

scientific citation format, that is, author(s), title, journal, and date. Your cover letter should state that the correspondence is an IRIS Submission, describe in general terms the purpose of the submission, and include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons to contact for additional information. Mail two copies of the submission to the IRIS Submission Desk, c/o Courtney R. Johnson, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8601D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460. Note that the address for the IRIS Submission Desk has changed.

Alternatively, you may submit the submission inventory and cover letter electronically to IRIS.desk@epa.gov. Electronic information must be submitted in WordPerfect or as an ASCII file. Information will also be accepted on 3.5" floppy disks. All information in electronic form must be identified as an IRIS Submission.

2. EPA Replies to Submission Inventory: In the second step, EPA will compare the submission inventory to existing files and identify the information that should be submitted. This step will help prevent an influx of duplicative information. You will receive notification requesting full submission of the selected material.

3. Full Submission of Selected Material: In the third step, you should send in the information indicated by EPA within 30 days of EPA's reply. Prompt response to EPA will ensure that your material can be considered in the assessment in a timely fashion. Submittals should include a cover letter addressing all of the points in item 1 above. In addition, when you submit results of new health effects studies concerning existing substances on IRIS, you should include a specific explanation of how and why the study results could change the information in IRIS.

Please send two copies, at least one of which should be unbound, to the IRIS Submission Desk, as described in Step 1. The IRIS Submission Desk will acknowledge receipt of your information.

Confidential Business Information (CBI) should not be submitted to the IRIS Submission Desk. CBI must be submitted to the appropriate EPA Office via established procedures for submission of CBI (see 40 CFR, Part 2, Subpart B). If you believe that a CBI submission contains information with implications for IRIS, please note that in the cover letter accompanying the submission to the appropriate office.

You may also request to augment your submission with a scientific briefing to

EPA staff. Such requests should be made directly to Amy Mills, IRIS Program Manager (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**).

Assessment Development Input from External Parties

In addition to the opportunity for public input via the IRIS Submission Desk described above, EPA is testing ways to involve the public in the development of health assessment documents which are submitted to EPA by external parties as supporting documents for IRIS. Considerable expertise in assessing health risks exists outside of EPA, such as in other government agencies, industries, universities, professional organizations, and other non-governmental organizations. Cooperation between EPA and external parties in the assessment development process can improve the quality of IRIS supporting documents. EPA can provide scientific dialogue and feedback during the development of external parties' assessments.

For several assessments in progress now, specifically for the chemical substances Ethylene oxide, Styrene, and Toxaphene, external parties are developing assessment documents with dialogue and feedback from EPA. EPA will then consider these documents, in whole or in part, as possible sources or supporting documents for IRIS assessments. Over the coming year, EPA will evaluate its experience with these three externally-generated assessments in terms of process efficiency and quality of the documents produced. If the experience is positive, EPA will invite similar involvement on future health assessments in the IRIS program.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission for the Northeast United States

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the 2000 Winter Meeting of

the Ozone Transport Commission. This meeting is for the Ozone Transport Commission to deal with appropriate matters within the Ozone Transport Region in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States, as provided for under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. This meeting is not subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 27, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Washington & Towers, 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC; (202) 483-3000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judith M. Katz, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; (215) 814-2900.

FOR DOCUMENTS AND PRESS INQUIRIES CONTACT: Bruce S. Carhart, Ozone Transport Commission, 444 North Capitol Street N.W., Suite 638, Washington, DC 20001; (202) 508-3840; e-mail: ozone@sso.org; website: <http://www.sso.org/otc>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 contain at section 184 provisions for the "Control of Interstate Ozone Air Pollution." Section 184(a) establishes an "Ozone Transport Region" (OTR) comprised of the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, parts of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation of the Environmental Protection Agency convened the first meeting of the commission in New York City on May 7, 1991. The purpose of the Ozone Transport Commission is to deal with ground level ozone formation, transport, and control within the OTR.

The purpose of this notice is to announce that this Commission will meet on January 27, 2000. The meeting will be held at the address noted earlier in this notice.

Section 176A(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 specifies that the meetings of the Ozone Transport Commission are not subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting will be open to the public as space permits.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Agenda: Copies of the final agenda will be available from Bruce Carhart of the OTC office (202) 508-3840 (by e-mail: ozone@sso.org or via our website at <http://www.sso.org/otc>) on Thursday,

January 20, 2000. The purpose of this meeting is to review air quality needs within the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States, including reduction of motor vehicle and stationary source air pollution. The OTC is also expected to address issues related to the transport of ozone into its region, including actions by EPA under sections 110 and 126 of the Clean Air Act, to evaluate the potential for additional emission reductions through new motor vehicle emission standards, and to discuss market-based programs to reduce pollutants that cause ozone.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board, Environmental Engineering Committee; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Engineering Committee (and its Subcommittees) of the USEPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will hold two conference calls and two face-to-face meetings on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Important notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office unless otherwise noted; information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

1. Natural Attenuation Research Subcommittee—Teleconference Meetings on January 26 and February 24

The Natural Attenuation Research Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC) will conduct public teleconference meetings Wednesday January 26, 2000 and Thursday February 24, 2000 between the hours of 3 p.m.-5 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The meetings will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 6450V in the USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Ariel Rios Building is

adjacent to the escalator to the Federal Triangle Metro Station on 12th Street NW. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings in the conference room noted above, however, the public may also attend through a telephonic link. Additional instructions about how to participate in either conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Mary Winston approximately a week prior to each meeting (by January 19 or February 17, respectively) at (202) 564-4538, or via e-mail at <winston.mary@epa.gov>.

Purpose of the Meetings

At the January 26th conference call meeting, the Subcommittee intends to refine the charge for its review of EPA's natural attenuation research. At the February 24th conference call meeting, the Subcommittee intends to hear preliminary reactions of individual reviewers to the written materials and to clarify the agenda for a face-to-face review meeting in March (as announced below).

Availability of Review Materials

The review materials include background information such as the Directive on Natural Attenuation (<http://www.epa.gov/swrust1/directiv/d9200417.pdf>); the Waste Research Strategy (<http://www.epa.gov/ORD/WebPubs/final/wastepub.pdf>); a list of publications based on the completed research; project descriptions for ongoing research; and a description of planned research not yet underway. Where an electronic version of a document is available, the website has been noted. A limited number of paper copies of these documents can be obtained from Dr. Stephen Schmelling at e-mail: <schmelling.steve@epa.gov> or via phone at (580) 436-8540.

2. Technology Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting on February 23-25

The Technology Evaluation Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board's Environmental Engineering Committee will meet Wednesday through Friday, February 23-25, 2000 in Conference Room 6530, USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004 (adjacent to the escalator to the Federal Triangle Metro Station on 12th Street NW). The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday and end no later than 4 p.m. on Friday.

Purpose of the Meeting

The Subcommittee will review the implementation of quality management in the Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) program.

Availability of Review Materials

The review materials include a brief program description, the ETV Quality Management Plan, several pilot study protocols and selected final reports. The general program description is available from Ms. Penny Hansen (via e-mail at: <hansen.penny@epa.gov> or phone at (202) 564-3212). A limited number of paper copies of the other documents will be available from Ms. Hansen as well. If available, electronic versions of these other documents will also be made available on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov>) approximately three weeks prior to the meeting. The Subcommittee is likely to reference the following Agency quality management documents: EPA Quality System Overview (G-0); Guidance for the Data Quality Objectives Process—Final 9/94 (G-4); and G-5: Guidance on Quality Assurance Project Plans—Final 2/98 (G-5). These documents are available through the following website: http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/qa/qa_docs.html, or in hard copy from Ms. Hansen.

3. Environmental Engineering Committee Meeting on March 6-10

The Environmental Engineering Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet Monday through Friday, March 6-10, 2000 in conference room 6530, USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004 (adjacent to the escalator to the Federal Triangle Metro Station on 12th Street NW). The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday and end no later than 4 p.m. on Friday.

Note: Members of the public wishing to provide substantive comments are encouraged to provide them in writing well in advance of the March meeting; details about providing public comment appear below.

Purpose of the Meeting

(a) The EEC's Natural Attenuation Subcommittee will review EPA's natural attenuation research (much of this activity is planned for Monday through Wednesday, March 6-8); (b) the Technology Evaluation Subcommittee will report on its review of Implementation of Quality Management in the Environmental Technology Verification Program; (c) the Committee will review responses to FY1998 and FY1999 reports and discuss potential FY2000 activities; (d) the Committee will consider the progress of initiatives on measures of technology performance, sediments, and the use of social sciences to reduce impediments to environmental protection associated with industrial and commercial activities; and (e) as time permits, the