

numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 29, 2002 (67 FR 4253); one comment was received.

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**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2350.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 979 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:** 0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 2057.01 in any correspondence.

Dated: October 4, 2002.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7393-5]

### Investigator Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of requests for applications.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information on the availability of fiscal year 2003 investigator initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

**DATES:** Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research areas within the solicitations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** (1) Technology for a Sustainable Environment, *karn.barbara@epa.gov*, (2) Measurement, modeling and analysis methods for airborne fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), *winner.darrel@epa.gov*, (3) ECOHAB (Ecology of Hazardous Algal Blooms), (4) Watershed Classification, *perovich.gina@epa.gov*, and (5) Computational Toxicology Approaches for Endocrine Disruptors Screening Program, *reese.david@epa.gov*. The complete program announcement can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncer>, under "announcements." The required forms for applications with instructions are accessible on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/forms/downlf.html>. Forms may be printed from this site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites research applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Technology for a Sustainable Environment, (2) Measurement, modeling and analysis methods for airborne fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), (3) ECOHAB (Ecology of Hazardous Algal Blooms), (4) Watershed Classification, and (5) Computational Toxicology Approaches for Endocrine Disruptors Screening Program.

Dated: October 1, 2002.

**John C. Puzak,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Research.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7393-4]

### Investigator Initiated Grants: Requests for Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for applications (RFA).

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information on the availability of a fiscal year 2003 program announcement in which areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth.

**DATES:** The RFA opened September 30, 2002 and closes January 7, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

April Richards, (202) 564-2297.

*Richards.April@epa.gov* or Bob

Thurnau, (513) 569-7504

*Thurnau.Bob@epa.gov*. The complete program announcement can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncer> under "announcements." Unlike other EPA RFAs, all necessary forms are included in the RFA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In its Requests for Applications the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites research applications in the following area of special interest to its mission: Treatment Technologies for Arsenic Removal for Small Drinking Water Systems: Request for Applications. The objective of this program is to pre-qualify treatment technologies for a subsequent demonstration program which will evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of drinking water treatment technologies to meet the new arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.01 mg/l for varying source water quality conditions. Proposals selected under this competition will be pre-qualified for demonstration projects at selected utilities throughout the country.

Dated: September 30, 2002.

**John C. Puzak,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Research.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0265; FRL-7276-4]

### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** There will be a public pre-meeting teleconference and a 3-day face-to-face meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review studies on water disinfection and softening as related to the Food Quality Protection

Act of 1996 (FQPA) drinking water exposure assessments.

**DATES:** *Pre-meeting teleconference:* November 21, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern standard time.

*Face-to-face meetings:* December 3–5, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., eastern standard time.

*Comments:* For deadlines for submission of requests to present oral comments and submission of written comments, see Unit I.E. of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

*Nominations:* Requests for nominations to serve as an ad hoc member of the FIFRA SAP for the pre-meeting teleconference and face-to-face meetings should be provided on or before October 25, 2002.

*Special seating:* Requests for special seating arrangements should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** *Pre-meeting teleconference:* This meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Conference Room 4225, Washington, DC. For additional information about the pre-meeting teleconference, including how to receive the teleconference telephone number, contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket ID number OPP–2002–0265 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

*Face-to-face meetings:* These meetings will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel is (703) 486–1111.

*Comments:* Written comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

*Nominations, Requests to present oral comments, and Special seating:* To submit nominations to serve as an ad hoc member of the FIFRA SAP for the face-to-face meetings and pre-meeting teleconference, or requests for special seating arrangements, or requests to present oral comments, notify the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket ID number OPP–2002–0265 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Lewis, DFO, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7202M),

Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 564–8450; fax number: (202) 564–8382; e-mail address: lewis.paul@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), FIFRA, and FQPA. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the DFO 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–2002–0265. 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, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., 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/>.

A meeting agenda relevant to these meetings is now available. EPA’s position paper, questions to FIFRA SAP, and FIFRA SAP composition (i.e., members and consultants for this meeting) will be available as soon as possible, but no later than early November. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic

copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the FIFRA SAP Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

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 submit or 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. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA’s electronic public docket. EPA’s policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA’s electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA’s electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA’s electronic public docket. 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. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA’s electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA’s policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA’s electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA’s electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be

transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

### C. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. If you wish to submit CBI or information that is otherwise protected by statute, please follow the instructions in Unit I.D. Do not use EPA Dockets or e-mail to submit CBI or information protected by statute.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed in this unit, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets.* Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once in the system, select "search," and then key in docket ID number OPP-2002-0265. The system is an "anonymous access"

system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by e-mail to [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov), Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2002-0265. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail.* Send your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2002-0265.

3. *By hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2002-0265. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit I.B.1.

### D. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the

information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

### E. How May I Participate in These Meetings?

Requests to present oral comments, written comments, or requests for special seating arrangements may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. (See Units I.C.-D.) Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0265 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

1. *Oral comments.* Oral comments presented at the meetings should not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written comments. Although requests to present oral comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), to the extent that time permits, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of FIFRA SAP to present oral comments at the meeting. Each individual or group wishing to make brief oral comments to FIFRA SAP is strongly advised to submit their request to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than noon, eastern standard time, November 14, 2002, for the pre-meeting teleconference or no later than noon, eastern standard time, November 25, 2002, for the face-to-face meetings in order to be included on the meeting agenda. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation and the organization (if any) the individual will represent. In addition, any requirements for audiovisual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard) at the face-to-face meetings should be requested at this time. Oral comments before the FIFRA SAP are limited to approximately 5 minutes unless prior arrangements have been made. In addition, each speaker should bring 30 copies of his or her comments and presentation slides to the face-to-face meeting.

2. *Written comments.* Although submission of written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting

(unless otherwise stated), the Agency encourages that written comments be submitted no later than noon, eastern standard time, November 14, 2002, for the pre-meeting teleconference or no later than noon, eastern standard time, November 25, 2002, for the face-to-face meetings, to provide the FIFRA SAP the time necessary to consider and review the written comments. There is no limit on the extent of written comments for consideration by FIFRA SAP. Persons wishing to submit written comments at the meeting should contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and submit 30 copies.

3. *Seating at the meetings.* Seating at both meetings will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the DFO at least 5 business days prior to the meeting using the information under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the FIFRA SAP

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of two meetings of the EPA FIFRA SAP. Amendments to FIFRA enacted November 28, 1975 (7 U.S.C. 136w(d)), include a requirement under section 25(d) of FIFRA that notices of intent to cancel or reclassify pesticide regulations pursuant to section 6(b)(2) of FIFRA, as well as proposed and final forms of rulemaking pursuant to section 25(a) of FIFRA, be submitted to a SAP prior to being made public or issued to a registrant. In accordance with section 25(d) of FIFRA, the FIFRA SAP is to have an opportunity to comment on the health and environmental impact of such actions. The FIFRA SAP also shall make comments, evaluations, and recommendations for operating guidelines to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments as to the impact on health and the environment of regulatory actions under sections 6(b) and 25(a) of FIFRA. The Deputy Administrator appoints seven individuals to serve on the FIFRA SAP for staggered terms of 4 years, based on recommendations from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Section 104 of FQPA (Public Law 104-170) established the FQPA Science

Review Board (SRB). These scientists shall be available to the FIFRA SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the FIFRA SAP.

### B. Pre-meeting Teleconference

The FIFRA SAP will meet on November 21, 2002, via teleconference from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern standard time. This teleconference meeting will be hosted out of Conference Room 4225, Environmental Protection Protection, EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public and seating will be on a first-come basis. The public may also attend via telephone. For further information concerning the meeting or how to obtain the telephone number, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The purpose of this public pre-meeting teleconference is to:

1. Discuss the charge and the adequacy of the review materials provided to the FIFRA SAP.
2. Clarify any questions and issues relating to the charge and the review materials.
3. Discuss specific charge assignments to the Panelists.
4. Clarify specific points of interest raised by the Panelists in preparation for the face-to-face meetings to be held on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2002.

### C. Face-to-Face Public Meetings

On December 3-5, 2002, the Agency will be continuing its consultation with the FIFRA SAP to review studies on water disinfection and softening as related to FQPA drinking water exposure assessments. On September 29, 2000, the Agency updated the FIFRA SAP on their progress in improving its drinking water assessment process. In addition, the Agency presented a review of the scientific literature on the impacts of drinking water treatment on the removal and transformation of pesticides. In their recommendations, the FIFRA SAP supported the Agency's efforts to better understand the effects of water treatment on pesticides and encouraged the Agency to return to the FIFRA SAP to report on its progress in developing approaches that factor treatment into drinking water exposure assessments.

Since the previous meeting, the Agency has reviewed additional pesticide laboratory and field monitoring studies plus new information on the effects of drinking water treatment processes on pesticide removal and transformation. In addition, the Agency has developed a proposed laboratory protocol to

determine the effects of individual and combined drinking water treatment processes on pesticide removal and transformation. The purpose of this consultation is to update the Panel on the Agency's efforts to identify various U.S. drinking water treatment processes and to present laboratory studies and field monitoring studies that consider treatment effects on pesticides. The Agency will also present a proposed laboratory protocol for determining the effects of treatment on pesticide removal and transformation plus a plan for testing the protocol design and implementation. For this consultation, the Panel will review:

1. The Agency's progress report on effects of treatment processes on the levels and stability of pesticides in community water systems and;
2. The Agency's proposed laboratory protocol for assessing water treatment effects.

### D. Request for Nominations to Serve as Ad Hoc Members of the FIFRA SAP for These Meetings

The FIFRA SAP staff routinely solicit the stakeholder community for nominations to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for each meeting. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to serve on the FIFRA SAP for a specific meeting. No interested person shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal Department or Agency or their employment by a Federal Department or Agency (except the EPA). Individuals nominated should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Water treatment, chemical oxidation, water quality assessment, and drinking water risk assessment. Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments on the issues for this meeting. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, and telephone number. Nominations should be provided to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by October 25, 2002.

The criteria for selecting scientists to serve on the FIFRA SAP are that these persons be recognized scientists—experts in their fields; that they be as impartial and objective as possible; that they represent an array of backgrounds and perspectives (within their disciplines); have no financial conflict of interest; have not previously been involved with the scientific peer review of the issue(s) presented; and that they

be available to participate fully in the review, which will be conducted over a relatively short-time frame. Nominees will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings. Finally, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes.

If a FIFRA SAP nominee is considered to assist in a review by the FIFRA SAP for a particular session, the nominee is subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634, Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by the EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. As such, the FIFRA SAP nominee is required to submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the nominee's employment, stocks and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. EPA will evaluate the nominee's financial disclosure form to assess that there are no formal conflict of interests before the nominee is considered to serve on the FIFRA SAP. Selected FIFRA SAP members will be hired as a Special Government Employee. The Agency will review all nominations; a decision on FIFRA SAP members for the meeting will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

#### E. FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: October 3, 2002.

**Joseph J. Merenda, Jr.,**

*Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2002-0052; FRL-7276-3]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the fall meeting of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) to collaborate on environmental protection and chemical and prevention issues. The Chemical Information and Management, Pollution Prevention, Toxics Release Inventory, and Tribal Affairs Projects, components of FOSTTA, will hold meetings October 21-22, 2002. This notice announces the location and times for the meetings and sets forth some tentative agenda topics. EPA invites all interested parties to attend the public meetings.

**DATES:** The four projects will meet concurrently October 21, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and October 22, 2002, from 8 a.m. to noon. A plenary session is being planned for the participants on Monday, October 21, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Requests to participate in the fall FOSTTA meeting, identified by docket ID number OPPT-2002-0052, must be received by EPA on or before October 11, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hall of States, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC. The building is located across from the Union Station metro stop on the red line.

Requests to participate in the meeting may be submitted to Christine Eppstein, listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information contact:* Barbara Cunningham, Acting Director, 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).

*For technical information contact:* Darlene Harrod, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8814; fax number: (202) 564-8813; e-mail address: [harrod.darlene@epa.gov](mailto:harrod.darlene@epa.gov).

Christine Eppstein, Environmental Council of the States, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 445, Washington, DC 20001; telephone number: (202) 624-3661; fax number: (202) 624-3666; e-mail address: [ceppstein@ssso.org](mailto:ceppstein@ssso.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are interested in FOSTTA and hearing more 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 toxics. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- States and federally recognized tribes.
- State, Federal, and local environmental and public health organizations.
- Chemical trade associations.

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

#### II. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket ID number OPPT-2002-0052. 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 EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

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 submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to