

of such evaluations. EPA recently performed an end-of-year evaluation of one state air pollution control program (Georgia Environmental Protection Division). This audit was conducted to assess the agency's performance under the grant made to them by EPA pursuant to section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4, has prepared a report for the state of Georgia identified above and is now available for public inspection.

ADDRESSES: The report may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Thomas, (404) 562-9064, at the above Region 4 address.

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Michael V. Peyton,
Acting Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Notice of Open Meetings

Under section 10(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on October 15, 1997 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and October 16, 1997, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Pentagon, 4641 Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22304. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide the Council with the recommendations from the Operator Certification Working Group Report and to discuss with the Council the effectiveness and continued use of its working groups. Other issues to be covered at the meeting will include: A status on the activities of the Microbial Disinfectants/Disinfection By-products Federal Advisory Committee, SDWA implementation issues, accountability and performance measures.

This meeting is open to the public. The Council encourages the hearing of outside statements and will allocate one hour on October 15, 1997, for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to ten minutes and it is preferred that only one person present the statement. Any outside parties interested in presenting an oral statement should petition the Council by telephone at

(202) 260-2285 or by E-Mail at shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov by October 14, 1997.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received prior to the meeting will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Ms. Charlene Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is Area Code (202) 260-2285 or E-Mail shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

Elizabeth Fellows,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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Announcement of Stakeholders Meeting on the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Radon-222

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of stakeholders meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a one-day public meeting on Thursday, October 30, 1997, in Boston, MA. The purpose of this meeting is to present information on EPA's plans for activities to develop a proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for radon-222, and solicit public input on major technical and implementation issues, and on preferred approaches for continued public involvement. This upcoming meeting is the third of a series of stakeholders meetings on the NPDWR for radon. The first meeting was held on June 26, 1997 in Washington, DC and the second meeting on September 2, 1997 in San Francisco, CA. These meetings were initiated as part of the Drinking Water Program Redirection efforts to help refocus EPA's

drinking water priorities and to support strong, flexible partnerships among EPA, States, Tribes, local governments, and the public. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from State and Tribal drinking water and radon programs, the regulated community (public water systems), public health and safety organizations, environmental and public interest groups, and other stakeholders on a number of issues related to developing the NPDWR for radon. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the NPDWR for radon will be held on Thursday, October 30, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: To register for the meeting, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. Those registered for the meeting by October 17, 1997 will receive an agenda, logistics sheet, and background materials prior to the meeting. The agenda and background materials will be similar to the previous stakeholders meetings on radon held in Washington, DC and San Francisco, CA. Members of the public who cannot participate may submit comments in writing by November 14, 1997 to Sylvia Malm, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW (4607), Washington, DC, 20460. The meeting will be held in Boston, MA. The address of the meeting site will be included with the background materials or available from the Hotline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For information on the activities related to developing the NPDWR for radon and other EPA activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For information on radon in indoor air, contact the National Safety Council's National Radon Hotline at 1-800-SOS-RADON.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On July 18, 1991 (56 FR 33050), EPA proposed a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) and National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for radon and other radionuclides in public water supplies. EPA proposed to regulate radon at 300 pCi/L. Commenters on the 1991 proposed NPDWR for radon raised several concerns, including cost of implementation, especially for small

systems, and the larger risk to public health from radon in indoor air from soil under buildings.

On August 6, 1996, amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) were enacted, which establish a new charter for the nation's public water systems, States, and EPA in protecting the safety of drinking water. The amendments [section 1412(b)(13)] direct EPA to develop an MCLG and NPDWR for radon. EPA is required to (1) withdraw the 1991 proposed MCLG and NPDWR for radon-222 (the proposed rule for radon was withdrawn on August 6, 1997; 62 FR 42221); (2) arrange for the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct an independent risk assessment for radon in drinking water and an independent assessment of risk reduction benefits from various mitigation measures to reduce radon in indoor air; (3) publish a radon health risk reduction and cost analysis for possible radon Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for public comment by February 1999; (4) propose an MCLG and NPDWR for radon by August 1999; and (5) publish a final MCLG and NPDWR for radon by August 2000.

If the MCL is "more stringent than necessary to reduce the contribution to radon in indoor air from drinking water to a concentration that is equivalent to the national average concentration of radon in outdoor air," EPA is also required to promulgate an alternative MCL and publish guidelines for state multimedia mitigation programs to mitigate radon levels in indoor air. The alternative MCL would "result in a contribution of radon from drinking water to radon levels in indoor air equivalent to the national average concentration of radon in outdoor air." States may develop and submit to EPA for approval a multimedia mitigation program to mitigate radon levels in indoor air. EPA shall approve State multimedia mitigation programs if they are expected to achieve equivalent or greater health risk reduction benefits than compliance with the MCL. If EPA approves a State multimedia mitigation program, public water supply systems within the State may comply with the alternative MCL. If EPA does not approve a State program, or the State does not propose a program, public water supply systems may propose multimedia mitigation programs to EPA, under the same procedures outlined for States.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA intends for the proposed NPDWR for radon to incorporate the best

available science, treatment technologies, occurrence data, cost/benefit analyses, and stakeholder input on technical and implementation issues. EPA has evaluated comments on the 1991 proposed NPDWR for radon and will be considering those comments in developing the regulation.

The meeting will cover a broad range of issues including: (1) radon in drinking water MCL development (treatment technologies, occurrence, analytical methods); (2) multimedia mitigation program; and (3) stakeholder involvement processes. Background materials on radon in drinking water issues will be sent to all registered participants in advance of the meeting. Issues for discussion and stakeholder input will be based on the materials provided and include (but may not be limited to) the following:

- (1) Any new information or data;
- (2) Issues and concerns related to rule development;
- (3) Issues and concerns related to implementing a multimedia mitigation program from the perspective of your state, water systems, public health and safety organizations, environmental and public interest groups, and the public; and
- (4) Recommendations on the most beneficial points in the process for stakeholder input and preferred approaches for stakeholder input.

EPA has announced this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on EPA's plans for activities to develop a NPDWR for radon. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above and other issues related to the radon in drinking water regulation during the October 30, 1997 meeting or in writing by November 14, 1997.

Dated: September 23, 1997.

Elizabeth Fellows,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Subcommittee; Review of the National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance

AGENCY: Environmental protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC)

Subcommittee to Review the National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (NCERQA).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Subcommittee will meet to review the National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance on Monday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 21, 1997. The meeting will be held at the Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 7216, Washington, DC 20004 and will begin at 8 a.m. and recess at approximately 5 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 1997. On Tuesday, October 21, 1997, a Subcommittee writing session will begin at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m. Following the writing session, a wrap-up discussion summarizing the preliminary findings and conclusions of the Subcommittee will be held from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday. The BOSC Subcommittee Review meeting will adjourn at 3 p.m. All times are Eastern time. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make comments at the meeting should contact Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Official, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to three minutes. Anyone desiring a draft BOSC meeting agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton at (202) 565-2444.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 20-21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the EPA Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 7216, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Official, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-6853.

Dated: September 19, 1997.

Henry L. Longest II,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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