

analyzers and to notify them within 30 days if a reference or equivalent method designation applicable to the method has been canceled or if adjustment of the sampler or analyzer is necessary under 40 CFR Part 53.11(b) to avoid a cancellation.

(g) An applicant who modifies a sampler or analyzer previously designated as part of a reference or equivalent method is not permitted to sell the sampler or analyzer (as modified) as part of a reference or equivalent method (although it may be sold without such representation), nor to attach a label or sticker to the sampler or analyzer (as modified) under the provisions described above, until the applicant has received notice under 40 CFR Part 53.14(c) that the original designation or a new designation applies to the method as modified, or until the applicant has applied for and received notice under 40 CFR Part 53.8(b) of a new reference or equivalent method determination for the sampler or analyzer as modified.

Aside from occasional breakdowns or malfunctions, consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-77), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of these reference methods is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR Part 58. Questions concerning the commercial availability or technical aspects of any of these methods should be directed to the appropriate applicant.

Receipt of New Reference Method Applications

EPA is also hereby announcing that it has received three new applications for reference method determinations under 40 CFR Part 53. Publication of a notice of receipt of such applications is required by § 53.5.

On September 14, 1998, EPA received an application from Thermo Environmental Instruments, Incorporated, 8 West Forge Parkway, Franklin, Massachusetts 02038, for a reference method determination for a PM_{2.5} method based on that Company's Model 606 CAPS Sequential PM_{2.5} Sampler. Another application was received on September 18, 1998, from Anderson Instruments, Incorporated, 500 Technology Court, Smyrna, Georgia 30082, for a reference method determination for PM₁₀ methods based on that Company's Models RAAS10-

100 Single Channel PM₁₀ Sampler, RAAS10-200 Audit PM₁₀ Sampler, and RAAS10-300 Sequential PM₁₀ Sampler. An application was received on September 24, 1998, from Tisch Environmental, Incorporated, 145 South Miami Avenue, Village of Cleves, Ohio 45002, for a reference method determination for a PM₁₀ method based on that Company's Model TE-6001 High Volume PM₁₀ Air Sampler.

If, after appropriate technical study, the Administrator determines that any or all of these methods should be designated as reference methods under 40 CFR Part 53, notice thereof will be published in a subsequent issue of the **Federal Register**.

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Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, Meeting Date and Agenda

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene an open meeting of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) on January 14, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend at the meeting at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

Topics for discussion will include at a minimum a summary from the ELAB workgroup tasked to examine performance-based measurement systems and a briefing from the workgroup responsible for investigating issues affecting small laboratories.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Dutrow; Designated Federal Officer; USEPA; 401 M Street, SW (8724R); Washington, DC 20460. If questions arise, please contact Ms. Dutrow by phone at (202) 564-9061, by facsimile at (202) 565-2441 or by email at dutrow.elizabeth@epamail.epa.gov.

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Thomas Dixon,

Acting Director, Quality Assurance Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual.

SUMMARY: This document announces the availability of the testing manual entitled "Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual" (Great Lakes Manual). The Great Lakes Manual was prepared by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Army Corps of Engineers (CE) workgroup comprised of staff with scientific and/or programmatic expertise related to Great Lakes dredged material discharge activities. This document supplements the manual entitled "Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Discharge in Waters of the U.S.-Testing Manual (Inland National Manual), EPA-823-B-98-004," which was finalized in February 1998. The Great Lakes Manual contains more specific guidance than the National Manual specifically for the Great Lakes system, including detailed bioassay test protocols. The Great Lakes Manual was noticed for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 1994. Both the draft Inland Testing Manual and the Great Lakes Manual were issued pursuant to the provisions of section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 230.

DATES: The Great Lakes Manual is intended to be utilized by The Corps of Engineers and all applicants for section 404(b)(1) dredged material discharge permits until March 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual can be obtained from the Internet at: www.epa.gov/glnp/sediment/gitem/. Copies are also available by contacting Marc Tuchman, USEPA Great Lakes National Program Office—G-9J, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, IL 60604; telephone: (312) 353-1369.

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