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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of conference.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science and Technology and Battelle, co-sponsors, will hold the "25th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment" to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement. The conference is open to the public.

DATES: The annual conference will be held on May 7-9, 2002. On May 7, 2002, the conference will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. A workshop on "Surviving a Laboratory Audit" will be presented from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

On May 8, 2002, the conference will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 4:15 p.m. On May 9, 2002, the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, Virginia, 23510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Conference and workshop arrangements are being conducted by Battelle. For information on registration, hotel rates, transportation, social events, and reservations call Andrea Grew, Battelle, at (781) 952-5290 or by facsimile at (781) 934-2124.

If you need special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, you should contact Andrea Grew, Battelle, at least five business days prior to the meeting so that we can make appropriate arrangements. If you have technical questions regarding the conference or workshop programs, please contact Marion Kelly, e-mail: kelly.marion@epa.gov, (202) 566-1045 or by facsimile at (202) 566-1053.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "25th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment" is designed to bring together representatives of regulated industries, commercial environmental laboratories, State and Federal regulators, municipal

water and wastewater laboratories, and environmental consultants and contractors to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement with a particular focus on environmental water regulations, compliance monitoring, and related issues.

The draft program agenda for the conference follows:

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Welcome and Status of Office of Water Activities

8:45 a.m. Welcome—Robert G. Beimer, Battelle

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks—William Telliard, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division

9:15 a.m. Office of Water Activities—James Hanlon, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Water, Field Techniques

9:45 a.m. Comparison of Field Collection Techniques and Filtration Procedures for Determination of Chlorophyll in Ambient Waters—R.E. Stewart, D.H. Smith, and T.Y. Du, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

10:15 a.m. Break

Bacteriological Tracking

10:30 a.m. Microbial Source Tracking: Principles and Practice—Mansour Samadpour, University of Washington

11:00 a.m. Source Tracking of Bacteria: A Case Study—Ward Staubitz, U.S. Geological Survey Site Investigation

11:30 a.m. The Destruction of the World Trade Center and PCBs, PBDEs, PCDD/Fs, PBDD/Fs, and Chlorinated Biphenylenes in Water, Sediment, and Sewage Sludge—Simon Litten, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; D. McChesney, U.S. EPA Region II; and Brian Fowler and M.C. Hamilton, Axys Analytical Services

12:00 Noon—Lunch

Workshop

1:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Surviving a Laboratory Audit—U.S. EPA Staff: Nancy Wentworth, Office of Research and Development, Quality Assurance Division; Joseph Slayton, U.S. EPA Region III, Environmental Science Center; U.S. EPA Drinking Water Representative; Steve Baker, State of Arizona

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Organics Analysis

8:45 a.m. Determination of the Congener Distribution in Aroclors to the Sub-ppm Level—Coreen Hamilton, Katherine Kaye, and Brian Fowler, Axys Analytical Services

9:15 a.m. Application of Aroclor Toxicity Equivalents to Historic Aroclor Data and to Non-detects—Andy Beliveau, U.S. EPA Region I

9:45 a.m. Navigating EPA's Alternate Test Procedure for Development of an Alternate Chlorophenolics Procedure: Process and Results—Diana Cook, Glenn Wilson, and Michelle Wrabel, National Council for Air and Stream Improvement

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers: An Emerging Environmental Problem—Mehran Alaei, Canadian Center for Inland Waters

10:45 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers by Gas Chromatography with an Electron Capture Detector—Robert Rieck, U.S. EPA Region X, Manchester Laboratory

11:15 a.m. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers by HRGC/HRMS—Coreen Hamilton, Brian Fowler, and Louis Haviland, Axys Analytical Services

11:45 a.m. Lunch

Sample Preservation and Holding Times

1:00 p.m. Study Supporting Extension of the Unpreserved Mercury Holding Time to 28 Days—Mark Bruce, Scott Irwin, and Patrick O'Meara, Severn Trent Laboratory, Canton, Ohio

1:30 p.m. Effect of Freezing on Concentrations of Classical Pollutants—Khouane Dithavong, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division

2:00 p.m. Effect of Starting Temperature, Ice Placement, and Other Variables on Length of Time that Samples Remain Below 4 °C in a Picnic Cooler—William Telliard, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology, Engineering and Analysis Division

2:30 p.m. Break

Metals Analysis

2:45 p.m. Determination of Arsenic Species in Fish and Their Impact on Fish Advisories—Eric Creclius, Margaret O'Neill, and Tim Fortman, Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory

3:15 p.m. Results of the Interlaboratory Validation of EPA Method 245.7: Mercury in Water by Cold-vapor Atomic Fluorescence—

Maria Gomez-Taylor, U.S. EPA
Office of Science & Technology,
Engineering and Analysis Division

Bioassay

3:45 p.m. Comparison of Results of
Determination of Dioxin-like
Toxicity by Cell-line Bioassays and
HRGC/HRMS—Harry McCarty,
DynCorp Information & Enterprise
Technology, Inc.
4:15 p.m. Adjourn
5:30 p.m. Conference Reception

Thursday, May 9, 2002

Whole Effluent Toxicity

8:30 a.m. Grading on a Curve: How
to Use Laboratory Control Charts
and Other QA/QC Data to Interpret
Toxicity Test Results—Tim Moore,
Risk Sciences; and Jim Pletl,
Hampton Roads Sanitation District

Microbiological Methods

9:00 a.m. Interlaboratory Validation
of EPA Method 1605 for *Aeromonas*
in Water—Misty Pope, Ken Miller,
Kevin Connell, Jessica Pulz, Chris
Maynard, Ben Meadows, and Kyle
May, DynCorp Information &
Enterprise Technology, Inc.; and
Mary Ann Feige, U.S. EPA Office of
Ground Water and Drinking Water
Technical Support Center,
Cincinnati
9:30 a.m. Are Current
Microbiological Method Holding
Times Meaningful? An Assessment
of the Stability of Multiple
Pathogens in Wastewater at
Multiple Times and
Temperatures—Robin Oshiro, U.S.
EPA Office of Science and

Technology, Engineering and
Analysis Division; and Misty Pope,
Kevin Connell, Jessica Pulz, Ken
Miller, and Yildiz Chambers,
DynCorp Information & Enterprise
Technology, Inc.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Special Session:
Demonstration of *E. coli* and
Enterococci Methods Proposed by
EPA for Use in Recreational Water
Monitoring—Robin Oshiro, U.S.
EPA Office of Science and
Technology, Engineering and
Analysis Division
12:00 Noon—Adjourn

Dated: March 19, 2002.

Geoffrey H. Grubbs,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency
Management Agency, as part of its
continuing effort to reduce paperwork
and respondent burden, invites the
general public and other Federal
agencies to take this opportunity to
comment on proposed continuing
information collections. In accordance
with the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this

notice seeks comments concerning the
U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire
Academy Long-term Course Evaluation
Forms.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The data
collection from the long-term evaluation
forms—one for students and one for the
student's supervisor—will obtain course
specific feedback regarding the impact
of course content on job performance.
This data is needed to improve
instructional delivery and curriculum
design. Demographic data are needed to
identify differentials in course impact.
The information collection also
supports the Government Performance
and Results Act.

Collection of Information

Title: National Fire Academy Long-
term Evaluation Form for Supervisors,
National Fire Academy Long-term
Evaluation Form for Students.

Type of Information Collection:
Renewal of existing collection in use
with OMB approval.

OMB Number: 3067-0260.

Form Numbers: Form F-8872-NETC;
F-8873-NETC.

Abstract: The National Fire
Academy's long-term evaluation
forms—one for students and one for the
student's supervisor—will obtain course
specific feedback regarding impact of
course content on job performance. The
information is needed to improve
instruction and content. Demographic
data are needed to identify differentials
in course impact.

Affected Public: Individuals.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:** 375.

FEMA Forms	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per re- sponse (C)	Annual burden hours (A × B × C)
Student	750	1	.33	247.50
Superv	750	1	.17	127.50
Total	1,500			375

Estimated Cost: \$105,000.

Comments: Written comments are
solicited to (a) evaluate whether the
proposed data collection is necessary for
the proper performance of the agency,
including whether the information shall
have practical utility; (b) evaluate the
accuracy of the agency's estimate of the
burden of the proposed collection of
information, including the validity of
the methodology and assumptions used;
(c) enhance the quality, utility, and
clarity of the information to be
collected; and (d) minimize the burden
of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including through
the use of appropriate automated,
electronic, mechanical, or other
technological collection techniques or
other forms of information technology,
e.g., permitting electronic submission of
responses. Comments should be
received within 60 days of the date of
this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should
submit written comments to Muriel B.
Anderson, Chief, Records Management
Section, Program Services and Systems
Branch, Facilities and Services

Management Division, Administration
and Resource Planning Directorate,
Federal Emergency Management
Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316,
Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.
Terry Gladhill, Program Analyst,
National Fire Academy, (301) 447-1239
for additional information. You may
contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the
proposed collection of information at
telephone number (202) 646-2625 or
facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-
mail muriel.Anderson@fema.gov.