

be implemented primarily in the states as states are delegated the majority of EPA programs and will be the predominant providers of on-site compliance assistance. States may be implementing EPA's small business policy or a comparable state policy. Accordingly, in order to report comprehensively to Congress on the impact of the Agency's program to reduce/waive penalties for small entities, it is important that EPA obtain information from the states on their implementation of a comparable policy or program.

EPA, working alone or with state-affiliated organizations, will send a brief questionnaire to each state environmental regulatory agency. Specifically, the Agency will request information on: the scope of a state's program or policy to reduce/waive penalties for small entities, the number of enforcement actions against small entities that qualified/did not qualify for the program or policy, the total amount of penalty reductions/waivers and the behavioral/environmental impact of a state's program or policy. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. This information will enable the Agency to: fulfill its statutory obligation to Report to Congress; better understand the impact of its Small Business Policy or comparable state policies on small entities and the environment; tailor its policies and programs to assist small entities in complying with regulatory requirements and reduce or waive penalties levied on first-time violators. The information, in addition, will be used by Congress to evaluate the implementation of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The total burden of responding to the questionnaire is summarized by the following information: Review instructions (.25 person/hour); Collection/aggregation and validation of information (10 person/hours); Filling out the questionnaire (.5 person/hours). The average hourly burden to the states for this one-time report to Congress is estimated to be 10.75 person/hours. The respondent costs have been calculated on the basis of \$33 per hour for a total of \$354.75. The total cost burden for this one-time report to Congress for all states is estimated to be \$17,737.50. 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; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: September 12, 1997.

Elaine G. Stanley,

Director, Office of Compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Charter Renewal

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby announces the recharting of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) for an additional 2 year period effective 9/29/97. The Advisory Council provides advice to the Administrator of EPA on

issues related to managing environmental justice. This council consists of 25 individuals selected to represent the seven major stakeholder categories; academia, community organizations, industry, state/local governments, tribal governments, non-government organizations, and environmental organizations. This council convenes to review resolutions prepared in the subcommittees and to hear public comments during the Public Comment Period held during each meeting, normally for two nights for at least two hours each night. The Advisory Council has six subcommittees to help develop strategic options for EPA. Each subcommittee is comprised of approximately ten individuals knowledgeable in the subject area, from the NEJAC Council as well as from other stakeholder organizations. These subcommittees are: Waste and Facility Siting, Enforcement, Health and Research, Public Participation and Accountability, Indigenous Peoples, and International. Copies of the new revised charter, information regarding the NEJAC membership and other pertinent Environmental Justice knowledge can be obtained by dialing the 24 Hour Office of Environment Justice Line on 1-800-962-6215;

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marva E. King, NEJAC Program Manager at 202-564-2599.

Dated: September 11, 1997.

Robert J. Knox,

Designated Federal Official, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140262; FRL-5744-5]

Access to Confidential Business Information by General Sciences Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, General Sciences Corporation (GSC), of Laurel, Maryland, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than October 2, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68-W7-0030, contractor GSC, of 6100 Chevy Chase Drive, Laurel, MD, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) by providing technical support for exposure model identification and evaluation, maintenance of the Graphical Exposure Modeling (GEMS), and GEMS for the personal computer and modeling for exposure assessments of new and existing chemicals.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W7-0030, GSC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6 and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. GSC personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6 and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6 and 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide GSC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 30, 2001.

GSC personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: September 1, 1997.

Oscar Morales,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5896-4]

Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: On September 11, 1995 (60 FR 47172), the EPA announced the establishment of the Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs Subcommittee under the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC). The CAAAC was established on November 8, 1990 (55 FR 46993) pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. app I). The purpose of the Subcommittee is to provide advice and recommendations on integrated approaches for implementing potentially new national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone and particulate matter, as well as a regional haze program.

DATES: Notice is hereby given that the Subcommittee for Development of Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, October 9, 1997 (from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) and Friday, October 10, 1997 (from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Westin Michigan Avenue, 909 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60611, telephone (312) 943-7200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the Subcommittee for Development of Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs, please contact Mr. William F. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, at 919-541-5498, or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. When a draft agenda is developed, a copy can be downloaded from the: (1) Ozone/Particulate Matter/Regional Haze FACA Bulletin Board, which is located on the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards Technology Transfer Network (OAQPS TTN); (2) the OAQPS TTN Web Site (<http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov>); or (3) by contacting Ms. Denise M. Gerth at 919-541-5550.

Dated: September 15, 1997.

Henry C. Thomas,

Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5895-9]

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

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 Marco de Iota Superfund Site in Iota, Louisiana, with the following settling parties referenced in the Supplementary Information portion of this document.

The settlement requires the settling major parties to pay collectively \$209,000.00, and the *De Minimis* parties to pay a combined total of \$26,121.80 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund. The settlement is designed to resolve fully the settling parties' liability at the site through a covenant not to sue under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, and section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6973.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw 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. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area in accordance with section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information