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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-400120; FRL-5758-8]

Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, EPA gives notice of a 2-day meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. This will be the second meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting (TDR) Committee, whose mission is to provide advice to EPA regarding the Agency's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program.

DATES: The public meeting will take place on December 9-10, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written and electronic comments in response to this notice should be received by December 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: L'Enfant Plaza, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20024, (202) 484-1000.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this action. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made

available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cassandra Vail, telephone: (202) 260-0675, fax number: (202) 401-8142, e-mail: vail.cassandra@epamail.epa.gov, or Michelle Price, telephone: (202) 260-3372, fax number: (202) 410-8142, e-mail: price.michelle@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

At the 2-day meeting, the TDR Committee will continue the discussions begun at the September 29-30 meeting regarding the Agency's interpretation of the EPCRA definition of "release." In section 5 of the Form R, there have been a number of issues raised with regard to the definition of "release," particularly with respect to Class I underground injection wells and RCRA Subtitle C Landfills. Several commenters believe that EPA's interpretation of the EPCRA definition of "release" will lead to the misperception that a reported EPCRA section 313 "release" necessarily results in an actual exposure of people or the environment to a toxic chemical. The TDR Committee will continue to discuss possible recommendations on ways to collect (including nomenclature and format changes) and disseminate the data that are consistent with the Agency's interpretation of the EPCRA definition of "release" and would address the concerns raised regarding public misperception.

In addition to the discussions on section 5, the TDR Committee will also be discussing how EPA characterizes the TRI data through the annual public data release. Concerns have been raised that EPA's presentation of the TRI data can lead to public misperception of the data. Some commenters have stated that because EPA uses the word "release," TRI data leads to the misperception that a reported EPCRA section 313 "release" necessarily results in actual exposure of people or the environment to a toxic chemical. The Committee will be discussing possible recommendations on ways to more clearly present release data to the public to distinguish between the various methods of disposal while still making it possible to present meaningful statistics on a national basis about releases.

A meeting summary from the September 29-30 TDR Committee meeting will shortly be available on the TRI Home Page. The address of the TRI Home Page is <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/tri>. This summary can be found under the heading "TRI Stakeholder Dialogue." In addition, the agenda and

an issue paper outlining topics for discussion at the December 9-10 Committee meeting will also be available at this same site prior to the meeting. Oral presentations or statements by interested parties will be limited to 5 minutes. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Cassandra Vail, to schedule presentations before the Committee.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been established for this action under docket control number "OPPTS-400120" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-400120." Electronic comments on this action may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Cassandra Vail,

Designated Federal Official, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Open Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that two committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. 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. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are *not* available from the SAB Office.

1. Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)

The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the Science Advisory Board will meet on Monday, December 15, 1997 at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Environmental Research Center, Main Auditorium, Route 54 and Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. The meeting will begin at 9 am and end no later than 5 pm. At this meeting, the Committee will receive briefings from Agency Staff concerning: (a) the project work plan for preparation of the air quality criteria document for Carbon Monoxide (CO), which will serve as the scientific basis for the next periodic review of the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); (b) the schedule for the Particulate Matter (PM) NAAQS review; and (c) an overview of the Agency's plans for upcoming reviews of the other NAAQS. These briefings will help set the stage for subsequent meetings of the Committee as it begins its review responsibilities for the various NAAQS.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the CO Project Work Plan by writing to the CO Project Manager, USEPA, Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711 or by sending a request via fax (919-541-1818) or e-mail (ray.diane@epamail.epa.gov). The review schedule for the PM NAAQS is contained in 62 FR 55201 (October 23, 1997).

2. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the Science Advisory Board, will meet on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 in the Science Advisory Board Conference Room, Room 2103 Mall Level (entry near the Safeway Supermarket), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 4:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive briefings from Agency Staff on the Office of Research and Development's (ORD) strategic

planning and budgeting process and to discuss the upcoming RSAC review of the ORD budget and the role of RSAC in ORD's strategic planning process.

For Further Information

Members of the public desiring additional information about either meeting should contact Mr. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC), Science Advisory Board (1400), Room 2812, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 260-5133; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via the INTERNET at FLAAK.ROBERT@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Those individuals requiring a copy of the draft Agenda for either meeting should contact Ms. Dorothy Clark at (202) 260-8414 or by FAX at (202) 260-7118 or via the INTERNET at CLARK.DOROTHY@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260-8414.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to either Committee must contact Mr. Flaak in writing (by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 Noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, December 9, 1997 in order to be included on the respective Agenda. Public comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, the name of the committee (CASAC or RSAC) they wish to address, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the presentation itself. Public comments should focus on scientific or technical aspects of the matters before the respective Committee at its meeting. There will be time allocated for public comment at subsequent meetings when the Committees are actually involved in substantive review activities.

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

minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

A. Robert Flaak,

Acting Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG); Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will hold a 2-day meeting, December 8, and December 9, 1997. This notice announces the location and times for the meetings and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The SFIREG will meet on Monday, December 8, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, December 9, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Airport Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall #2, Rm. 1113I, Arlington-Crystal City, VA; (703) 305-5306; (703) 308-1850 (fax); e-mail: Lyon.elaine@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tentative agenda of the SFIREG includes the following:

1. Update on the Food Quality Protection Act:
 - a. Tolerance reassessment program.
 - b. Minor crops - office interactions with USDA for use data collection.