

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on Monday and Tuesday, May 19–20, 1997, from 8:15 am to 4:15 pm, at the New Mexico Small Business Development Center, Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Mary Ann Holl, SBA, 409 3rd Street, SW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20416, 202/205–7302.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

Michael Novelli,

Director, National Advisory Council.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Region V Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region V Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Milwaukee, Wisconsin will hold a public meeting on Monday, May 19, 1997, at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Metro Milwaukee Area Chamber (MMAC), Association of Commerce Building—Fourth Floor, in the Milwaukee Room, 756 North Milwaukee Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or other parties.

For further information write or call Wesley L. Scott, (414) 287–4161, Milwaukee Branch Office, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 400, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203.

Michael P. Novelli,

Director, National Advisory Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2529]

Preparation of Second U.S. Climate Action Report

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In June 1992, the United States signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Pursuant to the reporting requirements under Articles 4.2 and 12 of the Convention and to proposed format guidelines later adopted by the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) at its first session, the United States submitted the U.S. Climate Action Report (USCAR) to the UNFCCC Secretariat. At its second session, the COP to the UNFCCC agreed that the second national communications from developed country Parties would be due on April 15, 1997.

However, because the Department of State wants to provide a public opportunity to comment on a draft text of the Second USCAR, we will not make our submission in the desired time frame. We have already notified the UNFCCC Secretariat that we will be tardy in submitting the final document which we anticipate doing at the July meeting of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In accordance with the UNFCCC's reporting requirements as specified in Articles 4.2 and 12, and following reporting guidelines developed (and adopted by the UNFCCC COP at its first session), the United States prepared the U.S. Climate Action Report (USCAR) and submitted it to the UNFCCC Secretariat in October 1994.

The USCAR provided a description of the U.S. program designed to reduce emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. The initial USCAR incorporated much of the information contained in the first Climate Change Action Plan announced by President Clinton and Vice President Gore on October 19, 1993.

At the Second COP, the Parties requested developed country Parties to the Convention to submit to the UNFCCC Secretariat, in accordance with Articles 12.1 and 12.2 of the Convention, a second national communication by April 15, 1997. Parties that submitted first reports in 1996 are to provide an update by the 1997 deadline and Parties with economies in transition are to provide their second communication by April 15, 1998. Developing country Parties have different guidelines and due dates for their first communications.

The Parties to the UNFCCC also adopted revisions to the guidelines for the reports at their second session.

Among other modifications, the revised guidelines encourage Parties to provide information on actions implemented by regional and local governments or the private sector. At its 12th Plenary meeting in September 1996, the Intergovernmental Panel on climate Change (IPCC) approved additional guidance with respect to the methodologies to inventory greenhouse gas emissions. These revised methodologies have been approved by the UNFCCC's Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) for use in preparing national communications, recognizing that the delay in their adoption could cause difficulty for Party countries in using them in plan preparation. We have followed both sets of guidelines, to the extent possible, in the preparation of the second USCAR.

The Second USCAR

The draft version of the second USCAR reviews key elements contained in the initial climate Change Action Plan including: an update on key baseline assumptions; a review and assessment of activities to date under the almost 50 actions listed in the plan; and update of the list of actions reflecting changes initiated by responsible agencies since the plan was first proposed in 1993. The document also reflects information submitted to the Council on Environmental Quality in response to a request for comments on the original Climate Change Action Plan which was published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 1995, (60 FR 44022) and information presented at a subsequent public hearing held on September 22, 1995.

In keeping with international guidelines, the draft second USCAR provides an inventory of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and sinks, estimated effects of mitigation measures and policies on future emissions levels, and describes U.S. involvement in international programs including associated contributions and funding efforts.

In addition, the text includes a discussion of U.S. national circumstances which affect U.S. vulnerability and responses to climate change. Information on the U.S. Global Change Research Program, the largest climate change research program in the world, and on adaptation programs is also presented.

Table of Contents of the Second USCAR

- I. Introduction
- II. National Circumstances
- III. Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- IV. Impacts and Adaptation

- V. Research
- VI. Education, Training, and Outreach
- VII. Policies and Measures to Mitigate Climate Change
- VIII. International Activities

Public Input Process

The Department of State published a **Federal Register** notice (citation) in December 1996 to solicit contributions and comments on all aspects of the first USCAR and in particular, on issues related to regional, local, and private sector actions to address climate change. Unfortunately, we received no responses.

In spite of the lack of response, we remain committed to providing the public with an opportunity to review the second draft and provide comments on the text. Because of time constraints, the draft is somewhat rough in terms of formatting and graphics, and is still under interagency review. We anticipate that on the basis of further input, some of the projections of the effects of measures—and of the aggregate effect of the U.S. program—might change. We also anticipate that on the basis of further input, some of the projections of the effects of measures—and of the aggregate effect of the U.S. program—might change. We also anticipate the inclusion of additional material, particularly in the sections on “The Future” pending the completion of internal Administration analysis.

We invite input on all aspects of the document including its substance, format, and graphics. Comments received in response to this **Federal Register** notice will be considered in the revisions to the draft of the second national communication. Interested parties may request individual chapter(s) or the entire text.

DATES: Written comments on the draft text of the second USCAR should be received on or before noon, May 23, 1997. The deadline cannot be extended because of an extremely tight timetable for the report's preparation in anticipation of the July submission date.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder, OES/EGC, Room 4330, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Reifsnyder at (202) 647-0191. Copies of the draft Second National Communication may be obtained from Mr. Reifsnyder's office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel A. Reifsnyder, Director, Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State at (202) 647-4069.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

Rafe Pomerance,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Development, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2541]

Overseas Schools Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Overseas School Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 26, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1406, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Meeting is open to the public.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas which are assisted by the Department of State and which are attended by dependents of U.S. government families and children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chairman. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled and individual building passes are required for each attendee. Persons who plan to attend should so advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, SA-29, Room 245, Washington, D.C. 20522-2902, telephone 703-875-7800, prior to May 30, 1997. Visitors will be asked to provide their date of birth and Social Security number at the time they register their intention to attend and must carry a valid photo ID with them to the meeting. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: April 28, 1997.

Keith D. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Implementation of the First Round of Accelerated Tariff Eliminations Under Provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notification of articles proposed for accelerated tariff elimination under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

SUMMARY: Section 201(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1993 (“the Act”) grants the President, subject to the consultation and lay-over requirements of section 103(a) of the Act, the authority to proclaim any accelerated schedule for duty elimination that may be agreed to by the United States, Mexico and Canada under Article 302(3) of the North American Free Trade Agreement (“the NAFTA”). This notice is intended to inform the public of those articles on which the United States, Canada and Mexico have provisionally agreed to accelerate the elimination of duties.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 522, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508; telephone (202) 395-3412; fax: (202) 395-9675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following **Federal Register** notices provide information on the first round. Request for petitions appeared December 23, 1993 (58 FR 68186); a request for comments on list of products to be considered appeared May 23, 1994 (59 FR 26688).

Article 302 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) permits the Parties to consider and agree to accelerate the elimination of customs duties on goods of a Party. Pursuant to this provision, the United States, Canada and Mexico solicited requests from interested parties in early 1994. At the request of the United States Government, the Parties agreed to consider requests on an expedited basis, and for that reason also agreed to consider a short list of items in the first round.

As a result, approximately 207 8-digit tariff subheadings or parts of subheadings were considered by the three Parties. As a part of the process, USTR requested the advice of the USITC and the private sector trade advisory groups. As has been practice under tariff acceleration rounds conducted under