

of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the Panel are limited to approximately 5 minutes. As oral statements only will be permitted as time permits, the Agency urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify the Designated Federal Official and submit 20 copies of the summary information no later than May 16, 1997, to ensure appropriate consideration by the Panel. Please note that the Agency will continue to accept public comments concerning the Import Tolerances Guidelines until June 30, 1997. After May 16, 1997, please submit any additional comments on the Import Tolerances Guidelines to Chris Olinger, Health Effects Division (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information marked CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. An edited copy of the comment that does not contain the CBI material must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket. All comments and materials received will be made part of the public record and will be considered by the Panel.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket control number "OPP-00480" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:  
opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file

format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number (OPP-00480). Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 15 working days after the meeting and may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, at the address or telephone number given above.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

**Daniel M. Barolo,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5814-6]

#### Notice of Public Meeting on the Sector Facilities Indexing Project

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** The Environmental Protection Agency will hold a public meeting to take public comments and suggestions on the methodology used to measure and display the environmental performance and records of individual facilities in context of the Sector Facility Indexing Project (SFIP).

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a public meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 1997 in Alexandria, VA, to hear presentations and statements from a cross-section of stakeholders on facility profiling methodologies used within the Sector Facility Indexing Project.

Any and all stakeholders (e.g., individuals, or representatives of organizations, governments, or academia) are invited to attend as members of the audience, or to submit written comments to the OPPT Docket Clerk (see **ADDRESSES** section below). There also will be an opportunity for individuals to make brief oral presentations. Please note that the number of presenters, as well as time allotted, may be limited. If you wish to make a presentation, please request a Fax Registration Form by calling (617) 520-3015.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on May 14, 1997, beginning promptly at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until 6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (703-548-6300). Written comments should be submitted in triplicate to: US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, OPPT Docket Clerk, Mail Code 7407, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, and reference administrative record 178. The docket will not accommodate confidential business information. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: [oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov). Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 format of ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the administrative record number.

A record has been established for the SFIP under administrative record 178 (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. The official record for the SFIP as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in **ADDRESSES** above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maria DiBiase Eisemann, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Compliance, 401 M Street, S.W. (2223-A), Washington, D.C., 20460; telephone: (202) 564-7016, fax: (202) 564-0050; e-mail: [eisemann.maria@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:eisemann.maria@epamail.epa.gov). Supplemental documents relating to the project and the public meeting will be posted at the following Internet address: <http://www.epa.gov/envirosense/oeca/metd/sfi.html>

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Sector Facility Indexing Project (SFIP) is a community-right-to-know

and data integration pilot project that provides environmental performance data for facilities within five industrial sectors. The industrial sectors profiled within the SFIP are automobile assembly, petroleum refining, pulp mills, iron and steel, and primary nonferrous metal production (aluminum, copper, lead and zinc). The SFIP is part of an overall EPA Reinvention initiative to improve data integration, public access to information, and methods for examining risk factors. This initiative brings together existing data from a wide range of databases to allow the user to view facility-specific environmental information in one place. The ultimate goal of the SFIP is to publish information regarding each profiled facility, and provide a publicly accessible database of current information which would allow for customized data searches. The purpose of the public meeting is to take comment on the methodology used within the SFIP, and determine how it can be improved using available information, methodologies, and measures.

EPA has traditionally stored information regarding facility-level environmental records in separate databases that relate to individual statutes and programs. To a large extent, comprehensive facility-level records that cut across multiple programs are not available. The Sector Facility Indexing Project (SFIP) consolidates this information in a way that makes it easier to make cross-program comparisons and connections. For example, the project allows users to examine the compliance records of facilities under air, water, and solid/hazardous waste regulations. In the past, interested users could not access this cross-program information without examining each database separately. The information contained within the SFIP is organized by industrial category to allow comparisons across facilities that manufacture similar products.

The performance measures used in the project are related to the following categories—production or capacity of the facility, compliance and enforcement history, chemical release data, toxicity of chemicals released, and population/demographic statistics of the surrounding area. The project encompasses raw data directly from public data sources, and statistical data that provides information aggregated directly from the raw data. This “layered” approach allows the user to examine both comparative statistics, and actual raw data relating to the events that have occurred or indicators

that are measured. The methodology used to measure the categories examined under the SFIP are contained in supplemental documents that are available from the following Internet site (<http://www.epa.gov/envirosense/oeca/metd/sfi.html>) or upon request from the EPA contact listed above. EPA recommends that commenters review this background documentation to better understand the methodologies used within the project.

The SFIP does not create new policies or definitions, but uses existing information. To the extent that these definitions and associated data elements are refined, changed, or improved through other processes, SFIP will make use of the most current and best information available. SFIP uses existing data, but the project as a whole is not a forum for making fundamental changes project as a whole is not a forum for making fundamental changes to existing data definitions or reporting requirements. There is another forum, the National Performance Measures Strategy, which is a stakeholder process designed to identify and implement an enhanced set of performance measures for EPA's enforcement and compliance assurance program. While SFIP is not the vehicle for broader changes to underlying data systems, the project may help stakeholders understand what is collected now, and how it can be presented. While future improvements to data collection and reporting methodologies are important topics, EPA is most interested in using the public meeting to solicit comments and suggestions relating to how existing data can be better organized and presented within the SFIP.

## II. Information for Participants

EPA is interested in focusing the public meeting on the questions presented below in Section III. Speakers may be asked clarifying questions regarding their presentations by an EPA panel. EPA encourages speakers to supplement their oral presentations with formal written comment as time constraints may not allow speakers to address all issues of interest. Persons wishing to sign-up for a presentation at the public meeting must pre-register by calling 617-520-3015 and requesting a meeting registration form. Speakers will be notified of their time slots once the final format is determined. The meeting is open to the public as space permits, and a summary of the proceedings will be prepared and entered into the SFIP docket. EPA also encourages those unable to attend the public meeting to submit formal written comments to the docket.

Please note that EPA has developed a separate public review process through EPA's Science Advisory Board (scheduled for April 29) on the topic of using toxicity weighting information in conjunction with Toxics Release Inventory data. Because this issue is being handled through the SAB process, it is not reflected in the focus topics for the public meeting. Stakeholders interested in getting more information or providing comments during the Science Advisory Board process can refer to the EPA contact, or the SFIP Internet site.

## III. Focus Topics for Public Meeting

During the public meeting, EPA is interested in getting public comment on the following topics and questions.

Category 1—Public Access. How do you or your organization believe that EPA can best implement projects and policies to improve the public's ability to access facility-specific environmental data such as compliance records?

Category 2—Sector Approach. Is it useful for you or your organization to have the ability to compare facility records across plants that manufacture similar products (sector-based presentation of data)?

Category 3—Appropriate Measurement Categories. Are the overall categories of information presented (compliance, chemical releases, toxicity, production/capacity, demographics) appropriate for facility-level profiling, and should other categories be added? Please refer to supplemental documents for a discussion of methodology used for these categories.

Category 4—Alternatives. Given that the project is constrained to currently available information, are there particular facets of the project that you or your organization think should be improved, modified or added, and what proposals do you have for these changes?

Category 5—Longer-term Improvements. In the future, as EPA examines improvements to facility-profiling methodologies, are there any new categories or measurement techniques that should be considered that may require changes to existing data collection and management practices? Please provide details and an indication of whether your organization is willing to support collection or maintenance of this information?

Category 6—Public Access Methods. What format or formats are the most useful to your organization in terms of accessing facility-level environmental data (e.g., Internet standard reports, Internet searchable databases, written

reports and tables, direct access into integrated databases \* \* \*)?

Category 7—Uses of SFIP data. If you or your organization plans to use the information contained within the project, what are the benefits of having this information and potential uses for you or your organization?

Please refer to the EPA contact, or the SFIP web site for supplemental documents that provide substantive detail on the methodology used within the project. Some of these documents may not be immediately available, but will be in place no later than April 28, 1997.

Dated: April 16, 1997.

**Elaine G. Stanley,**

*Director, Office of Compliance.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1162-DR]

### Arkansas; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Arkansas, (FEMA-1162-DR), dated March 2, 1997, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 8, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the State of Arkansas, is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of March 2, 1997:

The county of Mississippi for Public Assistance.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

**Lacy E. Suiter,**

*Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1170-DR]

### Illinois; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Illinois, (FEMA-1170-DR), dated March 21, 1997, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 9, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the State of Illinois, is hereby amended to include Public Assistance in the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of March 21, 1997:

The counties of Alexander, Gallatin, Hardin, Massac, and Pope for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation).

The county of Pulaski for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation.  
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1163-DR]

### Kentucky; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, (FEMA-1163-DR), dated March 4, 1997, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 11, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of March 4, 1997:

Barren, Boyle, Marion, and Russell Counties for Hazard Mitigation (already designated for Individual Assistance).

Green County for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation (already designated for Individual Assistance).

Johnson and Letcher for Hazard Mitigation (already designated for Public Assistance and Individual Assistance).

Lyon County for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation.  
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance.)

**Catherine H. Light,**

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1163-DR]

### Kentucky; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, (FEMA-1163-DR), dated March 4, 1997, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 9, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of March 2, 1997:

The counties of Barren, Boyle, Green, Marion, and Russell for Individual Assistance.

The counties of Johnson and Letcher for Individual Assistance (already designated for Public Assistance).

The counties of Knott, Logan, Muhlenberg, Perry, Taylor, and Trigg for Individual Assistance (already designated for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation).