

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6964-6]

Meeting of the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will meet in a regular quarterly session. This is an open meeting. The theme will be "Mobile Source Programs At Other Federal Agencies." The meeting may include presentations by the Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce, Department of Energy and possibly others. The preliminary agenda for this meeting and draft minutes from the previous one are available from the Subcommittee's website at: http://www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/mobile_sources-caaac.html

DATES: Wednesday, April 18, 2001 from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike & Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For technical information:* Ms. Cheryl L. Hogan, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Certification and Compliance Division, U.S. EPA, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, Ph: 734/214-4402, FAX: 734/214-4053, email: hogan.cheryl@epa.gov

For logistical and administrative information: Ms. Mary F. Green, FACA Management Officer, U.S. EPA, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Ph: 734/214-4411, Fax: 734/214-4053, email: green.mary@epa.gov

Background on the work of the Subcommittee is available at: <http://transaq.ce.gatech.edu/epatac>.

For more current information: www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/mobile_sources-caaac.html.

Individuals or organizations wishing to provide comments to the Subcommittee should submit them to Ms. Hogan at the address above by April 10, 2001. The Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During this meeting, the Subcommittee may also hear progress reports from some of its workgroups as well as updates and announcements on activities of general interest to attendees, e.g., status of relevant EPA regulations and mobile source programs, etc.

Dated: April 3, 2001.

Margo T. Oge,

Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6964-7]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology, (NACEPT) Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of public advisory NACEPT standing committee on compliance assistance meeting; open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance will meet on the date and time described below. The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. For further information concerning this meeting, please contact the individual listed with the announcement below. National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance; May 2-3, 2001. Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold an open meeting of the NACEPT Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance on Tuesday, May 2, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday May 3, 2001 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the AUSA building on 2425 Wilson Blvd Arlington, VA, 22201. The agenda for both days of the meeting will be focused primarily on drafting recommendations to the EPA Administrator on compliance assistance (CA) policy issues, including integrating CA into EPA's mission, CA measurement and CA tool development and delivery. A formal agenda will be available at the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NACEPT is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator and other EPA officials on a broad range of domestic and international environmental policy issues. NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principal constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies. Over the last two years, EPA has undertaken a number of actions to improve our compliance assistance activities. To ensure that the Agency efforts to improve compliance assistance are implemented in a way that continues to reflect stakeholder needs, NACEPT created a new Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance. This will provide a continuing Federal Advisory Committee forum from which the EPA can continue to receive valuable stakeholder advice and recommendations on compliance assistance activities.

For further information concerning the NACEPT Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance, including the upcoming meeting, contact Joanne Berman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), on (202) 564-7064, or E-mail: berman.joanne@epa.gov.

INSPECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE

DOCUMENTS: Documents relating to the above topics will be publicly available at the meeting.

Dated: April 2, 2001.

Jonathan Binder,

Acting Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6961-2]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act: Prewitt Abandoned Refinery

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a

proposed administrative settlement concerning the Prewitt Abandoned Refinery Superfund Site (the "Site") which is located near Prewitt, New Mexico. The settling parties are Atlantic Richfield Company ("ARCO") and El Paso Natural Gas Company ("EPNG").

The settlement requires ARCO and EPNG to pay \$834,055.34, to the Hazardous Substances Superfund to settle EPA's CERCLA section 107(a), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), claim for past costs associated with EPA's Superfund response action at the Site. The settlement figure includes \$211,700 to settle EPA's claim for costs that it projects it will incur during the next two years at the Site. The EPA anticipates that its response will continue beyond those two years, and the settlement does not settle EPA's claims for future costs beyond the two years described in the administrative settlement document.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify, withdraw or withhold its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75202-2733.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the EPA Region 6 offices located at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75202-2733. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Dan Hochstetler, Enforcement Officer, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75202-2733 at 214.665.6569. Comments should reference the Prewitt Abandoned Refinery Superfund Site, and EPA Docket Number 06-18-99, and should be addressed to Dan Hochstetler at the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EPA Senior Attorney James E. Costello, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75202-2733 at 214.665.8045.

Dated: March 14, 2001.

Lynda F. Carroll,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.
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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the forthcoming regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

DATE AND TIME: The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on April 12, 2001, from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Mikel Williams, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

ADDRESS: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open Session

A. Approval of Minutes

- March 8, 2001 (Open)

B. Reports

- Corporate Approvals
- Annual Report on Conditions in the Farm Credit System

Dated: April 5, 2001.

Kelly Mikel Williams,
Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.
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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Statement of Policy Regarding Binding Arbitration

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Final statement of policy.

SUMMARY: This FDIC Statement of Policy addresses the Corporation's use of binding arbitration and complies with the requirements of the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-320. This policy statement reaffirms and supplements the FDIC's existing policy (62 FR 66370) to use all forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution

for resolving appropriate disputes in a timely and cost efficient manner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark G. Flanigan, Counsel (202) 898-6865, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Rm. 5082, Washington, DC 20429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Directors of the FDIC has adopted a Statement of Policy regarding binding arbitration. The text of the Policy Statement follows:

Statement of Policy on the Use of Binding Arbitration

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has long been and continues to be a strong advocate for the use of various forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) for resolving appropriate disputes in a more timely, less costly manner than litigation. The FDIC's ADR program is an organization-wide effort implementing the spectrum of ADR processes including negotiation, facilitation, mediation, evaluation and advisory ADR in internal and external conflict management and dispute resolution. This policy statement reiterates the FDIC's commitment and full support for using ADR in appropriate instances and sets forth a framework for the continuing and expanding use of ADR by providing for the use of binding arbitration as a means of dispute resolution.

Arbitration is a private, informal process by which parties agree, in writing, to submit their disputes to one or more impartial persons authorized to resolve the controversy by rendering a final and binding decision or award with limited rights of appeal. The final and binding nature of the decision distinguishes arbitration from mediation and other non-binding forms of ADR. Potential benefits of arbitration are its greater flexibility, potential for limited discovery and streamlined hearing processes, use of panels of trained and subject-area expert arbitrators, and restricted judicial review rights.

Although the FDIC encourages non-binding, consensual forms of ADR, the Corporation views the use of binding arbitration in appropriate circumstances as an additional ADR technique to accomplish its business in an efficient, economical and productive manner. The Corporation will consider using non-binding ADR to resolve disputes prior to engaging in binding arbitration.

Scope

This Policy Statement applies to disputes arising with the FDIC in all its capacities and complies with the