

of these violations, and take steps to prevent the violations from recurring;

(c) are developed through an open process for communicating with relevant external stakeholders, including representatives from the surrounding community. Facilities are also asked to share information on the performance of their management systems with these stakeholders.

(d) are comprehensive in scope in order to address all significant environmental impacts, not just water impacts.

3. States should ensure that facilities have an acceptable level of historical compliance, as follows:

(a) No criminal convictions ever under any Federal or State environmental statute for falsifying monitoring data or violations within the past three years which presented an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or welfare;

(b) No criminal actions pending or under investigation;

(c) For civil judicial actions, completion of all injunctive relief and payment of penalties;

(d) For administrative enforcement actions, in compliance with all Administrative Penalty Orders (APOs) or Administrative Orders (AOs) and payment of any assessed penalty; and

(e) No repeat violations as defined by EPA's Incentives for Self-Policing Policy (60 FR 66706) or similar State policy. However, these conditions, with the exception of criminal convictions, could be waived for facilities that demonstrate an exceptional commitment to implementing an environmental system, based on the discretion of the State and applicable EPA Regional office.

While States could use this program to facilitate entry into the Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) by individual facilities, participation in the ELP is *not* a requirement for facilities to participate in this program.

4. As part of their participation in this program, States are asked to undertake a dialogue with interested stakeholders to determine the type and timing of incentives and flexibility that would be appropriate to offer to facilities that implement EMS's based on the guidelines outlined above. The results of these discussions and recommendations on specific incentives are to be submitted to EPA within one year from the initiation of each State's program.

5. Finally, each participating State will be asked to share common sets of information on their experiences with other States and EPA. EPA will consider holding a conference after States are

selected but before their programs are initiated to bring together all participants and identify the common information that is to be shared among the participants and with other stakeholders, including EPA.

III. Process for Submitting Applications and Matching Requirements

States are requested to submit their applications to the Office of Wastewater Management at the address listed above no later than March 13, 1997. A copy of the application should also be sent to Director of the Water Management Division in the relevant EPA Regional office.

While there is no prescribed format for submitting applications, States are asked to address, to the extent possible, all of the items identified under Guidelines for Participation above. The primary basis for evaluating each application will be the degree to which each State can address these items. In addition, States should indicate clearly a commitment to integrate this initiative into their ongoing water programs. Finally, States should indicate a willingness to provide matching resources of not less than 10% of the total grant amount provided by EPA to support this program. These matching resources could be provided either through in-kind services or cash. Specific questions that each State should address in its application are included below in Section IV.

Once all applications are received, a panel comprised of individuals from both EPA Headquarters and Regional offices, will be convened to make final decisions on each application.

EPA will make every effort to complete the final selection process and notify the individual States selected by April 18, 1997.

Grant awards will then be made to each State by the relevant EPA Regional Office within 45 days after this notification. States selected will then be asked to develop workplans, including specific milestones, for their programs covering a period of two years as part of the formal grant application.

IV. Questions To Be Addressed by Applicants

In order to assist States wishing to apply for participation in this program, EPA is providing the following list of questions to be addressed in each application.

1. Who in your organization will be responsible for managing your participation in this initiative? If that person is not in the water program, how will that person work with persons in the water program?

2. What are the major activities that will be supported with the grants provided to your State?

3. Similarly, what level of matching resources will be provided and what major activities will be supported with these resources?

4. What approach will the State employ to determine that each of the guidelines for State and facility participation in Section II are met?

5. How will the State integrate this initiative into its on-going water program?

6. Finally, how will the State integrate this initiative into other EMS's pilot projects it plans to undertake?

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Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of Public Advisory CSIC Automobile Manufacturing, Computers and Electronics, and Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee Meetings; Open Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Automobile Manufacturing, Computers and Electronics, and Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittees of the Common Sense Initiative Council will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Seating at all three meetings will be on a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed with the three announcements below.

(1) Automobile Manufacturing Sector Subcommittee Meeting—February 6, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Automobile Manufacturing Sector Subcommittee on Thursday, February 6, 1997, from 9:30 a.m., EST until 3:30 p.m., EST. The meeting will be at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, N.W., Washington, DC. The telephone number is (202) 234-0700.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss workplans and

reports from the Life Cycle Management Supplier Partnership Team and the Alternative Strategies Regulatory Systems and Community Team. In particular, the Regulatory Initiatives Team will update the Subcommittee on their progress in developing alternative strategies and their work on the Louisville, Kentucky community project. The Subcommittee will continue exploring other regulatory change opportunities presented in the December meeting.

For further information concerning this Automobile Manufacturing Sector Subcommittee meeting, please contact either Alan W. Powell, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at EPA, Region 4, by telephone on (404) 562-9045, by fax on (404) 562-9068 or by mail at 100 Alabama Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303; or Keith Mason, Alternate DFO, at EPA (202) 260-1360.

(2) Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee—February 11 and 12, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. PST until 5:00 p.m. PST and on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. PST to 3:00 p.m. PST, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94109.

Both days, February 11 and 12 will be devoted partly to breakout sessions for the three subcommittee workgroups (Reporting and Information Access; Overcoming Barriers to Pollution Prevention, Product Stewardship, and Recycling; and Integrated and Sustainable Alternative Strategies for Electronics) and partly to plenary session. Over the course of the two days, the Subcommittee will be discussing management of consumer electronics product recycling and recovery and alternative strategies for environmental protection in the computers and electronics industry. Opportunity for public comment on major issues under discussion will be provided at intervals throughout the meeting.

For further information concerning this meeting of the Common Sense Initiative's Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee, please contact John J. Bowser, Acting DFO, U.S. EPA on (202) 260-1771, by fax on (202) 260-1096, by e-mail at bowser.john@epamail.epa.gov., or by mail at U.S. EPA (MC 7405), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460; Mark Mahoney, U.S. EPA Region 1 on

(617) 565-1155; or David Jones, Region 9, U.S. EPA on (415) 744-2266.

(3) Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee—February 27, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee of the Common Sense Initiative Council on Thursday, February 27, 1997, in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. CST and will run until 4:00 p.m. CST. The meeting will be held at the Metcalf Federal Building, Great Lakes Conference Center, 12th floor, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

For the past two years, the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee has been working on nine projects (Brownsfields, Permit Recommendations, Multi-media Permit, Consolidated Reporting, Alternative Compliance, Community Advisory Committee, Electronic Web Site, Spent Pickle Liquor Work Shop, and Innovative Technology Barriers) through four workgroups (Brownsfields, Permits, Compliance, and Innovative Technology) and an *ad hoc* task force (Community Involvement). The workgroups have been responsible for proposing to the full Subcommittee for its review and approval potential activities or projects that the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee would undertake, and for carrying out projects once approved. Most of these projects are reaching completion or are going through the pilot testing phase and require only relatively limited Subcommittee oversight. The purpose of this meeting is for the Subcommittee to discuss what it wants to accomplish over the next year, how it wants to accomplish it, and what kind of agenda it wants to set for itself. Additionally, the Subcommittee will address any recommendations that its current workgroups propose for Subcommittee action. The four workgroups will meet the preceding day, Wednesday, February 26, 1997, from approximately 10:00 a.m. CST to 5:00 p.m. CST, at the Metcalf Building.

For further information concerning this meeting of the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee, please contact Judith Hecht, Alternate DFO, on (202) 260-5682 in Washington, DC., or Ms. Uylaine McMahan on (312) 886-4454.

Inspection of Subcommittee Documents

Documents relating to the above Sector Subcommittee announcements, will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with the official minutes for the meetings, will be available for public

inspection in room 2821M of EPA Headquarters, Common Sense Initiative Staff, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone number 202-260-7417. Common Sense Initiative information can be accessed electronically through contacting Daria Willis at willis.daria@epamail.epa.gov.

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Prudence Goforth,

Designated Federal Officer.

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Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee

The Local Government Advisory Committee will conduct its next meeting on February 6-7, 1997. Members will hear presentations on sustainability and creating livable cities from two panels, one presenting the experiences of San Francisco-area local government officials and one presenting experiences at the Presidio. The Roles and Responsibilities and the Tools for Local Decision-Makers Subcommittees will meet in subcommittee sessions to continue work on their recommendations to the Agency.

The meeting will be held at EPA's Region IX Office located at 75 Hawthorne Street in San Francisco, California. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 6th and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on the 7th. From 10:45-11:00 a.m. on the 6th, the Committee will hear comments from the public. Each individual or organization wishing to address the Committee will be allowed three minutes. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer at the number listed below to schedule agenda time. Time will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for this Committee is Denise Zabinski Ney. She is the point of contact for information concerning any Committee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 260-0419 or by writing to 401 M Street, S.W. (1502), Washington, DC 20460.

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 above number if planning to attend so that arrangements can be made to comfortably accommodate attendees