

action. Potentially affected entities may include but are not limited to: Agricultural workers and farmers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer, and farmworker groups; pesticide users and growers; pest consultants; State, local, and Tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; food processors; and the public. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2004-0345. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 South Bell St., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

## II. Background

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is entrusted with responsibility to help ensure the safety of the American food

supply, the education and protection from unreasonable risk of those who apply or are exposed to pesticides occupationally or through use of products, and general protection of the environment and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides.

PPDC was established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, in September 1995, for a 2-year term and has been renewed every 2 years since that time. PPDC provides advice and recommendations to the Office of Pesticide Programs on a broad range of pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues that are associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The following sectors are represented on the PPDC: Pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental/public interest and consumer groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; Federal and State/local/Tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations.

Copies of the PPDC Charter are filed with appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress and are available upon request.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural workers, Agriculture, Chemicals, Foods, Pesticides, Pests, Public health, Risk assessment, Tolerance reassessment.

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**James Jones,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2004-0115; FRL-7682-9]

### Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the meeting of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) to collaborate on environmental protection and pollution prevention issues. Representatives and invited guests of the Chemical Information and Management Project, the Pollution Prevention Project, and the Tribal Affairs Project (TAP), components of FOSTTA, will be meeting October 18-

19, 2004. The meeting is being held to provide participants an opportunity to have in-depth discussions on the environment and human health issues. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth some tentative agenda topics. EPA invites all interested parties to attend the public meeting.

**DATES:** The three projects will meet on Monday, October 18, 2004, from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, from 8 a.m. to noon. A plenary session is being planned for the participants on the Integrated Toxics Management Project on Monday, October 18, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2004-0115, must be received on or before October 14, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Requests to participate in the meeting may be submitted to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information contact:* Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

##### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are interested in FOSTTA and hearing about the perspectives of the states and tribes on EPA programs and information exchange regarding important issues related to human health and environmental exposure to toxic chemicals. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- States and federally recognized tribes

- State, federal, and local environmental and public health organizations

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### *B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

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2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

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## II. Background

The Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. 2609, section 10(g), authorizes EPA and other federal agencies to establish and coordinate a system for exchange among federal, state, and local authorities of research and development results respecting toxic chemical substances and mixtures, including a system to facilitate and promote the development of standard data format and analysis and consistent testing procedures. Through FOSTTA, the Chemical Information and Management Project (CIMP) focuses on EPA's chemical program and works to develop a more coordinated effort involving federal, state, and tribal agencies. The Pollution Prevention (P2) Project promotes the prevention ethic across society, helping companies incorporate P2 approaches and techniques and integrating P2 into mainstream environmental activities at both the federal level and among the states and tribes. The TAP concentrates on chemical and pollution prevention issues that are most relevant to the tribes, including lead control and abatement, tribal traditional/subsistence lifeways, and hazard communications and outreach. FOSTTA's vision is to focus on major policy-level issues of importance to states and tribes, recruit more senior state and tribal leaders, increase outreach to all 50 states and some 560 federally recognized tribes, and vigorously seek ways to engage the states and tribes in ongoing substantive discussions on complex and oftentimes controversial environmental issues.

In January 2002, the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), in cooperation with the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC), was awarded the new FOSTTA cooperative agreement. ECOS, NTEC, and EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) are co-sponsoring the meetings. As part of a cooperative agreement, ECOS facilitates ongoing efforts of the state and tribal leaders and OPPT to increase understanding and improve collaboration on toxic chemicals and pollution prevention issues, and to continue a dialogue on how federal environmental programs can best be implemented among the states, tribes, and EPA.

## III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. Requests to

participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID number OPPT-2004-0115, must be received on or before October 14.

## IV. The Meeting

In the interest of time and efficiency, the meetings are structured to provide maximum opportunity for state, tribal, and EPA participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings. The FOSTTA representatives and EPA will collaborate on environmental protection and pollution prevention issues. The tentative agenda items identified by the states and the tribes follow:

1. High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program database demonstration
2. Moving the HPV outreach plan from strategy to implementation
3. Multimedia Pollution Prevention Forum (M2P2) presentation
4. Performance Partnership Grants (PPG) guidance for FY 2005
5. TAP working plan
6. Tribal college Interagency Personnel Agreement (IPA) proposal

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pollution prevention, Chemical information and management.

Dated: September 24, 2004.

**Barbara A. Cunningham,**

*Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7823-5]

### Papers Addressing Scientific Issues in the Risk Assessment of Metals

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announces the availability of five scientific papers on metals risk assessment. The papers include: (1) Issue Paper on the Environmental Chemistry of Metals; (2) Issue Paper on Metal Exposure Assessment; (3) Issue Paper on the Ecological Effects of Metals; (4) Issue Paper on the Human Health Effects of Metals; and (5) Issue Paper on the Bioavailability and Bioaccumulation of