

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill Hotel at 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Information on the room location of the plenary sessions will be provided upon registration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Carlos Lago, (703-308-8642), or Mike Fitzpatrick (703-308-8411), Office of Solid Waste, Mail Code 5303W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20460. You may also contact them by e-mail at "lago.carlos@epamail.epa.gov" Or "fitzpatrick.mike@epamail.epa.gov".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Status**

The public is invited only to the two plenary sessions at the National Meeting. At the plenary sessions, federal, state, and tribal officials, and representatives from industry and public interest groups, will discuss current topics related to the RCRA program and the latest Agency initiatives. The public is invited to attend all the Environmental Indicator Forum sessions.

Preregistration is required for the plenary and the Environmental Indicator Forum sessions. There is no cost to register. No registration will occur at the door. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended. To reduce costs and minimize paper, we encourage everyone to register electronically for the meetings and at the Hyatt hotel using the meeting web site: <[www.epa.gov/osw/meeting/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osw/meeting/index.htm)>. If electronic registration is not possible, please contact Christine Milerson at HAZMED, (301) 577-9339, ext. 234. The address is Hazmed, 10001 Derekwood Lane, Suite 115, Lanham, MD 20706.

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**Elizabeth Cotsworth,**

*Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA); June Meeting Planned for Work Groups**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Tribal Affairs Work Group and the Environmental Justice Work Group will meet during the Forum

on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) session in June. The three FOSTTA projects: Chemical Management, Pollution Prevention, and Toxics Release Inventory will not meet at this time. These projects met in October and March of this fiscal year. The next meeting of the entire FOSTTA membership will be in October 2000. OPPT will issue a **Federal Register** notice in late September to announce the details of the October meeting.

**DATES:** The Tribal Affairs Work Group and the Environmental Justice Work Group will meet concurrently on June 22, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on June 23, 2000, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Old Town, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Hagevik, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1560 Broadway, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202; telephone: (303) 839-0273; fax: (303) 863-8003; e-mail: [george.hagevik@ncsl.org](mailto:george.hagevik@ncsl.org) or Darlene Harrod, Liaison Branch, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC; telephone: (202) 260-6904; fax: (202) 260-2219; e-mail: [harrod.darlene@epa.gov](mailto:harrod.darlene@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

This action is directed to the public in general. All parties interested in FOSTTA and hearing more about the perspectives of the States and Tribes on EPA programs and the information exchange regarding important issues related to human health and environmental exposure to toxics are invited and encouraged to attend. The public is encouraged to attend the proceedings as observers. However, in the interest of time and efficiency, the meetings are structured to provide maximum opportunity for State, Tribal, and EPA participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair of the work group, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings.

**II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?**

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of minutes, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Web site at <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/esnr/fostta/>

[fostta.htm](http://www.epa.gov/fostta.htm). To access this document on the EPA Internet Home Page go to <http://www.epa.gov> and select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register** Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/FOSTTA>.

2. *Facsimile.* Notify the contacts listed above if you would like any of the documents sent to you via fax.

**III. Background**

The NCSL and the EPA co-sponsor the meetings. As part of a co-sponsorship agreement, NCSL facilitates ongoing efforts of the States and Tribes to identify, discuss, and address toxics-related issues, and to continue the dialogue on how Federal environmental programs can best be implemented.

FOSTTA, a group of State and Tribal toxics environmental managers, is intended to foster the exchange of toxics-related program and enforcement information among the States, Tribes, EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). In addition to the two work groups, FOSTTA currently is composed of the Coordinating Committee and three issue-specific projects: the Chemical Management, Pollution Prevention, and Toxics Release Inventory.

The Tribal Affairs Work Group will focus on issues of particular interest to the Tribal representatives as well as on OPPT orientation and organizational matters. FOSTTA will also host a stakeholder meeting on logistical issues associated with the implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in the States.

**IV. Purpose of Meeting**

Tentative agenda items identified by NCSL, the States, and the Tribes for the Tribal Affairs Work Group meeting:

1. AIEO's Baseline Assessment project.
2. OECA's American Indian Land Environmental Support project.
3. Subsistence Food Assessment project.
4. OPPT 101.

The tentative agenda item identified for the Environmental Justice Work Group meeting:

Logistical issues associated with the implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in the States.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.

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**Clarence O. Lewis, III,**

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Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and  
Toxics.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notice of Superfund Recycling Equity Act Stakeholders Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting to examine whether or not to issue guidance dealing with prospective (*i.e.*, post-enactment) recycling transactions covered by the Superfund Recycling Equity Act (SREA). To address this question, EPA will hear views on whether such guidance is needed, what type of guidance might be needed, and what the content of any such guidance should be. More specifically, attendees will be given an opportunity to share their views with EPA on the issue of what constitutes "reasonable care" as contemplated by sections 127(c)(5), (6) of the SREA. Accordingly, EPA is seeking relevant factual information on standard practices in the recycling industry, quantity and quality of publicly available environmental compliance information, and information useful to the agency and industry to implement the reasonable care standard contemplated in the SREA. This notice identifies a contact person for registration, and includes information on the topic, place, date and time of the meeting.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on July 17, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to attend the meeting, you must notify the Agency by July 10, 2000. Any written comments you wish to submit, whether or not you attend the meeting, must be submitted as set forth below and before July 10, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at U.S. EPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (entrance on 12th Street N.W.), in the NETI Conference Room No. 6226, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sherry Green, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement, Subject: Recycling

Meeting, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Mailcode 2272A, Washington, DC 20460, 202-564-4303, Fax 202-564-0461, or e-mail: [green.sherry@epa.gov](mailto:green.sherry@epa.gov). Registration: there is no registration fee for this public meeting, but, to assure room capacity for all those attending, notice of your intention to attend must be received by July 10, 2000. Due to possible limitations on space in the meeting room, up to two participants per organization is requested, unless special arrangements are made with the Agency in advance of the meeting. All interested persons may give notice of their intention to attend via email to: [green.sherry@epa.gov](mailto:green.sherry@epa.gov), Subject: Recycling Meeting, Fax 202-564-0461, or regular mail to the address noted above, and should provide the following information: Name, Affiliation (if applicable), Address, Phone, Fax, and Email address (if available). All timely comments, both oral and written, will be considered.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Superfund Recycling Equity Act (SREA) was enacted on November 29, 1999, amending the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.* SREA may also in some uses be referenced as the "D.C. Appropriations Act 2000, § 6001," the "Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2000, § 6001," or P.L. 106-113, Section 6001, and is codified at 42 U.S.C. § 9627. The purpose of this meeting is to listen to the views of all concerned on the issues raised by the SREA pertaining to post-enactment transactions, in particular, the issue of the reasonable care standard under sections 127(c)(5), (6) of the Act. Accordingly, the questions listed below have been provided to serve as the framework for the dialogue and information exchange at the meeting on July 17, 2000. To assure adequate time for all participants, oral remarks will be limited to seven minutes per individual or organization. Oral remarks may be supplemented with a written statement. All written statements (whether you plan to attend the meeting or not) must be received in electronic format by EPA by July 10, 2000 (seven days before the meeting). Written statements will be made available for public access at [www.epa.gov/oeca/osre/recycle.html](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/osre/recycle.html), once received by EPA. We encourage all persons planning to attend the meeting to read as many of these statements as have been posted before attending the meeting since it will inform the group dialogue. Copies of written statements

are likely to be too voluminous to be provided by EPA at the meeting, so please bring your own copies if you intend to refer to them during the meeting. Following the presentations, if time permits, EPA will invite group discussion of the issues raised to further assist it in considering the questions to be addressed.

##### II. Questions To Be Addressed at the Public Meeting

(1) How does a generator of scrap material currently exercise reasonable care in determining whether a consuming facility has been in compliance with substantive provisions of Federal, State or local environmental laws?

(2) What factors does a generator of scrap material currently take into account when evaluating the compliance status of a consuming facility?

(3) What prevailing industrial practices are used when assessing a facility's compliance status?

(4) How much inquiry does a generator of scrap material generally believe is needed to be reasonably comfortable that it has sufficient information to make a decision about a consuming facility's compliance status?

(5) As part of the assessment of what constitutes sufficient information, how much weight should standard industrial practices or prior business relationships with a particular facility or company be given in determining an individual consuming facility's behavior and compliance status?

(6) How do the criteria contained in section 127(c)(6) regarding "reasonable care" shape or direct the type of inquiry that is necessary to determine that a consuming facility is in compliance with substantive provisions of Federal, State or local environmental laws?

(7) Under what circumstances should site visits be required?

(8) What compliance information is available from state and local authorities? From other authorities?

(9) How often/frequently should generators be required to re-check the compliance status of consuming facilities?

(10) Under what circumstances is it appropriate/sufficient to rely on a consuming facility's checklist or self-certification to satisfy the "reasonable care" standard?

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**Barry Breen,**

*Office Director, Office of Site Remediation  
Enforcement.*

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