

7. *Post selection activity.* Selected applicants must formally apply for receipt of funds through the appropriate EPA Regional office. In addition, selected applicants must negotiate a final workplan including reporting requirements with the designated EPA Regional project officer. For more general information on post award requirements and the evaluation of grantee performance, see 40 CFR part 31.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), in coordination with the EPA Regions, is soliciting Tribal pesticide water quality projects for FY2001 funding. The total amount of funding available in FY2001 to be awarded to tribal governments and/or intertribal consortia for pesticide water quality projects is \$245,500.

III. Statutory Authority and Regulations

Sections 23(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorize EPA to enter into cooperative agreements with States and Indian Tribes to implement pesticide enforcement programs. Pursuant to the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1999, pesticide program implementation grants under section 23(a)(1) of FIFRA are available for "pesticide program development and implementation, including enforcement and compliance activities."

The award and administration of these grants will be governed by the Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments set forth at 40 CFR part 31.

IV. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

Under the Agency's current interpretation of the definition of a "rule", grant solicitations such as this which are competitively awarded on the basis of selection criteria, are considered rules for the purpose of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S.

House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Correction, notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a change to the meeting date of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). A one-day meeting will be held on March 21, 2001.

The NACEPT is addressing several policy issues associated with EPA's human resource planning and the identification of emerging issues and trends facing the Agency. The NACEPT Council will: present its recommendations regarding EPA's Workforce Capacity efforts to the Agency, and provide an update on the identification of emerging issues and trends facing EPA over the next five to ten years.

DATES: The NACEPT will hold a 1-day public meeting on Wednesday, March 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The NACEPT 1-day public meeting will be held at the Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Materials or written comments may be transmitted to the Council through Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer/NACEPT, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The public will have an opportunity to make comments directly to the Council. Oral comments will be limited to a total time of five minutes. Requests to make oral comments must

be submitted no later than March 19, 2001 to Gwendolyn Whitt, at the address above or faxed to (202) 501-0661. Anyone who has not reserved time in advance, may make comments during the public comment period as time allows.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer, NACEPT, at (202) 564-9741.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of two meetings of the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

1. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)—Teleconference Meeting April 3, 2001

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee will meet by conference call from 3:00 to 5:00 pm Eastern time on Tuesday, April 3, 2001. Members of the public wishing to call-in to the teleconference must make arrangements with Ms. Mary Winston by noon the Wednesday *before* the meeting. Instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Mary Winston, Management Assistant, at (202) 564-4538, or via e-mail at: winston.mary@epa.gov.

Purpose of the Meeting—The purpose of the April 3, 2001 conference call meeting is to allow the Committee and the Agency to complete preparations for the face-to face meeting on April 20, 2001. The Agency will provide a briefing for the Committee on the Science to Achieve Results (STAR)