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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which export hazardous waste from or import hazardous waste to the U.S.

Title: Exports from and imports to the United States under the OECD Decision OMB Control Number 2050-0143; EPA ICR No. 1647.01, expiring 01/31/98.

Abstract: Authority to promulgate this rule is found in sections 2002(a) and 3017(a)(2) and (f) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

The OECD Decision is considered legally binding on the United States under Articles 5(a) and 6(2) of the OECD Convention, 12 U.S.T. 1728. In addition, the OECD Decision and the rule implementing the OECD Decision (61 FR 16290-16316, April 12, 1996) ensure that exports and imports of recoverable hazardous waste between the U.S. and OECD member countries may proceed even though the U.S. is not yet a "Party" to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal. The Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. EPA, uses the information provided by each U.S. exporter and U.S. importer to determine compliance with the applicable OECD regulatory provisions. In addition, the information will be used to determine the number, origin, destination, and type of exports from and imports to the U.S. for tracking purposes and for reporting to the OECD. This information also will be used to assess the efficiency of the program.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Ch. 15. In requesting to continue this information collection, the EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) 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;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) 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.

Burden Statement: The U.S. exporter burden for this generic collection is estimated to average 8.74 hours per exporter. The U.S. importer burden for this generic collection is estimated to average 5.83 hours per importer. These estimates include all aspects of the information collection including the time necessary to obtain and read the regulations and assess applicability, to complete a notification of intent to export hazardous waste, to complete the tracking document, sign and transmit copies of the tracking document, as well as the reduced response time (3 working days as compared to 30 days) to transmit a signed copy of a tracking document. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Estimated Number of Notification of Intent to Export: [437].

Estimated Number of Notification of Intent to Import: [771].

Estimated Total Annual Burden for US importer and US exporter respondents: [8,314] hours.

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the

address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

Elizabeth Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Request For Nominations

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites all interested persons to nominate qualified individuals to serve a three year term as members of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council. This Advisory Council was established to provide practical and independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the Agency on the activities, functions and policies related to the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended. The Council consists of fifteen members, including a Chairperson. Five members represent the general public; five members represent appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply. On December 15 of each year, five members complete their appointment. Due to a declined appointment last year, an additional vacancy is available to fill a term expiring December 16, 1999. Therefore, this notice solicits names to fill six vacancies as of December 16, 1997.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number. Nominations must include a current resume providing the nominee's background, experience, and qualifications.

Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal daily compensation while attending meetings.

Nominations should be submitted to Charlene E. Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460, no later than September 26, 1997. The agency will not formally acknowledge

or respond to nominations. E-Mail your questions to shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov or call 202/260-2285.

Dated: August 18, 1997.

Charlene E. Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of Public Advisory CSIC Printing, Computers and Electronics, Metal Finishing, and Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee Meetings; Open Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Printing, Computers and Electronics, Metal Finishing, and Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittees of the Common Sense Initiative Council will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Seating at all three meetings will be on a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed with the three announcements below.

(1) Printing Sector Subcommittee—September 12, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Printing Sector Subcommittee on Friday, September 12, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. CDT until approximately 4 p.m. CDT. The Multi-media Flexible Permitting Team and the New York City Education Project Team (NYCEPT) will hold workgroup meetings from 9 a.m. CDT to 5 p.m. CDT on Thursday, September 11, 1997. All Printing Sector Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings will be held at Lawry's (banquet room), 100 E. Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The telephone number is (317) 787-5000.

The purpose of the Subcommittee meeting is to discuss the continued progress of the two project teams. The NYCEPT will be reporting on project developments in technical assistance and community involvement. The

Multi-media Flexible Permit Project Team will be reporting on the results of exploring major sources, public participation, and thresholds for the proposed permit.

For further information concerning this Printing Sector Subcommittee meeting, please contact either Frank Finamore, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at EPA, by telephone on (202) 564-7039, or Mick Kulik, Alternate DFO, at EPA Region 3 in Philadelphia, PA on (215) 566-5337.

(2) Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee—September 22 and 23, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee on Monday, September 22, 1997, from 9 a.m. EDT until 5:30 p.m. EDT (registration from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.) and on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. EDT to 3 p.m. EDT, at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. The telephone number is (202) 755-0800 or (800) 526-7495.

Both days, September 22 and 23, will be devoted partly to breakout sessions for the three subcommittee workgroups (Reporting and Information Access; Overcoming Barriers to Pollution Prevention, Product Stewardship, and Recycling; and Integrated and Sustainable Alternative Strategies for Electronics) and partly to plenary sessions. In addition to discussing ongoing projects, the Subcommittee will focus on selecting projects to initiate during the coming year.

The Subcommittee is considering undertaking the following new projects: Design of a voluntary program for life cycle management of electronic products; state-level multistakeholder conference/dialogue on removing electronic products from the waste stream; definition of "legitimate recycling" of electronic products re: RCRA; evaluation of models and development of best practices for electronic equipment recovery; development of baseline data on the recovery and recycling of electronic equipment; continuation of collection pilots; data collection/analysis of results of the city of San Francisco's Municipal curbside collection pilot project; efforts to integrate the computerized emergency response reporting and access system developed for Phoenix, AZ into the EPA's "One Plan" program, and to further test that system in two other cities; greentrack; community engagement; and worker health.

For further information concerning this meeting of the Common Sense Initiative's Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee, please contact John J. Bowser, Acting DFO, U.S. EPA on (202) 260-1771, by fax on (202) 260-1096, by e-mail at bowser.john@epamail.epa.gov., or by mail at U.S. EPA (MC 7405), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460; Mark Mahoney, U.S. EPA Region 1 on (617) 565-1155; or David Jones, U.S. EPA Region 9 on (415) 744-2266.

(3) Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee—September 24 and 25, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee on Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25, 1997, at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel, 2121 P Street, NW (near DuPont Circle) Washington, DC. The telephone number is (202) 293-3100. The Subcommittee will meet both days from approximately 9 a.m. EDT to approximately 4 p.m. EDT.

It is anticipated that most of the Subcommittee meeting will focus on the Metal Finishing Sector's Strategic Goals Initiative. During this time, there will likely be breakout sessions for different stakeholder groups to discuss the Sector's Strategic Goals. It is further anticipated that there will be breakout sessions for small plenary groups, workgroups, and stakeholder groups to discuss ongoing sector issues such as Research and Technology, Regulatory and Reporting, and Performance Tier-Oriented projects. A formal agenda will be available later this month.

For further information concerning meeting times and agenda of the Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee, please contact Bob Benson, DFO, at EPA by telephone on (202) 260-8668 in Washington, DC, by fax on (202) 260-8662, or by e-mail at benson.robert@epamail.epa.gov.

(4) Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee—October 8 and 9, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency is convening an open meeting of the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee on Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 and 9, 1997. On Wednesday, the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. EDT and run until 5 p.m. EDT. On Thursday, October 9, 1997, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. EDT and end at 4 p.m. EDT. The meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza Pentagon Hotel, 4641 Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, both days. The telephone number is (703)