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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Corporate Environmental Performance and the Effectiveness of Government Interventions; (2) Complex Chemical Mixtures (joint with NIOSH and NIEHS); and (3) Drinking Water. Applications must be received as follows: July 24, 2000, for topic (1); July 10, 2000, for topic (2); and July 31, 2000, for topic (3).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contact persons for the Corporate Environmental Performance RFA are Matthew Clark (clark.matthew@epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6842, and Robert Menzer (menzer.robert@epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6849. Contact persons for the Complex Chemical Mixtures RFA are Chris Saint (saint.chris@epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6909, Thomas Veirs (veirs.thomas@epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6831, Michael Galvin (mtg3@cdc.gov), telephone 404-639-1533, and Claudia Thompson (thompso1@niehs.nih.gov), telephone 919-541-4638. Contact person for the Drinking Water RFA is Cynthia Nolt-Helms (nolt-helms.cynthia@epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6763.

Dated: May 19, 2000.

Peter Durant,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6707-8]

Meeting of the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee will meet on June 19-20, 2000, in Washington, DC.

The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee was established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a standing subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee. The

June meeting will focus on Community Based Environmental Protection, Drinking Water Regulations and EPA's Regional Offices.

The Committee will hear comments from the public between 9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. on June 19, 2000. Each individual or organization wishing to address the Committee will be allowed a minimum of three minutes. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the number listed below to schedule agenda time. Time will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to attend. Meeting minutes will be available after the meeting and can be obtained by written request from the DFO. Members of the public are requested to call the DFO at the number listed below if planning to attend so that arrangements can be made to comfortably accommodate attendees as much as possible. However, seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 19th and conclude at 5:00 p.m. on the 20th.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the EPA Office located at 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC in room 5530 Ariel Rios North.

Requests for Minutes and other information can be obtained by writing the DFO at 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. (1306A), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The DFO for this Subcommittee is Steven Wilson. He is the point of contact for information concerning any Subcommittee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 564-3646.

Dated: May 18, 2000.

Steven Wilson,

Designated Federal Officer, Small Community Advisory Subcommittee.

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that a committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time. The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC)—June 28, 2000

The Environmental Engineering Committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), will hold a consultative Workshop on the Diffusion and Adoption of Innovations in Environmental Protection on June 28, 2000 in conference room 5530, USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. The meeting will begin by 9:00 a.m. and adjourn no later than 5:30 p.m.. The purpose of the meeting and availability of review materials were described in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2000 (65 FR 32089-32090) when a public teleconference call to plan the workshop was announced.

For Further Information

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (10 minutes or less) must contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4562; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at nugent.angela@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Dr. Nugent by noon Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, June 21, 2000.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written

comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

Meeting Access

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: May 26, 2000.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Guidance on Exercising CERCLA Enforcement Discretion in Anticipation of Full Cost Accounting Consistent With the "Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards No. 4"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement is providing guidance to its regional components on the exercise of enforcement discretion, from May 30, 2000 through October 2, 2000, in anticipation of EPA's implementation of full cost accounting.

Attachments 1 and 2 were prepared by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. They describe the reasons for full cost accounting and the methodology being used to implement full cost accounting.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chad Littleton, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW,

Washington, DC 20460 (MC 2273A); e-mail: littleton.chad@epa.gov; phone: (202) 564-6064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Memorandum

Subject: Guidance on Exercising CERCLA Enforcement Discretion In Anticipation of Full Cost Accounting Consistent with the *Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards No. 4*

From: Steven A. Herman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

To: Regional Administrators, Regions I-X
Deputy Regional Administrators, Regions I-X
Regional Counsel, Regions I-X
Superfund Division Directors, Regions I-X

This memorandum provides guidance to EPA personnel on how to exercise enforcement discretion as it relates to upcoming changes in EPA's indirect cost accounting methodology.

A. Upcoming Revisions to Indirect Cost Accounting

EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) recently announced that it is revising the Agency's methodology for allocating indirect costs to Superfund sites. These steps will bring Superfund into compliance with cost accounting standards issued by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) on July 31, 1995, (*Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards No. 4* (SFFAS No. 4)).¹ The principal goal of those standards is to make it possible for Federal agencies to determine and report the true costs of their programs and activities. The Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 (Title VIII, Public Law 104-208)² requires all Federal agencies to develop and use cost accounting methodologies that are consistent with the SFFAS No. 4 and other applicable standards.³

¹ Available as SFFAS 4 at www.financenet.gov/financenet/fed/fasab/concepts.htm.

² Available from the 104th Congress catalog at www.access.gpo.gov/nara/publaw/104publ.html.

³ "(5) To rebuild the accountability and credibility of the Federal Government, and restore public confidence in the Federal Government, agencies must incorporate accounting standards and reporting objectives established for the Federal Government into their financial management systems so that all the assets and liabilities, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, and the full costs of programs and activities of the Federal Government can be consistently and accurately recorded, monitored, and uniformly reported throughout the Federal Government.

(6) Since its establishment in October 1990, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

A copy of the OCFO memorandum announcing and describing EPA's implementation of an accounting methodology complying with the SFFAS No. 4 is attached for your reference (Attachment 1). That memorandum describes important background events and EPA's approach to implementing the revised methodology, defines many important accounting terms as they apply to EPA, lists preliminary estimated regional indirect rates based on the revised methodology, and states that OCFO will calculate actual indirect costs rates using the revised methodology (hereinafter "revised rates" or "revised indirect rates") for all fiscal years after 1989. The OCFO expects the revised rates to be completed and issued by October 2, 2000, at which time EPA will begin using the revised rates.

B. The Revised Rates and Superfund Site Costs

As described more fully in the attached OCFO memorandum, direct costs are costs an organization incurs when it produces a specific result. Most of the other costs of running the organization are indirect costs. EPA's current indirect cost accounting methodology allocates to Superfund sites only about one-third of the indirect costs that are incurred by EPA and properly allocable to sites. SFFAS No. 4 requires "full cost accounting," which means that Superfund indirect costs must be allocated to sites. For that reason, implementing an indirect cost methodology based on SFFAS No. 4 will increase the aggregate amount of indirect costs allocated to sites.

The effect of applying the revised rates will vary from site to site because the SFFAS-compliant methodology and the current methodology use different techniques for allocating indirect costs to individual sites. The SFFAS-compliant methodology allocates

(hereinafter referred to as the "FASAB") has made substantial progress toward developing and recommending a comprehensive set of accounting concepts and standards for the Federal Government. When the accounting concepts and standards developed by FASAB are incorporated into Federal financial management systems, agencies will be able to provide cost and financial information that will assist the Congress and financial managers to evaluate the cost and performance of Federal programs and activities, and will therefore provide important information that has been lacking, but is needed for improved decision making by financial managers and the Congress." (*Public Law 104-208*, 110 STAT 3009-389-390).

"Each agency shall implement and maintain financial management systems that comply substantially with Federal financial management systems requirements, applicable Federal accounting standards, and the United States Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level." (*Id.*)