

*H. Will This Roster Be the Only Source of Conflict Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals for Environmental Disputes?*

No. This Roster will be one of several sources of information with federal environmental and natural resource agencies will use to identify appropriately experienced dispute resolution and consensus building professionals for use in resolving environmental and natural resource disputes or issues in controversy under the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 and the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1996. However, an individual who wishes to be considered as a neutral in environmental or natural resources public policy matters is not required to be listed on this roster. Federal government personnel and parties to environmental or natural resources issues will not be limited to this Roster in identifying and contracting for the services of neutrals. We hope that this Roster will expedite the identification of individuals who are appropriate to act as neutrals in a dispute and that the information in the Roster will shorten the time needed to complete contract documents.

The U.S. Institute will review all applications submitted against the entry criteria. Those who are qualified will be listed on the database; those who do not qualify may reapply as their professional experience develops. Professionals who are not included in this database are in no way barred from work on disputes involving federal agencies and the U.S. Institute will explicitly inform parties of other known rosters they may wish to consult when selecting a neutral.

*I. Does Being on This Roster Guarantee Conflict Resolution Work for the Government?*

No. Being listed on the database does not guarantee that you will be offered work as a neutral in U.S. government cases. The decision as to whom to retain as a neutral lies with the parties to an issue or dispute. Being listed on this database may increase the chances of parties finding out that you offer conflict resolution or consensus building services.

*J. Burden Statement and Estimate*

**Burden Statement:** This ICR compiles data available from the resumes of most conflict resolution and consensus building professionals into a format that is standardized for database searches and retrievals. A professional will need to complete the entire form only once. Professionals will be allowed to update

their information on a voluntary basis periodically so that the database reflects their most current experience, and may be required to update their experience every five years. The database system is being designed to allow for some electronic information submittal. The burden includes time spent to access the professional's most recent detailed resume and to insert that information into the ICR form.

*Estimated Number of Respondents (first year):* 400.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 90 minutes.

*Estimated Total First Year Burden:* 600 hours.

*Estimated Number of New Respondents (per year for succeeding years):* 20.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 90 minutes.

*Estimated Number of Updates (per year for succeeding years):* 50.

*Estimated Time per Update:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Subsequent Year Annual Burden:* 42.5 hours.

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 and transmit information.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY**

[FRL-6192-2]

**Technical Workshop on Issues  
Associated With Dermal Exposure and  
Uptake**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a meeting,  
organized and convened by Eastern

Research Group, Inc., a contractor to EPA's Risk Assessment Forum, for external scientific peer consultation on issues related to the assessment of dermal exposure and uptake. The meeting is being held to discuss methods under development or currently in use by EPA to assess dermal exposure to environmental contaminants with subsequent absorption across the skin.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin on Thursday, December 10, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. and end on Friday, December 11, 1998, at 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Bethesda Ramada, 8400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, will convene and facilitate the workshop. To register to attend the workshop as an observer, contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel: (781) 674-7374, or visit their HomePage at <http://www.erg.com/erg/confer.htm> by December 1, 1998. You may also obtain additional information and register by visiting the National Center for Environmental Assessment HomePage at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/new.htm>. Space is limited so please register early.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning the workshop on dermal exposure and uptake issues please contact Steven Knott, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (8601-D), 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20460, Telephone (202) 564-3359.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the development of EPA guidance on assessing dermal exposure to and uptake of environmental contaminants, several generic, cross-cutting issues have been identified. These issues were referred to the EPA Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) for discussions within the broader scientific community. The present Workshop is being held to provide a peer consultation for invited participants to discuss these issues. The information obtained through these discussions will be considered by EPA as work continues on dermal exposure and risk initiatives.

In January 1992, the EPA Office of Health and Environmental Assessment (now the National Center for Environmental Assessment, NCEA) completed an interim report entitled Dermal Exposure Assessment: Principles and Applications. This report provides guidance for conducting dermal exposure and risk assessments. Using this as a foundation, a workgroup convened under the Superfund program has been developing an expanded and updated guidance on dermal exposure

and uptake. A draft of this guidance was peer reviewed in February 1998. During this review, several broad issues related to dermal exposure and risk assessment were identified. These issues transcend the program specific approaches of Superfund and are important to dermal exposure and risk assessment practices Agency-wide. The generic issues, that will be the focal point for discussions during the present workshop, can be organized into four categories: issues associated with dermal exposure to contaminants in water, issues associated with dermal exposure to contaminants in soil, issues associated with the adjustment of toxicity factors to reflect absorbed dose, and issues related to risk characterization and uncertainty analysis for dermal assessments.

Dated: November 13, 1998.

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*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6192-3]

### Science Advisory Board/Scientific Advisory Panel; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting; Open Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that a Joint Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) and the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time. The meeting is open to the public; however, due to limited space, seating will be on a first-come basis.

The Joint SAB/SAP Data from Testing on Human Subjects (DTHS) Subcommittee will meet on Thursday and Friday, December 10/11, 1998 at the Sheraton Crystal Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202. The hotel telephone number is 703-486-1111. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 5:00 pm. This is the first meeting of this Subcommittee.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** This Joint Subcommittee was established to provide advice and comment to EPA on issues related to data derived from testing on human subjects and its use in pesticides decision making. In the midst of this effort, some specific issues have arisen regarding the testing of human subjects in support of pesticide

registrations. Both scientific and (primarily) ethical questions have been raised about the data, the manner in which they were developed, and the purpose to which they can or should be put. The Agency thus seeks advice from the SAB/SAP Joint Committee on a range of issues, especially focusing on the practical questions confronting the Pesticide Program as it seeks to implement the Food Quality Protection Act. During this public meeting, the Subcommittee will address these scientific and ethical issues, including: (a) the value of human studies; (b) how to determine what constitutes an appropriate (scientifically and ethically) human study; (c) the risks and benefits to subjects and society; (d) applying principles to specific situations; (e) identifying clearly out-of-bounds studies; and (f) assessing and assuring compliance with appropriate standards. A copy of the formal Charge to the Subcommittee will be posted on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) on or about November 16.

At the public meeting, Agency staff will brief the Subcommittee on current activities involving human studies, as well as on issues/problems raised by these activities. In concert with these presentations, EPA will present background materials for the Subcommittee's information and consideration.

**Availability of Review Materials:** Hard copies of EPA primary background documents for the meeting may be obtained by contacting: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Room 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; telephone: (703) 305-5805.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Members of the public desiring additional information about the conduct of the public meeting itself should contact Mr. Samuel Rondberg, Co-Designated Federal Officer, DTHS Subcommittee, Science Advisory Board (1400), Room M3706, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (301) 812-2560; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via E-mail at: [samuelf717@aol.com](mailto:samuelf717@aol.com). A copy of the draft agenda will be available on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) or the SAP Website (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/SAP/>), or upon request from Ms. Wanda Fields, Management Assistant, Science Advisory Board at (202) 260-5510 or by

FAX at (202) 260-7118 or via E-Mail at: [fields.wanda@epa.gov](mailto:fields.wanda@epa.gov). Anyone desiring additional information on the substantive issues to be addressed at this meeting should contact Mr. Larry C. Dorsey, Co-Designated Federal Officer for the Subcommittee, Environmental Protection Agency (7509C), 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. Mr. Dorsey may be contacted via telephone/voice mail at (703) 305-5369, or by E-Mail at: [dorsey.larry@epa.gov](mailto:dorsey.larry@epa.gov).

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Subcommittee must contact Mr. Rondberg in writing (by letter, fax, or by E-Mail—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Friday, November 27, 1998 in order to be included on the Agenda. These oral comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and include at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or of the presentation itself. By mail, submit written comments to: The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by delivery service, bring comments to: Room 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

Comments and data also may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (E-Mail) to: [opt-docket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:opt-docket@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 also will be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 8.0 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP- ". No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through E-Mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members time to consider and review the comments.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be