registered participants in advance of the meeting. The specific issues for discussion at the meeting will be based on this material and will include (but may not be limited to) the following:

1. What type of information does the National Occurrence Data Base have to contain for EPA to make determinations on what contaminants need further action?

2. What standard methodologies/analytical techniques and units of measure will be acceptable to populate the National Occurrence Data Base?

3. What should be the quality assurance/quality control procedures for accepting data into the National Occurrence Data Base and for determining its usefulness for a specific end-use?

4. What should be the criteria for accepting data from external and internal data sources? What type of data should be required for data quality? Should there be different levels of data quality for different uses?

5. What are the sources of data that can be used to populate the National Occurrence Data Base and are they available in a form that can be used by the EPA and be accessible to the public?

6. How should linkages to other databases be accommodated?

7. Are there certain data fields that EPA should structure its query functions around?

8. In what forms should the data in the National Occurrence Data Base be made readily accessible to the public?

9. In making the National Occurrence Data Base publicly accessible should the information be available electronically? What kind of user interface is important?

10. Should the National Occurrence Data Base information be able to be graphically displayed?

11. What data does your organization possess that is relevant to the National Occurrence Data Base?

12. What specific data fields should be included in the National Occurrence Data Base?

13. What historical data should be included in the data base?

EPA has convened this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on the Conceptual Approach, concerning the development and maintenance of a National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above or other issues related to the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base during the May 21–22, 1997 meeting.

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Cynthia Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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Science Advisory Board Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting; Open 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 meet on May 5–6, 1997, at the Environmental Protection Agency's Waterside Mall Complex, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 in Room 17 of the Washington Information Center. For convenient access, members of the public should use the public entrances to the Waterside Mall commercial area on either the "I" or "M" street side of the complex. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 5:00 p.m. on each day. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis.

The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss human exposure (and their consequences) to various pollutants and to consider the potential for risk reduction. 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. In a letter dated October 25, 1995, to Dr. Matanoski, Chair of the SAB Executive Committee, Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen charged the SAB to: (1) Develop an updated ranking of the relative risk of different environmental problems based upon explicit scientific criteria; (2) provide an assessment of techniques and criteria that could be used to discriminate among emerging environmental risks and identify those that merit serious, near-term Agency attention; (3) assess the potential for risk reduction and propose alternative technical risk reduction strategies for the environmental problems identified; and (4) identify the uncertainties and data quality issues associated with the relative rankings. The project will be conducted by several SAB panels, including HEHS, working at the direction of an ad hoc Steering Committee established by the Executive Committee.

Single copies of *Reducing Risk* can be obtained by contacting the SAB's Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (1400), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260–8414, or fax (202) 260–1889. Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting, including an agenda, should contact Ms. Mary Winston, Staff Secretary, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, by telephone at (202) 260–8414, fax at (202) 260–7118, or via the INTERNET at: winston.mary@epamail.epa.gov.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Mr. Samuel Rondberg, Designated Federal Official for the HEHS, in writing, no later than 4:00 p.m., April 28, 1997, by fax at (202) 260–7118, or via the INTERNET at rondberg.sam@epamail.epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Rondberg no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. See below for additional information on providing comments to the SAB.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten