

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Region III Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Program; Transfer of Information to Contractors and Subcontractors**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region III intends to authorize certain contractors and subcontractors access to information submitted to EPA under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"). Some of this information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Contractor access to this information will occur April 27, 1998. Comments concerning CBI access will be accepted for thirty days from March 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Janowiak (3HS42), Chief, Contracts, ADP and State Support Section, EPA Region III (215) 566-3334.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The contractors and subcontractors listed below will provide certain services to EPA Region III, including: (1) Information management support services for the operation of a file room and an administrative records room in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; (2) compilation and organization of documents and information; and (3) review and analysis of documents and information. In performing these tasks, employees of the contractors and subcontractors listed below will have access to Agency documents for purposes of document processing, filing, abstracting, analyzing, inventorying, retrieving, tracking, etc. The documents to which these contractors and subcontractors will have access potentially include all documents submitted under the CERCLA. Some of these documents may contain information claimed as CBI.

Pursuant to EPA regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, EPA has determined that these contractors and subcontractors require access to CBI to perform the work required under the contracts and subcontracts. These regulations provide for five days notice before contractors are given CBI. This document is intended to provide notice of all disclosures of such information by

EPA Region III to the contractors and subcontractors listed below.

All of the listed contractors and subcontractors are required by contract to protect confidential information. When the contractors' and subcontractors' need for the documents is completed, the contractors and subcontractors will return them to EPA. The contractors and subcontractors to which this notice applies are as follows:

List of Contractors

- Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc.—Contract #68-W4-0010
Subcontractors to Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc. are:
CDM-Federal Programs Corporation
Dynamic Corporation
PRC Environmental Management, Inc.
CACI, Inc.
Investigative Consultant Services, Inc.
Northeast Investigations
Tri-State Enterprises
- CH2M Hill—Contract #68-W8-0090
- Black & Veatch Waste Science and Technology Corporation—Contract #68-W8-0091
- IT Corporation—Contract #68-S7-3005
- OHM Remediation—Contract #68-S7-3004
- Roy F. Weston, Inc.—Contract #68-S5-3002
Subcontractors to Roy F. Weston, Inc. are:
Foster Wheeler
Tetra Tech EM, Inc.
RAI, Inc.
C.C. Johnson & Malhotra, P.C.
- Brown & Root Environmental (a Division of Brown and Root, Inc.)—Contract #68-S6-3003
Subcontractors to Brown & Root Environmental are:
Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Dynamic Corporation
C.C. Johnson & Malhotra, P.C.
- CDM-Federal Programs Corporation—Contract #68-S7-3003
- Black and Veatch Waste Science and Technology Corporation/Tetra Tech, Inc.—Contract #68-S7-3002

List of Cooperative Agreements

- National Association of Hispanic Elderly—#CQ-822511
- AARP Foundation
- (Senior Environmental Employment)—#824021, #823952

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Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of conference.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science and Technology and the Water Environment Federation will co-sponsor the "21st Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment" to discuss issues relating to environmental measurement. The conference is open to the public.

DATES: On May 6, 1998, two workshops will be held prior to the start of the conference. The workshop topics and program times are:

EPA's Plans for Use of Screening Procedures for Compliance Monitoring, May 6, 1998, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Method Validation and Documentation Requirements under the U.S. EPA Office of Water's Streamlining Initiative, May 6, 1998, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual conference will be held on May 7-8, 1998. On May 7, 1998, the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:45 p.m. On May 8, 1998, the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The conference and workshop are being arranged by the Water Environment Federation. For information on registration, hotel rates, transportation, and reservations call the Water Environment Federation at (800) 444-2933. If you have technical questions regarding the conference program, please contact Marion Thompson by phone at (202) 260-7117 or by facsimile at (202) 260-7185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA's 21st Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment is designed to bring together representatives of regulated industries, commercial environmental laboratories, State and Federal regulators, and environmental consultants and contractors to discuss issues relating to environmental measurement with a particular focus on analytical methods.

The conference agenda follows:

Thursday, May 7, 1998*Welcome and Status of Office Water Activities*

- 8:30 am—Welcome from the Water Environment Federation: Current Projects and Future Goals of the Laboratory Practices Committee—Laura Conrad, Occoquan Sewage Authority
- 8:45 am—Office of Water Activities—James Hanlon, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology
- 9:00 am—Analytical Activities Within EPA's Office of Science and Technology—William Telliard, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology

Cyanide

- 9:30 am—Analysis and Characterization of Cyanide in Contaminated Groundwater—Sharon Drop, Alcoa Technical Center
- 10:00 am—Break

Organics

- 10:15 am—Determination of 209 PCB Congeners in 14 Aroclors by HRGC/HRMS Using EPA Method 1668—Brian Fowler, Axys Analytical Services, Ltd.
- 10:45 am—Approaches to Chemical Fingerprinting of Fossil Fuel Residues in Tissues—Paul Boehm, Arthur D. Little, Inc.
- 11:15 am—Analysis of Humic and Fulvic Acids using Flow Field-Flow Fractionation as an Analytical Technique—Kathryn Healy, Iowa State University
- 11:45 am—Lunch

Sampling

- 1:00 pm—In-situ Sample Preparation for Radiochemical Analyses of Surface Water—Donna Beals, Westinghouse Savannah River Company

Microbiologicals

- 1:30 pm—Methods for Determination of Toxic and Non-toxic *Pfisteria* and *Pfisteria*-like Dinoflagellates—JoAnn Burkholder, North Carolina State University
- 2:00 pm—The Usefulness of the Microtox Test for Predicting Aquatic Community Protection—Donald Mount, ASci Corporation
- 2:30 pm—Validation of USEPA Method 1622: *Cryptosporidium* in Water by Filtration/IMS/FA—Jennifer Clancy, CEC
- 3:00 pm—Break
- 3:15 pm—Technical Transfer of a Protozoan Detection Method from Research to Standard Operating Procedure—Carrie Hancock, CH Diagnostic
- 3:45 pm—Methods for Detection of Viable and Infectious

Cryptosporidium parvum in Water—Ricardo DeLeon, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

- 4:15 pm—Food for Thought: New Methods for *Salmonella* Detection in Biosolids—Rick Danielson, BioVir Laboratories

Friday, May 8, 1998*Data Reporting*

- 8:30 am—Roll-out of DEEMS (Department of Energy Environmental Management Electronic Data Deliverable Master Specification)—Joan Fisk, U. S. EPA OERR and Joseph Solsky, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Detection/Quantitation

- 9:15 am—Routine QC Standards Used as a Guide to Conducting Detection Limit Studies—Larry Penfold, Quanterra, Inc.

Oil and Grease and TPH

- 9:45 am—Analytical Issues with the Determination of Oxygenates in the Environment—Ileana Rhodes, Shell Development Company
- 10:15 am—Break
- 10:30 am—Methods for the Analysis of Oil and Grease and Sources of Variability in their Application to Produced Waters from Oil and Gas Production Operations—Joe Raia, J.C. Raia Consulting Services
- 11:00 am—Alternate Methods for Infrared Analysis of Total Oil and Grease (TOG) in Effluent Water and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) in Soils—Paul Wilks, Wilks Enterprise, Inc.
- 11:30 am—Lunch

Great Lakes Initiative

- 12:45 pm—Toxics Monitoring for Modeling in Lake Michigan: A QA Manager's Perspective—Louis Blume, U.S. EPA Region V, Great Lakes National Program Office

Metals

- 1:15 pm—Evaluation of Techniques for Collection of Effluent Samples for Trace Metals Analysis—Kim Shaw, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
- 1:45 pm—Corrosion in Drinking Water Distribution Systems: A Major Source of Copper and Lead to Wastewaters and Effluents—Russell Isaac, Massachusetts DEP
- 2:15 pm—Uptake and Assimilation of Mercury and Methylmercury by Phytoplankton—Carl Watras, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- 2:45 pm—Break
- 3:00 pm—Analytical Issues Associated with Application of EPA's Proposed

1600 Series Trace Metals Methods to Pulp and Paper Effluents—Jeff Louch, NCASI

- 3:30 pm—Copper-Complexing Organic Ligands in the Chesapeake Bay Water Column and Sediment Porewaters: Effects on Copper Speciation and Implications of Their Sediment/Water Exchange—John Donat, Old Dominion University
- 4:00 pm—Lower MDLs and Better Accuracy for "Total Recoverable Metals" in Water Through the Use of Dilute HF/HNO₃ Digestion at 85° C in Sealed Teflon Bottles—Nicolas Bloom, Frontier Geosciences
- 4:30 pm—Closing Remarks—James Hanlon, Deputy Director, Office of Science and Technology

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Tudor T. Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; notification of Public Advisory CSI Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee meeting; open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notification is hereby given that the Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee of the Common Sense Initiative Council will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Seating at the meeting 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 announcement below.

Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee—April 14 and 15, 1998

Notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the CSI Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee to begin on Tuesday, April 14 with registration at 9:00 a.m. EST. On Wednesday, April 15, 1998, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. EST and end at 3:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria,