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#### IV. Transcripts

You may request a transcript of the meeting from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 12A-16, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, at a cost of 10 cents per page. You may also examine the transcript of the meeting after August 11, 2000, at the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as on the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov>.

#### V. Reference

We have placed the following reference on display in the Dockets Management Branch. You may see it at that office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

1. Institute of Food Technologists, "Kinetics of Microbial Inactivation for Alternative Food Processing Technologies," A report of the Institute of Food Technologists for the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, June 2, 2000.

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Public Meeting on Use of the Term "Fresh" on Foods Processed with Alternative Nonthermal Technologies

Instructions: To register, complete this form and mail it to the address of the contact person(s) for registration or fax it to 312-886-3280 by July 14, 2000.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax, \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail, \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the type of organization that you represent:

Industry \_\_\_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_\_\_  
 Consumer Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Media \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Educational Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to make an oral presentation?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, you must also submit the following:

1. A brief statement of the general nature of the views you wish to present,
2. The names and addresses of all persons who will participate in the presentation, and depending on the number of people who register to make presentations, we will limit the time allotted for each presentation.

Dated: June 27, 2000.

**Margaret M. Dotzel,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 141 and 142

[FRL-6728-2]

### Announcement of Stakeholders Meeting on Arsenic in Drinking Water Proposed Rule

**AGENCY:** . Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of stakeholders meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a one-day Stakeholders meeting on August 9, 2000 in Reno, Nevada. The purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions on the proposed rule. EPA is encouraging people to attend from State and Tribal drinking water programs, the regulated community (water systems), public health organizations, academia, environmental and public interest groups, engineering firms, and other interested stakeholders.

**DATES:** The stakeholder meeting on arsenic in drinking water will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2000 from 8 a.m. to 12 pm and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. PDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Reno Hilton [(800) 648-5080], which is located at 2500 E. Second Street, Reno, NV 89595.

To register for the meeting, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 between 9 am and 5:30 p.m. EST. Those registered for the meeting by Friday, July 28, 2000 will receive an agenda, logistics sheet, and a copy of the **Federal Register** notice prior to the meeting. There will be a limited number of conference lines available. These lines will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public who cannot attend the

meeting in person should register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by July 28 to receive copies of the overheads in advance. Please provide your name, organization, title, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address and telephone number for EPA to connect the caller via conference call [if applicable] for the "Arsenic Meeting."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For information on the activities related to the proposed arsenic rule, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or visit the EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water arsenic webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW/ars/arsenic.html>, which contains electronic copies of two fact sheets, the proposed rule, and the discussion papers and executive meeting summaries from previous stakeholders meetings. Registrants must make their own room reservations for the Reno Hilton by July 7, 2000 by calling (800) 648-5080 and mention "EPA Arsenic in Drinking Water Meeting" to guarantee the room rate of \$55 plus tax.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Background

Arsenic (As) is a naturally occurring element found in the human body and is present in food, water, and air. Arsenic in drinking water occurs in ground water and surface water and is associated with certain natural geologic conditions, as well as with contamination from human activities. Arsenic ingestion is linked to skin cancer and arsenic inhalation to lung cancer. In addition, arsenic ingestion seems to be associated with vascular effects, gastrointestinal irritation, and cancers of the kidney, bladder, liver, lung, and other organs. Water primarily contains inorganic arsenic species (As<sup>V+</sup> and As<sup>III+</sup>).

On August 6, 1996, Congress amended the SDWA, adding section 1412(b)(12)(A) which requires, in part, that EPA propose a NPDWR for arsenic by January 1, 2000 and issue a final regulation by January 1, 2001. The current maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 50 µg/L remains in effect until the effective date of the revised rule.

The National Primary Drinking Water regulation for arsenic proposes a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) of zero, an MCL of 5 µg/L, and lists best available technologies and small system compliance technologies. In addition, the proposed rule,

published June 22, 2000 (65 FR 38888) requests comments on MCLs of 3 µg/L, 10 µg/L, and 20 µg/L. EPA is proposing to withdraw two analytical methods, keeping the rest of the approved test methods for arsenic intact. The regulation will be effective for community water systems (CWSs) serving over 10,000 people three years after the final rule is issued, and effective five years after promulgation for CWSs serving under 10,000 people. In addition, EPA is proposing that non-transient, non-community water systems (NTNCWS) monitor and report arsenic that exceeds the new MCL, but not requiring compliance for NTNCWS with the MCL.

Furthermore, the proposal clarifies compliance for State-determined monitoring after exceedances for inorganic, volatile organic, and synthetic organic contaminants. Finally, EPA is proposing that States will specify the time period and sampling frequency for new public water systems and systems using a new source of water to demonstrate compliance for inorganic, volatile organic, and synthetic organic MCLs.

In conducting research and developing the proposed rule for arsenic in drinking water, EPA has consulted with the National Academy of Sciences, other Federal agencies, and other interested public and private parties.

The stakeholders meeting will cover a broad range of issues including: (1) Regulatory process, including risk management decisions; (2) arsenic risk assessment (exposure, health assessment, national occurrence); (3) key technical assessments (treatment technologies, treatment residuals, cost, analytical methods); (4) small system concerns; and (5) future stakeholder involvement.

EPA has announced this public meeting to discuss the proposed rule prior to the close of the public comment period. The meeting is not the forum for giving the Agency public comment on the rule. The public comment period ends on September 20, 2000, and you may send written comments to the W-99-16 Arsenic Comments Clerk, Water Docket (MC-4101), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. Comments may be hand delivered to the Water Docket, located at U.S. EPA EB-57, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC between 9 am. and 3:30 pm., Monday through Friday. Comments may be submitted electronically to [ow-docket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:ow-docket@epamail.epa.gov). Please submit an original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references) to the Water Docket at the address given above. For further

information about submitting comments, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Dated: June 26, 2000.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Parts 2 and 87

[WT Docket No. 00-77; RM Nos. 9376, 9462; FCC 00-160]

#### Advanced Digital Communications in the 117.975-137 MHz Band and Implementation of Flight Information Services in the 136-137 MHz Band

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document the Commission seeks comment on proposals regarding the use of the 136-137 MHz frequency band by the Aviation Services and certain modifications to parts 2 and 87 of the Commission's rules in response to two Petitions for Rulemaking filed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Small Aircraft Manufacturers Association. In response to the Petitions and comments received, the Commission has released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in which the Commission proposes to: modify the footnote allocation of the Commission's rules to permit the FAA to use twenty channels in the 136-136.475 MHz band on a shared basis with non-Federal Government users for Air Traffic Control purposes, including Flight Information Services; revise certain technical rules in part 87 for the 117.975-137 MHz band to accommodate digital communications systems; and modify those rules pertaining to special purpose enroute services in the Gulf of Mexico.

**DATES:** Comments are due August 2, 2000. Reply comments are due August 2, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., TW-325, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of each filing should be sent to International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800, and Roberto Mussenden, Federal Communications Commission, Wireless

Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Policy and Rules Branch, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Room 3-A424, Washington, DC 20554.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roberto Mussenden ([rmussend@fcc.gov](mailto:rmussend@fcc.gov)) or Ghassan Khalek ([gkhalek@fcc.gov](mailto:gkhalek@fcc.gov)) at the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Policy and Rules Branch, (202) 418-0680.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in WT Docket No. 00-77, FCC No. 00-160, released on May 15, 2000, as amended by *Errata* released on June 5, 2000. The full text of the NPRM is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Room 4-C207, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this NPRM may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, 202-857-3800. Alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, audiocassette and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260, TTY (202) 418-2555, or at [mcontee@fcc.gov](mailto:mcontee@fcc.gov).

Currently, the 136-137 MHz band is allocated to the non-Federal Government aeronautical mobile (R) service on a primary basis. This one megahertz of spectrum is used by the civil aviation community, in particular ARINC, for AOC communications, and pursuant to footnote US244, by the FAA for general aviation ATC purposes. SAMA, in its Petition, requests the FCC to set aside four channels in the 136-137 MHz band for FIS to support general aviation. The FAA, in its Revised Petition, supports this request but also seeks a reallocation of approximately half of the band (136-136.475 MHz) to accommodate a new, digital communications system. While generally supporting both requests, it appears that the aviation community challenges the amount of spectrum needed and the manner in which it is allocated. The aviation community counsels caution when evaluating the petitions and stresses the need to balance future Federal Government services against the existing and planned improvements in non-Federal Government data communications services. All parties also request that 47