

not involve evaluations of indirect effects.

Each panel will be composed of experts from the public and private sector. They will use the two case studies to evaluate how the nature and extent of uncertainties associated with the TEF approach and with associated data sets can have varying implications in different types of risk assessments. The results of the workshop will be compiled and summarized by Eastern Research Group in a workshop report. The availability of this workshop report will be announced in a future **Federal Register** document.

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Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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Technical Workshop on Drake Site Incinerator Risk Issues

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a workshop convened by Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, for scientific peer review of the EPA draft risk assessment for the Drake Chemical Superfund Site Incinerator full-scale operation in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The workshop will be held in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and will be open to members of the public as observers. The peer review, to be conducted by scientists from outside EPA, is being organized to assist in completing the risk assessment.

DATES: The workshop will begin on Thursday, January 15, 1998 at 12 Noon and end on Friday, January 16, 1998 at 12:30 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Genetti Hotel & Conference Center, 200 West 4th Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701. Since seating capacity is limited, please contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel.: (781) 674-7374, by January 9, 1998 to attend the workshop as an observer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical inquiries, contact Mr. Gregg Crystall, U.S. EPA Region III, 841 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Tel.: (215) 566-3207. Copies of

the draft risk assessment will be available for inspection in the EPA Region III Library, Philadelphia, PA, and the EPA Headquarters Information Resources Center, Washington DC. In addition, the draft risk assessment will be available for inspection in: the Ross Public Library, West Main Street, Lock Haven, PA, 17745; the Stevenson Library, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven PA, 17745; and the Lock Haven City Hall, 20 East Church Street, Lock Haven, PA, 17745. Inquiries concerning additional opportunities for document review should be directed to Mr. Crystall.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: While operational, the Drake Chemical Company in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania was sited numerous times by State and Federal agencies for violating environmental and health and safety regulations. In 1982 as a response to the Company's noncompliance with environmental regulations, EPA Region III undertook emergency removal actions. These actions included removal and disposal of surface drums, surface sludges, and liquids contained in process and storage tanks, and placement of fences around the property. Additional remediation actions have been conducted in several phases since then. Phase I remedial activities included the remediation of a leachate stream draining into Bald Eagle Creek. Phase II included drainage and removal of materials from two lined Lagoons, and demolition and removal of the on-site buildings. Subsequent studies conducted at the site indicated that the remaining contamination in soils presented a serious threat to the environment and human health. The 1988 Record of Decision concluded that the remaining site wastes, approximately 200,000 cubic yards of contaminated site soils, sediments, and sludges from the on-site lagoons, should be excavated and treated on-site in a high temperature incinerator. The excavated soils would be stockpiled temporarily, remediated in an on-site rotary kiln incinerator, then returned to the site. After all the contaminated soil had been remediated, the incinerator would be dismantled and removed from the site.

Prior to full-scale operation, a trial burn process was conducted to ensure incinerator equipment functioned according to operational and safety specifications. Prior to conducting this evaluation, EPA Region III prepared a trial burn process risk assessment (June, 1996). The trial burn process risk assessment was developed using approximated data drawn from site soil

samples, anticipated soil feed rates, incinerator design parameters, and emissions data from other incinerators. Results of the trial burn risk assessment were presented during a public meeting held in September 1996. The trial burn process was conducted in January and February 1997.

Most recently, EPA Region III developed a full-scale operation risk assessment by utilizing actual data collected during the trial burn process. The resulting Draft Drake Chemical Site Incinerator Full-Scale Operation Risk Assessment (November 1997) is the subject of the current peer review.

For the current review, EPA is inviting a panel of 14 independent scientists from the fields of toxicology, environmental fate and transport, combustion engineering, atmospheric modeling, exposure assessment, and ecological assessment. These scientists will focus on the scientific data, methods, and analyses, along with the assumptions and uncertainties that are associated with full-scale operation risk estimates. Following the workshop, EPA will consider the scientist's individual recommendations in completing the risk assessment. The risk assessment documents undergoing review relate only to scientific issues. Although the completed risk assessment will be one of the factors considered in making future decisions for the Drake Chemical site, these decisions and other risk management issues will not be a part of the peer review process.

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Notice of Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board on February 10-11, 1998

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold an open meeting of the full Board on February 10-11, 1998. The meeting will be held at the National Press Club, 13th Floor in the Holeman Lounge, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC. The February 10 session will run from 9 am to 5 pm, while the February 11 session will run from 8:15 am to 11 am.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA

Administrator on environmental finance. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss work products under EFAB's current strategic action agenda and to develop an action agenda to direct the Board's activities over the remainder of this year and into 1999. Environmental financing topics expected to be discussed include: cost effective environmental management, community-based environmental protection, brownfields redevelopment, Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and small business access to capital.

The meeting will be open to the public, but seating is limited. For further information, please contact Alecia Crichlow, U.S. EPA on 202-564-5188, or Joanne Lynch, U.S. EPA on 202-564-4999.

Dated: December 11, 1997.

Jack Shipley,

Acting Comptroller.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5939-9]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council Occurrence and Contaminant Selection Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Under section 10(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting (via conference call) of the Occurrence & Contaminant Selection Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on January 7, 1998 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. The conference call is open to the public, but due to availability, conference lines are limited and access will be granted on a first-come first-served basis.

The purpose of this call is to review proposed changes to the first Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List (CCL). The changes will be based on public comments and additional information received as a result of the October 6, 1997 document (62 FR 52193) of the draft CCL. The Working Group members will review and discuss the relevant issues and facts, and develop proposed recommendations for deliberation by the advisory council. Therefore, statements will be taken from the public as time allows.

For more information, please contact, Evelyn Washington, Designated Federal Officer, Occurrence & Contaminant

Selection Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4607), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is 202-260-3029, fax 202-260-3762, and e-mail address washington.evelyn@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

Charlene E. Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5940-3]

Science Advisory Board; Notice of Public Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time and all meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA Office and are *not* available from the SAB Office. Public drafts of SAB reports are available to the Agency and the public from the SAB Office. Details on availability are noted below.

1. Executive Committee (EC)

The Science Advisory Board's Executive Committee (EC) will meet on Tuesday, January 13, 1998, and Wednesday, January 14, 1998. The meeting will convene each day at 8:30 a.m., in the Administrator's Conference Room 1103 West Tower of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, and will adjourn no later than 5:30 p.m. on each day (Eastern Time).

At this meeting, the Executive Committee will receive updates from its committees and subcommittees summarizing their recent and planned activities. As part of these updates, some committees expect to present draft reports for the Executive Committee review and approval. *Expected* drafts include:

(a) Environmental Engineering Committee

(1) Review of Pollution Prevention Research Plan

(2) Review of Surface Impoundments Survey

(b) Integrated Human Exposure Committee

(1) Update on Expedited Action on "Review of Indoor Air Source Ranking Database"

(2) Commentary on "Importance of Indoor Air Environments"

Other items on the agenda tentatively include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Discussion with Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen on various issues.

(b) Discussion with the Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, Mr. Henry Longest on Peer Review at EPA.

(c) Updates on Activities of the Agency's FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) and the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) and their interactions with the SAB.

(d) An update of the Futures activities of the SAB.

(e) An update on the Integrated Risk Project.

(f) A follow-up to the Board's Strategic Planning Retreat held in November 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public desiring additional information concerning the meeting or who wish to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Official for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-4126; fax (202) 260-9232; or via the INTERNET at: barnes.don@epamail.epa.gov. Copies of the draft meeting agenda and available draft reports listed above can be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson on (202) 260-8414; fax (202) 260-7118; or via the INTERNET at: tillery.priscilla@epamail.epa.gov.

2. Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis—Three Meetings

The Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (ACCACA, or the "Council"), its Air Quality Models Subcommittee (AQMS), and its Health and Ecological Effects Subcommittee (HEES) will each hold public meetings on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public, and all times noted are Eastern Time. For further information concerning the specific meetings described in this section, please contact the individuals listed below. These public meetings are a follow-up to earlier Council public teleconference discussions held on March 14, March 19, May 15 and June 30, 1997, as well as the AQMS public teleconference meeting discussions of