

enforcing New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) promulgated under authority of the Clean Air Act has demonstrated that certain information must be collected to ensure compliance with air emission standards. Information collection is needed by the EPA to determine: (a) whether a hazardous waste contains sufficiently low concentrations of volatile organics to allow the waste to be managed in a tank, surface impoundment, or container without the use of emission controls, and (b) for units requiring emission controls, whether the controls are being properly operated and maintained. The collected information will be used by the EPA enforcement personnel to ensure that the requirements of the recommended rules are being properly applied and that emission control devices are being properly operated and maintained on a continuous basis.

In addition, records and reports are necessary to enable the EPA to identify TSDf owners or operators that may not be operating in compliance with the standards. The reported information is used by the EPA to target TSDf's for inspection and identify what records or waste management units should be inspected at the TSDf. The information that TSDf owners or operators are required to maintain is recorded in sufficient detail to enable owners or operators to demonstrate their means of complying with the applicable standards. The data collected by the affected facility is retained at the facility for a minimum of three years.

**Burden Statement:** In the currently approved ICR, the average annual reporting burden is 5 hours and the average annual recordkeeping burden is 76 hours. This estimate includes making waste determinations, semiannual inspection of roofs and monitoring emissions, and recordkeeping of such results. There are 6,228 respondents subject to these requirements. The estimate on the number of respondents is based on the 1995 Biennial Report, which indicated that 70% of the 1,787 treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDf's) and 25% of the 19,908 large quantity generators (LQGS) are subject to this regulation. There is no capital costs associated with the installation of new roofs. There are operation and maintenance costs for closed vent systems totaling \$1,939,000. Based upon the 1997 Biennial Report figures, we expect that the number of facilities subject to this regulation will increase 5% for the next ICR.

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**Bruce R. Weddle,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement for the Labs21 Project.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is requesting comments on a Draft Project XL Final project Agreement (FPA) for the Labs21 Project. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by the U.S. EPA, potential sponsors, and interested stakeholders. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory or procedural requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

Through the Labs21 XL Project, EPA is planning to offer laboratories regulatory or policy flexibility through a customized XL review process as a means to enable laboratories to maximize environmental performance under Labs21. Labs21 is a voluntary initiative being developed by EPA to improve laboratory environmental performance through gains in energy and water efficiencies.

EPA envisions developing the Labs21 XL project in two stages. The first stage is the completion and signing of the FPA that is the subject of this Federal Register Notice. In signing this FPA, the relevant EPA offices will commit to working internally within the EPA and with laboratories to determine how to harmonize Labs21 and XL application and review processes with the goal of making it possible for EPA to utilize information compiled on facilities under Labs21 as the core data for the XL review. The second stage of the Labs21 XL project will be to develop and issue case-specific agreements for testing innovative ways to maximize environmental performance at laboratories. EPA will negotiate these case-specific agreements through the existing XL process, and the agreements will consequently need to meet XL criteria for sponsors and for the project as a whole.

**DATES:** The period for submission of comments ends on August 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments on the proposed Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Nina Bonnelycke, U.S. EPA, Room 1027WT (1802), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Bonnelycke at (202) 260-1812 or sent via electronic mail to [bonnelycke.nina@epa.gov](mailto:bonnelycke.nina@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement, contact: Nina Bonnelycke, Room 1027WT (1802) U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. Questions regarding the draft FPA should be directed to Nina Bonnelycke at 202-260-3344. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 1029WT (Mail Code 1802), Washington, DC 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>.

For more information on EPA's Labs21 program, please contact Phil Wirdzek at Mail Code 3204 U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, phone: 202-564-2094, email: [wirdzek.phil@epa.gov](mailto:wirdzek.phil@epa.gov).

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**Elizabeth A. Shaw,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6852-9]

### Board of Scientific Counselors Executive Committee Meeting—Closed

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Research and Development's Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) will have a

teleconference meeting on September 13, 2000. Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and section (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), EPA has determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to recommend new Board members to the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development to serve on the BOSC. In making these decisions, the members need to have full and frank discussions. Such personnel issues, where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personnel privacy, are protected from disclosure by exemption 2 and 6 of section 552(b)(c) of the U.S.C. In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, minutes of the meeting will be kept for Agency and Congressional review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, NCER (MC 8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (202) 564-6853 or e-mail at: [hamilton.shirley@epa.gov](mailto:hamilton.shirley@epa.gov).

Dated: August 11, 2000.

**Carol M. Browner,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6853-3]

### Notice of Availability of Draft Aquatic Life Criteria Document for Cadmium

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft Aquatic Life Criteria Document for Cadmium.

**SUMMARY:** Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and publish, and from time to time revise, criteria for water accurately reflecting the latest scientific knowledge. EPA is revising its aquatic life criteria for cadmium. Today, EPA is notifying the public about the availability of the draft document and is also announcing that the draft document is ready to undergo peer review.

EPA is notifying the public about the availability of this draft document and its peer review in accordance with the Agency's new process for developing or revising criteria (63 FR 68354, December

10, 1998). As indicated in the December 10, 1998 FR notice, the Agency believes it is important to provide the public with an opportunity to submit scientific information on draft criteria. EPA is soliciting views from the public on issues of science pertaining to the information used in deriving the draft criteria.

**DATES:** All significant scientific information must be submitted to the Agency under docket number W-00-15. All significant scientific information submissions are requested to be submitted within 60 days after publication of this notice. Information submitted after this date may not receive the degree of consideration of information submitted earlier. The Administrative Record supporting this draft guidance document is available at the Water Docket, Room EB-57, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460 on Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For access to docket materials call (202) 260-3027 for an appointment. A reasonable fee will be charged for photocopies.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and three copies of any written significant scientific information to W-00-15 Comment Clerk, Water Docket, Ariel Rios 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments may be hand-delivered to the Water Docket, Room EB57, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Issues may also be submitted electronically to [OW-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:OW-Docket@epa.gov). Information should be submitted as a WP5.1, 6.1 and/or 8.0 or an ASCII file with no form of encryption.

Copies of the draft criteria document entitled, *2000 Update of Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Cadmium*, may be obtained from EPA's Water Resource Center by phone at (202) 260-7786, or by e-mail to [center.water-resource@epa.gov](mailto:center.water-resource@epa.gov) or by conventional mail to EPA Water Resource Center, RC-4100, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. Alternatively, consult [www.epa.gov/OST/standards](http://www.epa.gov/OST/standards) for download availability.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Roberts, Health and Ecological Criteria Division (4304), US EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; (202) 260-2787; [roberts.cindy@epa.gov](mailto:roberts.cindy@epa.gov)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### What Are Water Quality Criteria?

Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act requires the EPA to develop and publish, and from time to time revise,

criteria for water accurately reflecting the latest scientific knowledge. Water quality criteria developed under section 304(a) are based solely on data and scientific judgments. They do not consider economic impacts or the technological feasibility of meeting the criteria in ambient water. Section 304(a) criteria provide guidance to States and Tribes in adopting water quality standards and provide a scientific basis for them to develop controls of discharges or releases of pollutants. The criteria also provide a scientific bases for EPA to develop Federal regulations under section 303(c).

#### Why Is EPA Notifying the Public About the Draft Cadmium Document and Peer Review?

Today, EPA is notifying the public about the availability of the draft aquatic life criteria document for cadmium and its peer review to expand the public's involvement in the criteria development process.

In following the Agency's new process, EPA notified the public of its intentions to revise the aquatic life criteria for cadmium in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 1999 (64 FR 58409). At that time EPA made available to the public all references identified by a recent literature review and solicited any additional pertinent data or scientific views that would be useful in revising the aquatic life criteria. EPA revised the aquatic life criteria for cadmium based on the new data and now has a draft document that is ready to undergo peer review.

As indicated in the December 10, 1998 FR notice, the Agency believes it is important to provide the public with an opportunity to submit scientific information on draft criteria. EPA is soliciting views from the public on issues of science pertaining to the information used in deriving the draft criteria. EPA will review and consider significant scientific information submitted by the public that might not have otherwise been identified during development of these criteria.

#### Where Can I Find More Information on EPA's Revised Process for Developing New or Revised Criteria?

The Agency published detailed information about its revised process for developing and revising criteria in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 1998 (63 FR 68354) and in the EPA document entitled, *National Recommended Water Quality—Correction* (EPA 822-Z-99-001, April 1999). The purpose of the revised process is to provide expanded opportunities for public input, and to