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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Open Meeting; Environmental Financial Advisory Board; March 4-6, 2002

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold two open meetings on March 4-6, 2002. Both meetings will be held at the National Press Club, 14th and F Streets, NW., Washington, DC, 13th Floor.

On Monday, March 4, 2002 EFAB's Cost Effective Environmental Management Workgroup (CEM) will hold a Workshop on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34). The meeting will be held in the Zenger Room and will begin at 9 a.m. and end at approximately 3 p.m.

The purposes of the workshop are to: (1) Gain a better understanding of GASB 34 among EFAB members and EPA staff; (2) assess how various stakeholders might be affected by implementation of the standard and examine its implications; and (3) identify possible recommendations for EFAB to make to EPA with respect to its role and any action it may take. The meeting will consist of a group of informed panelists from the Government Accounting Standards Board, public utilities, EPA, as well as the financial services industry, who will share their perspectives on GASB 34. Information from this meeting will help the Board develop a report with advice and recommendations to EPA.

On March 5-6, 2002 a meeting of the full Board will be held in the Holeman Lounge. The Tuesday, March 5 session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Wednesday, March 6 session will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m.

The purposes of this meeting are to: (1) Hear from informed speakers on environmental finance issues, proposed legislation and Agency priorities; and (2) discuss progress with work products under EFAB's current strategic action agenda. Environmental financing topics expected to be discussed include: Stewardship financing, cost-effective environmental management, international initiatives, superfund and brownfields initiatives, and public finance issues.

Both meetings are open to the public, but seating is limited. For further information, please contact Vanessa

Bowie, EFAB Coordinator, U.S. EPA on (202) 564-5186.

Dated: February 4, 2002.

Joseph Dillon,

Comptroller.

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Paying for Water Quality: Managing Funding Programs To Achieve the Greatest Environmental Benefits; a Public Workshop

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency will hold a public workshop on March 14-15, 2002, to provide a forum to discuss how water quality funding programs can be managed and enhanced to achieve the greatest environmental benefit.

DATES: The workshop will be held on March 14-15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA East Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004, in the EPA Hearing Room, Room 1153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jordan Dorfman, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management, State Revolving Fund Branch; telephone: 202-564-0614; e-mail: dorfman.jordan@epa.gov

Registration: Though the workshop is free, registration is requested for planning purposes. Please send your name, title, affiliation, address, phone number, fax, and email to Nikki Cleaveland at Northbridge Environmental, by fax, 202-625-0461, or by email, nleaveland@nbenvironmental.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA will convene this public workshop, Paying for Water Quality: Managing Funding Programs to Achieve the Greatest Environmental Benefits, to discuss the current status of water quality funding in the United States, provide an overview of funding programs and illustrate their use through case studies by practitioners from around the country. The Committee on Appropriations, in House Report 107-159, identified a range of issues affecting water quality. The Committee particularly focused on issues concerning nonpoint source pollution. It

noted that "septic system repair and management projects and other nonpoint source pollution prevention and control measures, which can produce substantial benefits of water quality protection, are not eligible for SRF funding in most of the states." It also noted that many recipients of federal funding have not instituted user fees to provide for long-term maintenance of infrastructure.

To address these problems, EPA will hold a workshop to provide a forum to discuss how water quality funding programs can be managed and enhanced to achieve the greatest environmental benefit. The agenda will include topics such as an overview of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, the role of other federal water quality funding programs, funding decentralized wastewater systems and nonpoint source projects, exploring the use of environmental outcomes and affordability studies, environmental performance tracking, and efficient wastewater management. Invited to the workshop will be representatives from the State/EPA SRF Workgroup, the Environmental Council of the States, Environmental Finance Centers, centralized and decentralized wastewater and nonpoint source stakeholder groups and any member of the public who wishes to attend. Participants will have the opportunity to openly discuss present concerns and possible solutions.

Dated: February 6, 2002.

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Operating Industries, Inc. Landfill Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed CERCLA Administrative De Minimis Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is hereby providing notice of a proposed administrative de