

has recently undergone public review and comment. Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor for external scientific review, will convene an independent panel of experts and organize and conduct a peer-review meeting. The panel will review the draft document and may consider public comments received in the official public docket for this activity under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OA-2007-0976, as well as comments made by the public at the external peer review meeting. The draft document and peer-review charge are available at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/mmoaframework/index.htm>. In preparing a final document, EPA will consider the public comments submitted to EPA's docket during the public comment period, and the comments and recommendations from the external peer-review meeting, including any oral public comments made at the meeting.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by the EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

This notice announces the external peer-review meeting location and dates, and how to pre-register as an observer and how to sign up to make oral comments at the meeting.

DATES: The external peer-review meeting will begin on Friday, April 4, 2008. The meeting is scheduled to begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5:30 p.m., Eastern Time. Members of the public may attend the peer-review meeting as observers. Time will be set aside on the morning of April 4, 2008 for registered attendees who wish to make brief oral comments (for more information refer to the instructions for participation below).

ADDRESSES: The peer-review meeting will be held at the Navy League Building, 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

How Can I Request To Participate In This Meeting?

Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor for external scientific review, will convene an independent panel of experts and organize and conduct a peer-review meeting to review this draft document. To attend the meeting, register by Tuesday, March 25, 2008 by visiting <https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/moa/register-moa.htm>. You may also register by calling ERG's

conference line between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST at (781) 674-7374 or toll free at (800) 803-2833, or by faxing a registration request to (781) 674-2906 (please reference the "Mutagenic Mode of Action Peer-Review Meeting" and include your name, title, affiliation, full address and contact information), or by sending an e-mail to Meetings@erg.com (Subject line: Mutagenic Mode of Action Peer-Review Meeting; Body: include your name, title, affiliation, full address and contact information). Pre-registration is strongly recommended as space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for pre-registration is Tuesday, March 25, 2008. If space allows, registrations will continue to be accepted after this date, including on-site registration. Time will be set aside to hear comments from observers, and individuals will be limited to a maximum of five minutes during the morning of the day of the meeting. When you register, please inform ERG that you wish to make comments during the comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding registration and logistics for the external peer review meeting should be directed to Eastern Research Group, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421-3136; telephone: (781) 674-7374 or toll-free at (800) 803-2833; facsimile: (781) 674-2906; e-mail: Meetings@erg.com. If you have questions about the draft document, please contact Dr. Kathleen Raffaele, Office of the Science Advisor, Mail Code 8105R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2180; fax number: (202) 564-2070; e-mail: raffaele.kathleen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is submitting the draft document titled "Framework for Determining a Mutagenic Mode of Action for Carcinogenicity: Using EPA's 2005 Cancer Guidelines and Supplemental Guidance for Assessing Susceptibility From Early-Life Exposure to Carcinogens" (or Framework) for independent, external peer review. On September 27, 2007, the draft document was announced in the **Federal Register** and made available for a 60-day public comment period (72 FR 54910). On November 16, 2007, the comment period was extended for 30 days (72 FR 64617). Public comments received in the docket will be shared with the external peer review panel for their consideration. The public release of this draft document is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and peer

review. This draft document does not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

In response to requests from numerous stakeholders following EPA's release of the "Supplemental Guidance for Assessing Susceptibility from Early-Life Exposure to Carcinogens" in 2005, the Risk Assessment Forum has prepared a framework document that expands and clarifies characteristics used to determine a chemical's potential for a mutagenic mode of action (MOA) for carcinogenicity. This determination affects consideration of adjusting cancer potencies via age-dependent adjustment factors when exposures to these carcinogens occur in children.

The Framework is meant to complement EPA's 2005 "Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment" (Cancer Guidelines) and chemicals of interest must already have a weight-of-evidence determination for carcinogenicity. The Framework does not provide an approach to hazard identification. Rather, it gives information useful to determining whether MOAs by which the chemical causes cancer include mutagenicity as an early key event; "key event" is a term of art described in the MOA framework in the Cancer Guidelines.

Dated: February 25, 2008.

George M. Gray,
EPA Science Advisor.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8534-6]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Environmental Technology Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of teleconference meetings.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of two teleconference meetings of the Environmental Technology Subcommittee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues. The Environmental Technology

Subcommittee was formed to assist EPA in evaluating its current and potential role in the development and commercialization of environmental technologies by suggesting how to optimize existing EPA programs to facilitate the development of sustainable private sector technologies, and by suggesting alternative approaches to achieving these goals. The purpose of the teleconference meetings is to discuss the Subcommittee's latest report on actions EPA can take to engage more effectively with venture capitalists, and other members of the financial services sector, who invest in the development and commercialization of environmental technologies.

DATES: The NACEPT Environmental Technology Subcommittee will hold a teleconference meeting on Tuesday, March 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. Eastern, and on Tuesday, March 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. Eastern. The teleconferences may end before 5 p.m. on both days if the Subcommittee doesn't require two full hours to complete its discussions.

ADDRESSES: Meeting rooms will not be available, and anyone wishing to participate in the teleconferences should request the call-in number and the teleconference access code from Mark Joyce at the contact information below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Joyce, Designated Federal Officer, joyce.mark@epa.gov, 202-564-2130, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or provide written comments to the Subcommittee should be sent to Mark Joyce, Designated Federal Officer, at the contact information above by Friday, March 14. The public is welcome to attend all portions of the teleconference meetings.

Meeting Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mark Joyce at 202-564-2130 or joyce.mark@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mark Joyce, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: February 20, 2008.

Mark Joyce,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8534-9]

Proposed CERCLA Agreement and Covenant Not To Sue the State of Montana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a proposed Agreement and Covenant Not To Sue the State of Montana concerning the McLaren Tailings Site at Cooke City, Park County, Montana. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., and the authority of the Attorney General of the United States to compromise and settle claims of the United States. The State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") enters into this Agreement pursuant to CERCLA, the Montana Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act ("CECRA"), as amended, 75-10-701 et seq., Montana Code Annotated ("MCA"); Title IV of the Surface Mining control and Reclamation Act of 1977 ("SMCRA"), 30 U.S.C. 1231 et seq., and Title 82, Chapter 4, Part 3 MCA.

This Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue ("Agreement"), is designed to settle and resolve MDEQ's potential liability for existing contamination at the Site, which would otherwise result from its acquisition of the Site.

Opportunity for Comment: For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will consider all comments received, and may modify or withdraw its consent to the Agreement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at EPA Region 8's Central Records Center, 1595 Wynkoop Street, 3rd Floor, in Denver, Colorado.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 31, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The proposed Agreement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at EPA Region 8's Central Records Center, 1595 Wynkoop Street, 3rd Floor, in Denver, Colorado. Comments and requests for a copy of the proposed Agreement should be addressed to Carol Pokorny (8ENF-RC),

Technical Enforcement Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-1129, and should reference the McLaren Tailings Site Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue the State of Montana and the EPA docket number, CERCLA-08-2008-0004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Pokorny, Enforcement Specialist (8ENF-RC), Technical Enforcement Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-1129, (303) 312-6970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regarding the proposed Agreement: In accordance with CERCLA, notice is hereby given that the terms of the Agreement have been agreed to by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality. By the terms of the proposed Agreement, in exchange for the United States' Covenant Not to Sue, MDEQ agrees to acquire the Site, at no cost to the United States, and agrees to implement the cleanup activities and the Institutional Controls for the Site.

It is so Agreed:

Dated: February 21, 2008.

Andrew M. Gaydosh,

Assistant Regional Administrator, Office of Enforcement, Compliance, and Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8534-8]

Proposed CERCLA Settlement Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs Incurred at the McLaren Tailings Site at Cooke City, Park County, MT

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement under section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), concerning the McLaren Tailings Site at Cooke City, Park County, Montana. This settlement, embodied in a CERCLA section 122(h) Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs