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Background: The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365), CASAC (42 U.S.C. 7409) and COUNCIL (42 U.S.C. 7612) are chartered Federal Advisory Committees that report directly to the EPA Administrator. The mission of these Federal advisory committees, as established by statute, is to provide independent scientific and technical peer review advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical bases for EPA actions. Additional information about these Federal Advisory Committees can be obtained on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Expertise Sought: The SAB Staff Office is seeking nominations for nationally and internationally recognized non-EPA scientists, engineers, economists, and social scientists with demonstrated research and applied scientific experience and expertise in various disciplinary areas that address ecological and/or environmental/public health challenges, a multitude of stressors (e.g., physical, biological and chemical agents and mixtures) impacting environmental media (e.g., air, water, land), monitoring and characterizing sources of pollution, assessing risk to ecosystem and/or human health, prevention and risk management technologies, risk communication, environmental data quality, assessing environmental social economic values and cost-benefit analyses.

The selected experts will be considered for public service on the CASAC, COUNCIL, or the SAB and its subcommittees (including the Drinking Water Committee, Ecological Processes and Effects Committee, Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, Environmental Engineering Committee, Environmental Health Committee, Integrated Human Exposure Committee, and Radiation Advisory Committee).

How to Apply: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to serve on the CASAC, COUNCIL, or SAB. Individuals may self-nominate. Nominees should be qualified by scientific education, training, and experience to evaluate scientific, engineering and/or economics information on issues referred to and addressed by the committees. Successful nominees have distinguished themselves professionally and should be available to invest the time and effort to advance the cause of the supporting the use of good science through the efforts of the SAB. Nominations should be

submitted in electronic format (which is preferred over hard copy) through the Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board provided on the SAB Web site. The form can be accessed through a link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. To be considered, all nominations should include the information requested on that form.

The nominating form requests contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's resume; and a general biosketch of the nominee indicating education, expertise, past research, recent service on other advisory committees or with professional associations, and recent grant and/or contract support. Persons who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB Web site should contact Ms. Patricia L. Thomas, as indicated above in this notice. Non-electronic submissions must follow the same format and contain the same information as the electronic form. The SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations.

The SAB Staff Office seeks the inclusion of nominees who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the issues facing the Agency. Specific criteria to be used in evaluating potential Members include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (c) scientific credibility and impartiality; (d) availability and willingness to serve; and (e) ability to work constructively and effectively in committees.

During the selection process, nominees will be required to submit the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities as a Special Government Employee and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>. This form should

not be submitted as part of a nomination.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the meeting of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) to collaborate on environmental protection and pollution prevention issues. Representatives and invited guests of the Tribal Affairs Project (TAP), a component of FOSTTA, will be meeting June 29-30, 2004. The meeting is being held to provide the participants an opportunity to have in-depth discussions on issues concerning the environment and human health. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth some tentative agenda topics. EPA invites all interested parties to attend the public meeting. The Chemical Information and Management Project (CIMP) and Pollution Prevention Project (P2) will not be holding meetings in June.

DATES: The project will meet on June 29, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 30, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID number OPPT-2004-0099, must be received on or before June 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Albuquerque, 1901 University Boulevard, NE., Albuquerque, NM.

Requests to participate in the meeting may be submitted to the technical people listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are interested in FOSTTA and hearing more about the perspectives of the states and tribes on EPA programs and information exchange regarding important issues related to human health and environmental exposure to toxic chemicals. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- States and federally recognized tribes.
- State, federal, and local environmental and public health organizations.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical people listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2004-0099. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. EPA's

Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in the EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. Background

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. 2609 section 10(g), authorizes EPA and other federal agencies to establish and coordinate a system for exchange among federal, state, and local authorities of research and development results respecting toxic chemical substances and mixtures, including a system to facilitate and promote the development of standard data format and analysis and consistent testing procedures. Through FOSTTA, the CIMP focuses on EPA's chemical program and works to develop a more coordinated effort involving federal, state, and tribal agencies. P2 promotes the prevention ethic across society, helping companies incorporate P2 approaches and techniques and integrating P2 into mainstream environmental activities at both the federal level and among the states and tribes. TAP concentrates on chemical and prevention issues that are most relevant to the tribes, including lead control and abatement, tribal traditional/subsistence lifeways, and hazard communications and outreach. FOSTTA's vision is to focus on major policy-level issues of importance to states and tribes, recruit more senior state and tribal leaders, increase outreach to all 50 states and some 560 federally recognized tribes, and vigorously seek ways to engage the states and tribes in ongoing substantive

discussions on complex and oftentimes controversial environmental issues.

In January 2002, the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), in cooperation with the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC), was awarded the new FOSTTA cooperative agreement. ECOS, NTEC, and EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) are co-sponsoring the meetings. As part of a cooperative agreement, ECOS facilitates ongoing efforts of the state and tribal leaders and OPPT to increase understanding and improve collaboration on toxic chemicals and pollution prevention issues, and to continue a dialogue on how federal environmental programs can best be implemented among the states, tribes, and EPA.

III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting to the technical people listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID number OPPT-2004-0099, must be received on or before June 25, 2004.

IV. The Meeting

In the interest of time and efficiency, the meetings are structured to provide maximum opportunity for state, tribal, and EPA participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings. The FOSTTA representatives and EPA will collaborate on environmental protection and pollution prevention issues. The tentative agenda items identified by the states and the tribes follow:

1. Environmental issues in Indian country.
2. State/tribal pollution prevention collaboration.
3. TAP work plan working session.
4. National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee (NPPTAC) tribal work group.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pollution prevention.

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