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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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### **Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)**

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

**ACTION:** Notification of Public Advisory CSIC Printing, Computers and Electronics, Metal Finishing, 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 Printing, Computers and Electronics, Metal Finishing, 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) Printing Sector Subcommittee—September 12, 1997**

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Printing Sector Subcommittee on Friday, September 12, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. CDT until approximately 4 p.m. CDT. The Multi-media Flexible Permitting Team and the New York City Education Project Team (NYCEPT) will hold workgroup meetings from 9 a.m. CDT to 5 p.m. CDT on Thursday, September 11, 1997. All Printing Sector Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings will be held at Lawry's (banquet room), 100 E. Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The telephone number is (317) 787-5000.

The purpose of the Subcommittee meeting is to discuss the continued progress of the two project teams. The NYCEPT will be reporting on project developments in technical assistance and community involvement. The

Multi-media Flexible Permit Project Team will be reporting on the results of exploring major sources, public participation, and thresholds for the proposed permit.

For further information concerning this Printing Sector Subcommittee meeting, please contact either Frank Finamore, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at EPA, by telephone on (202) 564-7039, or Mick Kulik, Alternate DFO, at EPA Region 3 in Philadelphia, PA on (215) 566-5337.

#### **(2) Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee—September 22 and 23, 1997**

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Computers and Electronics Sector Subcommittee on Monday, September 22, 1997, from 9 a.m. EDT until 5:30 p.m. EDT (registration from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.) and on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. EDT to 3 p.m. EDT, at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. The telephone number is (202) 755-0800 or (800) 526-7495.

Both days, September 22 and 23, 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 sessions. In addition to discussing ongoing projects, the Subcommittee will focus on selecting projects to initiate during the coming year.

The Subcommittee is considering undertaking the following new projects: Design of a voluntary program for life cycle management of electronic products; state-level multistakeholder conference/dialogue on removing electronic products from the waste stream; definition of "legitimate recycling" of electronic products re: RCRA; evaluation of models and development of best practices for electronic equipment recovery; development of baseline data on the recovery and recycling of electronic equipment; continuation of collection pilots; data collection/analysis of results of the city of San Francisco's Municipal curbside collection pilot project; efforts to integrate the computerized emergency response reporting and access system developed for Phoenix, AZ into the EPA's "One Plan" program, and to further test that system in two other cities; greentrack; community engagement; and worker health.

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, U.S. EPA Region 9 on (415) 744-2266.

#### **(3) Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee—September 24 and 25, 1997**

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency will hold an open meeting of the Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee on Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25, 1997, at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel, 2121 P Street, NW (near DuPont Circle) Washington, DC. The telephone number is (202) 293-3100. The Subcommittee will meet both days from approximately 9 a.m. EDT to approximately 4 p.m. EDT.

It is anticipated that most of the Subcommittee meeting will focus on the Metal Finishing Sector's Strategic Goals Initiative. During this time, there will likely be breakout sessions for different stakeholder groups to discuss the Sector's Strategic Goals. It is further anticipated that there will be breakout sessions for small plenary groups, workgroups, and stakeholder groups to discuss ongoing sector issues such as Research and Technology, Regulatory and Reporting, and Performance Tier-Oriented projects. A formal agenda will be available later this month.

For further information concerning meeting times and agenda of the Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee, please contact Bob Benson, DFO, at EPA by telephone on (202) 260-8668 in Washington, DC, by fax on (202) 260-8662, or by e-mail at benson.robert@epamail.epa.gov.

#### **(4) Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee—October 8 and 9, 1997**

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency is convening an open meeting of the Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee on Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 and 9, 1997. On Wednesday, the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. EDT and run until 5 p.m. EDT. On Thursday, October 9, 1997, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. EDT and end at 4 p.m. EDT. The meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza Pentagon Hotel, 4641 Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, both days. The telephone number is (703)

751-4510. At its July meeting, the Subcommittee discussed an iron and steel compliance problems report that had been prepared by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and the Iron and Steel sector. A small group was formed to work with EPA to review the data presentation and identify what inferences may be made based on the data. The Subcommittee also discussed at the July meeting the development of potential sector goals. It decided that each stakeholder group would identify specific goals that it hoped to achieve out of CSI and what it was willing to give in order to achieve them. These goals would then be shared among the entire Subcommittee to see what agreements can be made and worked towards.

At the October 8 and 9, 1997, meeting, the Subcommittee will review the findings of the compliance group and determine the next steps it wants to take. It will also discuss the goals that have been identified, areas where CSI can promote those goals, and projects to carry out in support of those goals. Task groups will be created as necessary to carry out the projects. The Subcommittee will also hear brief reports on any major events in the ongoing projects (Brownsfields, Iron and Steel Web Site, Community Advisory Committee, Consolidated Reporting, and Alternative Compliance Strategy) and, time permitting, may continue discussions on the economic environment in which the industry operates. Several hours will also be devoted to allowing the newly formed task forces time to organize and begin work.

For further information concerning this Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee Meeting, please call Ms. Judith Hecht at EPA in Washington, DC on (202) 260-5682, Mr. Bob Tolpa at EPA Region 5 in Chicago, Illinois, on (312) 886-6706, or Dr. Mahesh Podar at EPA, Washington, DC on (202) 260-5387.

#### 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 on our web site at <http://www.epa.gov/commonsense>.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Stakeholders Meeting on Drinking Water Regulation Action

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of Stakeholders meeting on EPA's revision to the public notification rule under the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) amendments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on September 18, 1997 in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the meeting will be to gather information and collect opinions from parties who will be affected by provisions of the Public Notification Rule of the new Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), amended in 1996. Comments and views expressed will be used to help develop the new Federal and State program requirements. EPA is seeking input from State drinking water programs, the regulated community (public water systems), public health and safety organizations, environmental and public interest groups, and other stakeholders on a number of issues related to developing the drinking water regulation. EPA encourages the full participation of all stakeholders throughout this process.

**DATES:** The stakeholder meeting on the drinking water regulation for public notification will be held on September 18, 1997, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Central; 1501 Rhode Island Ave., N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20005; Phone No.: (800) 248-0016/(202) 483-2000. For information on meeting logistics or if you want to register for the meeting, please contact the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or Carl Reeverts of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-7273. Participants registering in advance will be mailed a packet of materials before the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carl Reeverts, U.S. EPA, at (202) 260-7273.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Environmental Protection Agency is developing revised Public Notification

regulations (under existing 40 CFR 141.32) to incorporate the new provisions enacted under the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Amendments (SDWA), specifically the amended sections 1414 (c)(1) and (c)(2) of the SDWA. The 1996 SDWA amendments completely replaced the language in the statute under 1414(c). There is no statutory deadline for implementing the amended sections 1414 (c)(1) and (c)(2).

The Administrator is required by statute to prescribe by regulation the manner, frequency, form, and content that public water systems must follow for giving public notice. The 1996 SDWA amendments amended this EPA obligation to require consultation with the States prior to rulemaking. Public Water Systems are currently required to notify their customers whenever: (1) A violation of any drinking water regulation occurs (including MCL, treatment technique, and monitoring/reporting requirements); (2) a variance or exemption (V&E) to those regulations is in place or the conditions of the V&E are violated; (3) or results from unregulated contaminant monitoring required under section 1445 of the SDWA are received. This coverage was not changed by the 1996 SDWA Amendments.

The current rule sets different requirements based on the type of violation and type of system. The 1996 SDWA amendments substantially alter what is currently in place: (1) SDWA section 1414(c)(2)(C) requires notice within 24 hours and sets other new, more prescriptive notice requirements for violations with "Potential to Have Serious Adverse Health Risks to Human Health"; (2) SDWA section 1414(c)(2)(D) gives EPA more discretion to set less prescriptive notice requirements for all other violations, including requiring the notice in an annual report; and (3) SDWA section 1414(c)(2)(B) allow the State to prescribe alternative notification requirements by rule to the form and content of the notice, consistent with the current primacy requirements.

To meet the letter and spirit of the new statutory provisions, EPA will hold three or more public stakeholder meetings prior to drafting the regulation. This is the second of the scheduled stakeholder meetings that are planned over the next several months, to exchange information on our mutual experience with the current regulation and the elements needed in the new regulation to meet the intent of Congress. The legislative changes provide an excellent opportunity to streamline the existing regulations by focusing the notices on situations that