

Federal Navigation Channel, Integrated Dredge Material Management Study, OR and WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the EIS lacks information regarding dredged disposal sites, EPA expressed environmental concerns that the EIS lacks information regarding dredged disposal sites, impacts of the new channel and sediment regimes, cumulative impacts, commitments to implement Ecosystem Restoration measures, and evaluation of relationship between proposed dredging activities and future decision on draw down on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Dated: April 13, 1999.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6326-7]

Clean Air Act Advisory Committee: Accident Prevention Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Clean Air Act section 112(r) required EPA to publish regulations to prevent accidental releases of chemicals and to reduce the severity of those releases that do occur. These accidental release prevention requirements build on the chemical safety work begun by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) which sets forth requirements for industry, State and local governments. On June 20, 1996, EPA published the final rule for risk management programs to address prevention of accidental releases.

An estimated 66,000 facilities are subject to this regulation based on the quantity of regulated substances they have on-site. Facilities that are subject will be required to implement a risk management program at their facility, and submit a summary of this information to a central location specified by EPA. This information will be helpful to State and local government entities responsible for chemical emergency preparedness and prevention. It will also be useful to environmental and community organizations, and the public in understanding the chemical risks in

their communities. In addition, we hope the availability of this information will stimulate a dialogue between industry and the public to improve accident prevention and emergency response practices.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee was created in September 1996 to advise EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) on these chemical accident prevention issues, specifically, section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act.

DATES: The Accident Prevention Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on May 5, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hall of States (Room 335), 444 North Capitol St., NW, Washington D.C., near Union Station. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public desiring additional information about this meeting, should contact Karen Shanahan, Designated Federal Official, U.S. EPA (5104), 401 M. St., SW, Washington DC 20460, via the Internet at: shanahan.karen@epamail.epa.gov, by telephone at (202) 260-2711 or FAX at (202) 401-3448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Opening Remarks—Jim Makris (8:30–9:00)

RMP Implementation Workgroup

Update (9:00–10:30)

Availability of RMP Data (10:45–12:00)
Epidemiology Study by the Wharton School (1:30–2:30)

Looking Beyond June 21, 1999 * * *
(2:30–4:00)

Comments from the Public (4:00–4:30)

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation in person in Washington DC to the Subcommittee at the meeting, must contact Karen Shanahan in writing (by letter, fax, or email—see previously stated information) no later than April 28, 1999, in order to be included on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Accident Prevention Subcommittee up through the date of the meeting. Please address such material to Karen Shanahan at the above address.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive or previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three

minutes per speaker and no more than thirty minutes total. Written comments (twelve copies) received sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week prior to a meeting or teleconference), may be mailed to the Subcommittee prior to its meeting.

Additional information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee is available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/acc-pre.html>

If you would like to automatically receive future information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee and its Workgroups by email, you can subscribe to the EPA-RMP Listserve by sending the following message to listserv@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov:
SUBSCRIBE EPA-RMP <Your firstname> <Your lastname>

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Karen Shanahan,

Designated Federal Official.

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Safe Drinking Water Act 25th Anniversary—Futures Forum "Research 2025" Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public meeting on May 4, 1999, beginning at 9:00 am. at Resolve, 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, DC, for the purpose of information exchange with stakeholders and the general public to discuss the research needs of the national drinking water program. 1999 marks the 25th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Originally enacted as Title XIV of the Public Health Act, the SDWA remains a significant landmark in public health protection in the 20th century. EPA and many prominent stakeholder groups are marking this anniversary with a variety of events. The overall theme for the anniversary is "Protect Our Health from Source to Tap". The year long event will, celebrate achievements in reducing waterborne disease illnesses and deaths, educate the public about the quality of their drinking water and ways that they can assist in ensuring its' future safety; evaluate the status of program goals, progress, and needs; plan near and long

term goals and objectives; and initiate critical actions and projects. In pursuit of these objectives, EPA and a number of partners launched a Drinking Water Futures Forum to evaluate the challenges facing the nation in ensuring a safe supply of drinking water for the next 25 years.

To answer the overriding question of "How can we ensure safe drinking water in 25 years?", the Futures Forum has selected seven critical areas to address. The areas chosen are: Treatment Technologies, Unserved Populations, Cost, Source Water, Vulnerable Subpopulations, Small Systems and Research. The goal is that by December 16, 1999, consensus will be reached on the most important issues and recommendations presented by the Futures Forum. The deliberations will be guided by four questions:

1. What science and research are necessary to achieve public health objectives, satisfy SDWA standards for sound science, and meet statutory requirements and deadlines in the areas of health effects, treatment and distribution systems, exposure, analytical methods and special issues (i.e., sensitive subpopulations, mixtures)?

2. What level of research investment is adequate to address near and long term needs?

3. What is the most efficient, effective and timely combination of public and private efforts to undertake, coordinate and manage the necessary drinking water research and data collections?

4. If there is a gap between programmatic research needs and available resources, what is the best way for EPA and interested stakeholders to decide on priorities?

EPA is inviting all interested members of the public to participate in the meeting. As with all previous meetings in this process, to the extent that is available, EPA is instituting an open door policy to allow any member of the public to attend any of the meetings for any length of time. Seats will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

DATES: The meeting will start at 9:00 AM on May 4 and will adjourn on May 4 at 5:00 PM.

ADDRESSES: For additional information about the meeting, please contact William R. Diamond, at 202-260-7575 of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-7575 or Joan Harrigan Farrelly at 202-260-6672 or by e-mail at Farrelly.Joan@epamail.epa.gov.

Questions may also be sent to William R. Diamond, U.S. EPA (4607), Office of Ground Water

and Drinking Water, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Harrigan Farrelly, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, telephone 202-260-6672.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

William R. Diamond,

Director, Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S3300f *et seq.*), will be held on May 5, 1999, from 3:00 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m., and on May 6, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. at the State Game Lodge, Custer State Park, Custer, South Dakota. The major focus of this meeting is on small and Tribal public water supply systems, action on the reports from the Underground Injection Control/Source Water and Right to Know Working Groups, and updates on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) upcoming regulations.

The meeting is open to the public. The Council encourages the hearing of outside statements and will allocate one hour for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes, and it is preferred that only one person present the statement. Any outside parties interested in presenting an oral statement should petition the Council by telephone at (202) 260-2285 before April 30, 1999.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received prior to the meeting will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Ms. Charlene Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is Area Code (202) 260-2285 or E-Mail shaw.charlene@epa.gov.

Dated: April 13, 1999.

Elizabeth J. Fellows,

Deputy Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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[FRL-6324-7]

Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), will hold its Executive Committee Meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 29-30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel Park Terrace, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. On Thursday, April 29, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., and recess at 4:30 p.m., and on Friday, April 30, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will adjourn at 12:00 Noon. All times noted are Eastern Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items will include, but not limited to: State of ORD, STAR Review, a working session on Particulate Matter, and a presentation on Stakeholder Involvement in ORD's FY2000 Strategic Plan Development. Anyone desiring a draft BOSC agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton, (202) 565-2444. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; or by telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general,