

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting on EPA's National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base (NCOD). At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from stakeholders, including national and state representatives, environmental organizations, industry, the public, and other interested parties. The purpose of the meeting is to demonstrate and obtain input from stakeholders on the alpha version of the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence data base (NCOD). The demonstration and discussion will include database access, use, retrieval, and reporting. During this meeting EPA is also seeking input from stakeholders on the revised database development strategy and data quality documents and issues such as the analytical plan and quality assurance documents. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process. This will not be a decision-making meeting but an opportunity for stakeholders to provide input to EPA. Such input will assist EPA in developing an effective and efficient database to support the EPA drinking water program.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the NCOD will be June 7, 1999 from 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EST and June 8, 1999 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Resolve, Inc. (an EPA contractor) will provide logistical support for the stakeholders meeting. The meeting will be held at Resolve, Inc., 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, D.C. 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on meeting logistics or for members of the public wishing to attend the meeting, please contact Sheri Jobe at RESOLVE, Inc., 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, DC 20037, Phone: 202/965-6382, Fax: 202/338-1264, Email: sjobe@resolv.org. Those registered for the meeting by May 24, 1999 will receive an agenda, logistics sheet, and other information prior to the meeting. A limited number of teleconference lines will be available for those who would like to participate by phone. You may request the teleconference number when you call to register. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to be on the mailing list to receive further information about the meeting (including agenda and meeting summary), please provide your name, organization, address, phone, fax, and email address.

For other information on the NCOD, please contact Charles Job at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

Phone: 202-260-7084, Fax: 202-260-3762, or e-mail at job.charles@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base (NCOD)

The Safe Drinking Water Act, SDWA, as amended in 1996, states that: Not later than three years after the date of enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, the Administrator shall assemble and maintain a national drinking water contaminant occurrence data base using information on the occurrence of both regulated and unregulated contaminants in public water systems obtained under section 1445 (a)(1)(A) or section 1445 (a)(2) and reliable information from other public and private sources. The NCOD is required to be developed by August 6, 1999.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA has convened this public meeting to demonstrate the alpha release of the database and to hear the views of stakeholders on the revised database development strategy, the analytical plan, and the quality assurance documents for the NCOD. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above or other issues related to the NCOD during this meeting.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

Cynthia Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Public Meeting on the Development of New Waste Leaching Procedures under the RCRA Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will hold a public meeting during July 22 through 23, 1999, on our ongoing reviews of the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP), and the development of revisions or supplements to the TCLP or new waste leaching procedures under the RCRA Program. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current and alternative approaches to waste leachate

characterization testing and use of leach testing data, and to solicit public input on this topic. Both scientific and policy aspects of leach testing will be addressed. The meeting is open to the public on a space available basis. In order to best accommodate interested parties, we are offering pre-registration. The topics of the meeting agenda will be presented and discussed by invited speakers. However, we will provide ample time for accommodate questions or comments by public attendees during the meeting. We have also opened a public docket to accept written comments up to 60 days after the date of the meeting. Meeting dates and times are provided below under **DATES**. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time.

DATES: We will hold the public meeting on waste leaching procedures on July 22 through July 23, 1999. On July 22, the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On July 23, the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: We will hold the public meeting at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. To reserve a guest room, call the hotel at (703) 920-3230 or (800) 228-9290 by June 30, 1999. In order to get a special rate of \$115 plus tax per night, state that you will be attending the public meeting on leaching. A limited number of rooms are available at this rate, and they are offered on a first-call basis. The hotel fax number is (703) 271-5212.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by filling in and faxing the registration form to the attention of Lisa Enderle, SAIC, at (703) 698-6101; or mailing the form to Lisa Enderle, SAIC, 2222 Gallows Road, Suite 300, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. A copy of the form is available below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Soon after publication of this notice you may also register via the Internet site of the Methods Team, U.S. EPA Office of Solid Waste. The Methods Team Internet site address is: <http://www.epa.gov/SW-846>.

Submit an original and two copies of written comments, referencing docket number F-1999-WLPA-FFFFF to: The RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. You may hand deliver comments to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. You may also submit comments electronically to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Please also identify comments in electronic format

by the docket number F-1999-WLPA-FFFFF. Submit all electronic comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. We will also accept electronic comments in WordPerfect 6/7/8.0.

You should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. You may claim comment information as confidential by marking any part or all of the information as CBI. All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. The CBI claim must be made at the time of submission to EPA. We will not disclose information marked CBI except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. You should also submit an edited copy of the comment that does not contain the CBI material. We will include any information not marked confidential in the public docket.

You can view public comments and any supporting material at the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, we recommend that you make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. You may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Meeting arrangements are being handled by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) of McLean, VA. For information on registration, hotel rates, transportation, and registration, please contact the SAIC coordinator, Lisa Enderle, by e-mail at lisa.e.enderle@cpmx.saic.com or via the SAIC conference information line at (703) 645-6946. You may also obtain logistical information regarding the meeting by sending an e-mail to: mice@cpmx.saic.com. If you have technical questions regarding the meeting agenda and topics, please contact the EPA coordinator, Gail Hansen, Office of Solid Waste (5307W), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, (703) 308-8855, e-mail address hansen.gail@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Why Is EPA Holding This Public Meeting?

The laboratory leaching of wastes can be a valuable tool for making waste management decisions under the RCRA Program. In particular, such procedures can be used to predict the leaching potential of constituents of concern into the Nation's valuable ground water resources. For example, we have relied on leaching procedures for the classification of a waste as hazardous based on the characteristic of toxicity. For this and other regulatory purposes under RCRA, we have used the Extraction Procedure (EP), SW-846 Method 1310, and the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP), SW-846 Method 1311. These leaching procedures model the release of contaminants into the ground water from the co-disposal of municipal and industrial wastes at a landfill for non-hazardous solid wastes under a specified set of conditions.

Leaching tests and resulting data can also serve as the source terms for, or inputs to, subsurface (groundwater) fate and transport modeling. This type of modeling is key to the risk assessments upon which many waste remediation management decisions (such as listing and de-listing) are based. The results are also the basis for assessing the effectiveness of waste stabilization processes and for assessing the long term impact of treatment residues on the groundwater environment.

Current EPA leaching test methods (e.g., the EP and the TCLP) were scientifically validated for limited applications (i.e., hazardous waste characterization and the prohibition against placing hazardous waste on the land without prior treatment, or "land ban") they have also not been validated for site-specific conditions. In addition, even for the waste characterization and land ban applications, the current test procedures can be improved. We believe new leach testing protocols will offer better tools for estimating the leaching potential of different wastes more accurately under a range of different management conditions. We initiated a review of current leach testing last year (Land Disposal Restrictions Phase IV Final Rule, 63FR28579) because of concerns about applying the TCLP under certain conditions. Also, we recently received a commentary letter from our Science Advisory Board, SAB, (<http://www.epa.gov/science1/eecm9902.pdf>) urging reviews and revisions of the TCLP and its use in implementing RCRA programs.

Therefore, as part of this review, we are holding a public meeting to initiate

broad discussion regarding the development of new revised waste leaching procedures under the RCRA Program. We hope to obtain public input on all aspects of waste leaching, including the science relevant to waste leaching, approaches to leach testing, and policy considerations in leaching test development and use in regulatory programs and other scenarios.

II. What Will Be Presented at the Public Meeting?

The current agenda of presentations for the public meeting on development of new laboratory waste leaching procedures follows. As indicated in the agenda, an opportunity for public comment attendee discussion and questions will occur after each presentation. In addition, Session V (the last session on Friday) will include an opportunity for a discussion of public perspectives and other comments. This agenda, and any subsequent revisions, may also be found on the Internet site of the Methods Team, U.S. EPA Office of Solid Waste, soon after publication of this notice. The Methods Team Internet site address is: <http://www.epa.gov/SW-846>.

Agenda For EPA Public Meeting on Development of New Waste Leaching Procedures

Session I—Introduction and Overview

Thursday, July 22; 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
 8:00 a.m.–8:20 a.m. Organization of Meeting, Overview of Problem, Importance of this Meeting, Where OSW Is Going with this Effort
 8:20 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Discussion/Questions
 8:30 a.m.–8:50 a.m. Original Purpose of EPA/TCLP
 8:50 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Discussion/Questions
 9:00 a.m.–9:20 a.m. Science Advisory Board (SAB) Commentary
 9:20 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Discussion/Questions
 9:30 a.m.–9:50 a.m. Stakeholder Perspectives on Leaching Problem
 9:50 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Discussion/Questions
 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Break

Session II—Modeling and Risk Assessment

Thursday, July 22; 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 10:30 a.m.–10:50 a.m. Role Leachate Testing and Data Serves in Risk Assessment Process
 10:50 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Discussion/Questions
 11:00 a.m.–11:20 a.m. Modeling Overview

11:20 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Discussion/
Questions
11:30 a.m.–11:50 a.m. Modeling Issues
and Problems
11:50 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Discussion/
Questions
12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
LUNCH

Session III—Leaching Science

Thursday, July 22; 1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.–1:50 p.m. Inorganic Leaching
Science
1:50 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Discussion/
Questions
2:00 p.m.–2:20 p.m. International
Perspective of Leaching Science
2:20 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Discussion/
Questions
2:30 p.m.–2:50 p.m. Organic Leaching
Science
2:50 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Discussion/
Questions
3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. BREAK
3:30 p.m.–3:50 p.m. Overview of
Current Testing Approaches
3:50 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Discussion/
Questions
4:00 p.m.–4:20 p.m. Overview of
California EPA Approach
4:20 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Discussion/
Questions
4:30 p.m.–4:50 p.m. Overview of
Rutgers Research Supported by EPA
4:50 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Discussion/
Questions

Session IV—Leaching Policy and Applications

Friday, July 23; 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Test Design and
Implications: Waste
Characterization
9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Discussion/
Questions
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. BREAK
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Test Design and
Implications: Site Characterization
11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Discussion/
Questions
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. LUNCH

Session V—Leaching Policy and Applications and Wrap-Up

Friday, July 23; 1:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Test Design and
Implications: Treatment
Effectiveness
2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Discussion/
Questions
2:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Summary of
Meeting Results
3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Next Steps

III. How Should I Submit Comments on the Topics of the Public Meeting?

We established a public docket under docket control number F-1999-WLPA-

FFFFF for the submission of comments. We will accept comments in written or electronic format at the addresses indicated above under **ADDRESSES**. Please submit comments to those addresses before the meeting so that panel speakers have time to review and consider the information.

We welcome your views on all aspects of the meeting's topic. For example, we invite you to provide different views on waste characterization by leaching procedures, new or alternative leaching methods, current leaching methods used within the RCRA Program, potential effects of the development and implementation of new leaching procedures, and any other relevant information.

IV. Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, please contact Lisa Enderle of SAIC at the address listed above under **ADDRESSES**. Please contact Ms. Enderle at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

V. Registration Form

To register for the public meeting on the development of new waste leaching procedures, please complete the attached registration form and send it to Lisa Enderle via fax at: (703) 698-6101 or by mail to: Lisa Enderle, SAIC, 2222 Gallows Road, Suite 300, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. (As with any public meeting, there is no charge for attendance.)

Registration Form for EPA Public Meeting on the Development of New Waste Leaching Procedures

Send completed form to Lisa Enderle via fax at: (703) 698-6101 or by mail to: Lisa Enderle, SAIC, 2222 Gallows Road, Suite 300, Dunn Loring, VA 22027.

Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zipcode: _____
Telephone: _____
Fax: _____
E-mail address: _____

Dated: May 11, 1999.

James R. Berlow,
Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.
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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Advance notice with request for comments; publication of systems of records; publication of proposed system notice for new systems of records.

SUMMARY: Under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) is:

- Amending its Privacy Act systems of records;
- Establishing new systems of records;
- Deleting some existing systems of records; and
- Publishing a complete notice of its inventory of systems of records.

The new and amended systems of records will help us collect, maintain, use, and disclose information about individuals.

We filed a New Systems Report with Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on May 14, 1999.

DATES: You should forward written comments by June 24, 1999. We will adopt this notice without further publication on July 24, 1999, unless we change it to incorporate public comments and publish another notice.

ADDRESSES: You may mail written comments (in triplicate) to Debra Buccolo, Privacy Act Officer, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090. Copies of all comments we receive will be available for review by interested parties at FCA headquarters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Debra Buccolo, Privacy Act Officer,
Farm Credit Administration, 1501
Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia
22102-5090, (703) 883-4022, TDD
(703) 883-4444

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Jane M. Virga, Senior Attorney, Office of
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Administration, 1501 Farm Credit
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(703) 883-4071, TDD (703) 883-4444

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We have reviewed all FCA systems of records and have identified eight new systems and nine existing systems requiring substantive modification. We have deleted six systems.

We have revised each system description. We have changed the designated points of contact for inquiring about the systems, accessing the records, and requesting amendments to the records. We also have changed the categories of records maintained and