

to assess the contamination of a brownfields site(s) that is or will be used for greenspace purposes. Greenspace purposes may include, but are not limited to, parks, playgrounds, trails, gardens, habitat restoration, open space, and/or greenspace preservation.

EPA expects to select up to 50 National brownfields assessment pilots to receive supplemental assistance by March 2000. The deadline for proposals for the 2000 supplemental assistance is December 22, 1999. Proposals must be post-marked or sent to EPA via registered or tracked mail by the stated deadline.

The supplemental assistance for the National brownfields assessment pilots will be administered on a competitive basis. To ensure a fair selection process, evaluation panels consisting of EPA Regional and Headquarters staff will assess how well the proposals meet the selection criteria outlined in the application booklet *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Supplemental Assistance for the Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots* (October 1999). Applicants are encouraged to contact and, if possible, meet with EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinators.

DATES: All proposals must be post-marked or sent to EPA via registered or tracked mail by December 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The proposal guidelines can be obtained by calling the Superfund Hotline at the following numbers:

Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810

Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346

TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672

Copies of the guidelines are also available via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Superfund Hotline, 800-424-9346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative, the Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots are designed to empower States, communities, tribes, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely cleanup and promote the sustainable reuse of brownfields. EPA has awarded cooperative agreements to States, cities, towns, counties and Tribes for demonstration pilots that test brownfields assessment models, direct special efforts toward removing

regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness, and facilitate coordinated public and private efforts at the Federal, State, tribal and local levels. To date, the Agency has funded 307 Brownfields Assessment Pilots.

In fiscal year 2000, EPA has determined that brownfields assessment pilots awarded on or before September 30, 1998, may apply for up to \$150,000 for continuance and expansion of their brownfields assessment efforts. These pilots focus on EPA's primary mission—protecting human health and the environment. They are also an essential piece of the nation's overall community revitalization efforts. EPA works closely with other federal agencies through the Interagency Working Group on Brownfields, and builds relationships with other stakeholders on the national and local levels to develop coordinated approaches for community revitalization.

Supplemental funding for the brownfields assessment pilots is authorized under Section 104(d)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, (CERCLA or Superfund), 42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1). States (including U.S. Territories), political subdivisions (including cities, towns, counties), and federally recognized Indian Tribes which received a brownfields assessment pilot grant on or before September 30, 1998, are eligible to apply. EPA welcomes and encourages brownfields projects by coalitions of such entities, but only a single eligible entity may receive a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreement funds will be awarded only to a state, a political subdivision of a state, or a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Through a brownfields cooperative agreement, EPA provides funds to an eligible state, political subdivision, or Indian Tribe to undertake activities authorized under CERCLA section 104. Use of these supplemental assistance pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funds also apply to the assessment pilots.

The evaluation panels will review the proposals carefully and assess each response based on how well it addresses the selection criteria, briefly outlined below:

Part I (Required)

1. Established Brownfields Program (4 points out of 20)
2. Accomplishments Under Existing Brownfields Assessment Pilot (4 points out of 20)
3. Demonstrated Ability To Administer Existing Brownfields

Assessment Demonstration Pilot (4 points out of 20)

4. Work To Be Performed (8 points out of 20)
- Part II (Optional)
5. Greenspace
 - Authority and Context (2 points out of 8)
 - Community Involvement (2 points out of 8)
 - Site Identification, Site Assessment Plan, Flow of Ownership, and Reuse Planning (4 points out of 8)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committees on Pesticide Operations and Management and Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committees on Pesticide Operations and Management and Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal will hold a 3-day meeting, beginning on November 8, 1999, and ending on November 10, 1999. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The SFIREG Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee will meet alone on Monday, November 8, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Pesticide Operations and Management and Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committees will meet jointly on Tuesday, November 9, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 9, 1999, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and again on Wednesday, November 10, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington-Crystal City, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, but all parties interested in SFIREG's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into the EPA's decision-making process are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate.

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

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page 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/>. You may also obtain electronic copies of the minutes, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Internet Home Page at <http://aapco.ceris.purdue.edu/doc/index.html>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "SFIREG" and then look up the entry for this document under the "SFIREG Meetings."

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00628. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of

the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

III. Purpose of the Meeting

A. Pesticide Operations Management Working Committee Tentative Agenda

1. Update and discussion of Pesticide Field Data Plan.
2. Cooperative Agreement Grant Funding.
3. Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance topics for discussion:
 - a. Federal Inspector credentials.
 - b. Inspector training.
 - c. Inspector manual.
 - d. Custom Blend policy.
 - e. Worker Protection issues.
4. Outcome of National Endangered Species meeting.
5. Registration and labeling issues on fumigants:
 - a. Methyl bromide.
 - b. Phosphide REDS.
6. Rodenticide project - "Rats are Us."
7. Region 9 Issue Paper on Increased EPA Support for State Lead Agency Laboratory Formulation Work.
8. Working Committee reports.
9. Updates from the Office of Pesticide Programs and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
10. Other topics as appropriate.

B. Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee and Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee Joint Meeting Tentative Agenda

1. Labeling issues:
 - a. Status of Label Accountability project.
 - b. Consumer Labeling/Disposal Initiative (CLI).
 - c. Use directions on labels.
 - d. Update on Pesticide Registration Notice on Mandatory v. Advisory Language.
2. Pesticide management plan issues.
3. Status on language for spray drift minimization update and discussion.
4. Conditional Registration update and discussion.
5. Aquatic Pesticide update and discussion.
6. Laboratory Issue Paper: "State Lab Capabilities for Analysis of New Pesticide Products."

7. AAPCO Initiative.
 - a. State lab needs - present and future.
 - b. Support for regulatory programs.
8. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System update and discussion.
9. Total Maximum Daily Load update and discussion.
10. Active Ingredient Isomers issues.
11. Inert distributions of EPA registered and non registered pesticides.
12. EPA Strategic Plan Workshop update.
13. Updates from the Office of Pesticide Programs and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
14. Other topics as appropriate.

C. Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee Tentative Agenda

1. Pesticide Biocumulative Toxins (PBT) National Action Plan for Level One Pesticides.
2. Status of Pesticide Management Plan.
3. California Ground Water Initiative Workshops.
4. EPA Ground Water report to Congress.
5. U.S. Geological Survey reports - "Distribution of Major Herbicides in Ground Water."
6. Updates from the Office of Pesticide Programs and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
7. Working Committee reports.
8. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Elmendorf Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement.

SUMMARY: EPA is today requesting comments on a draft Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for Elmendorf Air Force Base (EAFB). The FPA is a