

validation of assays for the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (63 FR 71541) (FRL-6052-9) required by FFDCA as amended in 1996 by FQPA (21 U.S.C. 346a(p)). The proposed EDMVAC is in the public interest and will support EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities.

This function was previously served by the Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. The proposed EDMVAC will continue the functions of the EDMVS providing advice and recommendations to EPA on scientific and technical aspects of the Tier I screens and Tier II assays being considered for the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program. The proposed committee will evaluate relevant scientific issues, protocols, data and interpretations of the data for the assays during the validation process. The proposed EDMVAC will also provide advice on the composition of the Tier I screening battery.

#### C. Composition and Organization

1. **Membership.** The proposed Committee will be composed of approximately 25 members. An EPA employee will act as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) who will be responsible for providing the necessary staffing, operations, and support for the Committee.

The Agency is seeking qualified senior-level scientists from diverse sectors to be considered for membership on the proposed Committee. The Agency will consider candidates from the types of organizations listed below and other relevant interest areas.

- Federal, State and local government agency.
- Federally recognized Tribe.
- Public health or environmental professional.
- Chemical or pesticide manufacturer and/or user.
- Non-governmental organization, such as environmental group, environmental justice organization, children's advocate, and animal welfare organization.
- Other non-governmental entity, as deemed appropriate.
- Academics.

Establishing a balance and diversity of experience and knowledge in membership is an important consideration in the selection of members.

2. **Subcommittees and workgroups.** Subcommittees and workgroups may be established on an as-needed basis consisting of Committee members, or

supplemented with individuals qualified in the area of the subcommittee or workgroup.

3. **Meetings and public involvement.** All Committee meetings will be called, announced, and held in accordance with FACA requirements, including public notice of meetings in the **Federal Register**, open meetings, and an opportunity for interested persons to file comments before or after meetings, or to make statements during the public meetings to the extent time permits.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Endocrine disruptors, Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program, Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Subcommittee.

Dated: April 8, 2004.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC or Council). The Council was established under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended, to provide practical and independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the Agency on the activities, functions and policies related to the implementation of SDWA. The Council will hear presentations and have discussions on topics important to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) national drinking water program, including, but not limited to: Updates and current issues related to regulatory activities, program implementation concerns, critical water infrastructure protection activities, and status reports on NDWAC workgroups including a report-out from the Contaminant Candidate List workgroup.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held on May 18, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; on May 19, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and on May 20, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn at National Airport, located at 2650 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, and is open to the public.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Clare Donaher, by phone at (202) 564-3787, by e-mail at [donaher.clare@epa.gov](mailto:donaher.clare@epa.gov), or by regular mail at the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (M/C 4601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," EPA is hereby providing notice of a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC or Council), established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*). The Council encourages the public's input and will allocate one hour during the meeting for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes, and it is preferred that only one person present the statement on behalf of a group or organization. To ensure adequate time for public involvement, individuals or organizations interested in presenting an oral statement should notify Clare Donaher by telephone at (202) 564-3787 no later than May 3, 2004. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received by May 3, 2004, will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information. Any person needing special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, please contact Clare Donaher (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT* section). Arrangements need to be made at least five business days before the meeting so that appropriate special accommodations can be made.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

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