

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](mailto: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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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6327-1]

### 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](mailto:shaw.charlene@epa.gov).

Dated: April 13, 1999.

**Elizabeth J. Fellows,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[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,

each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, NCERQA (MC 8701R), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-6853.

Dated: April 6, 1999.

**Peter W. Preuss, Ph.D.,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PB-402404-RG1; FRL-6075-5]

### Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont Authorization Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments and opportunity for public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** On November 16, 1998, Maine and Massachusetts submitted applications for EPA approval to administer and enforce training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Connecticut submitted its application for EPA approval on November 30, 1998. Vermont submitted its application for EPA approval on February 10, 1999. This notice announces the receipt of the applications from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont and the opening of a public comment period that will last for 45 days. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont each have provided individual State self-certifications of lead programs meeting the requirements for approval under section 404 of TSCA. Therefore, pursuant to section 404, each of these State programs is deemed authorized as of the date of submission. If EPA subsequently finds that a program does not meet all the requirements for approval of a State program, EPA will work with the State to correct any deficiencies in order to approve the program. If the deficiencies are not corrected, a notice of disapproval will

be issued in the **Federal Register** and a Federal program will be implemented in the State whose program has been disapproved.

**DATES:** Individuals should submit comments on the authorization applications on or before June 1, 1999. In addition, a public hearing request may be submitted by June 1, 1999. If a public hearing is requested and granted, the hearing date and time will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit in duplicate all written comments and/or requests for a public hearing, identified by docket control number "PB-402404-RG1" to: Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, (CPT) Suite 1100, One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Comments and a request for a public hearing may be submitted electronically to BRYSON.JAMESM@epamail.epa.gov. Please follow the instructions in Unit IV. of this document. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James M. Bryson, Regional Abatement Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, (CPT) Suite 1100, One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02214-2023. Telephone: 617-918-1524, e-mail: BRYSON.JAMESM@epamail.epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

On October 28, 1992, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, Public Law 102-550, became law. Title X of that statute is the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. That Act amended the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA") (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*) by adding Title IV (15 U.S.C. 2681-92) which is entitled "Lead Exposure Reduction."

Section 402 of TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2682) authorizes and directs EPA to promulgate final regulations governing lead-based paint activities in target housing, public and commercial buildings, bridges and other structures. Those regulations are to ensure that individuals engaged in such activities are properly trained, that training programs are accredited, and that individuals engaged in those activities are certified and follow documented work practice standards. Under section 404, a State may seek authorization from EPA to administer and enforce its own lead-based paint activities program.

On August 29, 1996 (61 FR 45777) (FRL-5389-9), EPA promulgated final TSCA section 402/404 regulations governing lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied

facilities (a subset of public buildings). Those regulations are codified at 40 CFR part 745, and allow both States and Indian Tribes to apply for program authorization. On August 31, 1998, EPA was required to institute the Federal program in States or Indian Country not having an authorized program, as provided by section 404(h) of TSCA. States and Indian Tribes that choose to apply for program authorization must submit a complete application to the appropriate Regional EPA office for review. EPA is required to review those applications within 180 days of receipt of the complete application. To receive EPA approval, a State or Indian Tribe must demonstrate that its program is at least as protective of human health and the environment as the Federal program, and that its program provides adequate enforcement. EPA's regulations (40 CFR part 745, subpart Q) provide the detailed requirements a State or Tribal program must meet in order to obtain EPA approval.

A State may choose to certify that its lead-based paint activities program meets the requirements for EPA approval by submitting a letter signed by the Governor or Attorney General stating that the program meets the requirements of section 404(b) of TSCA and concluding, based on the required program analysis, that the State program is at least as protective as the Federal program and that the State program provides adequate enforcement.

Upon submission of such certification letter, the program is deemed authorized. This authorization is retracted, however, if upon review, EPA subsequently determines that the program is not at least as protective of human health and the environment as the Federal program, and/or does not provide for adequate enforcement, and the State does not correct the deficiencies necessary to make it so. Section 404(b) of TSCA provides that before authorizing a State program, EPA must provide notice and an opportunity for a public hearing on the application. Therefore, by this notice EPA is soliciting public comment on whether the applications submitted by the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont meet the requirements for EPA approval. This notice also provides an opportunity to request a public hearing on any of the applications. If a hearing is requested and granted, EPA will issue a **Federal Register** notice announcing the date, time, and place of the hearing. If EPA's final decision on the application is a disapproval, this will be discussed in another **Federal Register** Notice.