

of the keys to moving forward environmentally is moving forward technologically. Progress towards sustainable reductions in emissions from the mobile source sector is inextricably linked to technological advancement. Motor vehicles are significant contributors to ground-level ozone, the principal harmful ingredient in smog. They also emit other pollutants, including particulate matter and air toxics, and motor vehicle emissions contribute to public health problems such as asthma and other respiratory problems.

The rise in vehicle sales and vehicle miles traveled each year has consistently led to increases in the aggregate emissions from the mobile source sector despite progress in reducing emissions from gasoline-powered, convention motor vehicles. This places increasing importance on technological developments, including vehicles powered by fuels other than gasoline. There are a number of types of alternative fuel vehicles (AFV's) in production and under development. In the United States, manufacturers are already selling various types of AFV's including vehicles powered by electricity, compresses natural gas, methanol and ethanol. The last year has also seen dramatic developments in hybrid-electric vehicle and fuel cell technology.

EPA has noted that the development of a sustainable market for AFV's is a key component of any plan to achieve the air quality gains that are possible from the use of AFV's; developing the infrastructure necessary for AFV's is an important part in developing that sustainable market. For example, drivers may be reluctant to purchase electric vehicles if they have concerns about the availability of recharging stations. EPA believes that the solutions to infrastructure development needs can be found by a variety of stakeholders working together to identify useful steps that might best be taken by working in partnership with each other.

At this workshop, the Agency's intent is to gather other Administration officials (both environmental and purchasing agent), auto and utility industry representatives, environmentalists, and other interested parties. In addition to providing a opportunity to briefly discuss the barriers that limit development, it will provide a forum to begin the process of defining "next steps" that public and private sector parties can exercise in overcoming the barriers to developing an alternative fuels infrastructure. Issues to be explored include: (1) What sectors of vehicles should be targeted for an

alternative fuels infrastructure (*i.e.*, heavy-duty vs light-duty); (2) what will be the effect of Tier 2 standards on alternative fuel vehicles; (3) what market incentives and legislative actions that have worked well and are "transferable". Additionally, EPA is interested in learning what programs have been successful in promoting the use of alternative fuel vehicles.

This workshop is intended to be the type of workshop that the northeastern states and the auto industry had tentatively agreed to in the ATV Agreement in the National LEV MOU that was never finalized.¹ EPA believed that the ATV agreement would have been a productive way of creating a sustainable market for AFV's through cooperative working relationships. The Agency intends that the workshop will draw on the expertise of the northeastern states and other areas (such as California). EPA also welcomes the participation by other states. Anyone with suggestions for this workshop should contact Barry Garelick at 202/546-9028.

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Meeting of the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will meet in a regular quarterly session. This is an open meeting. The theme will be "Nonroad Vehicles and Engines." The

¹ In the negotiations between the northeastern states and the auto industry on EPA's National Low Emission Vehicle (NLEV) program, the states and the auto industry had tentatively agreed to a process to facilitate discussion on the creation of a sustainable market for advanced technology vehicles (ATV Agreement). (This tentative ATV Agreement was to be included in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was to form the basis for the NLEV program, but the ATV Agreement was not intended to be included in the NLEV regulations. However, the parties ended discussions and decided not to finalize the MOU, which would have contained the ATV agreement.)

meeting may include presentations on the impact and significance of such sources on air quality and public health from several perspectives, *e.g.*, EPA, CARB and the regulated industry, an update on EPA's computer model and a discussion of regulatory initiatives. The preliminary agenda for this meeting and draft minutes from the previous one are available from the Subcommittee's website at: <http://transaq.ce.gatech.edu/epatac>

DATES: Wednesday, April 12, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Old Town Alexandria, 901 N. Fairfax, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314. The facility is located less than two miles south of National Airport. The telephone number is (703) 683-6000. Space for observers is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information:, Mr. John T. White, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Certification and Compliance Division, U.S. EPA 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, Ph: 734/214-4353, FAX: 734/214-4821 email: white.johnt@epa.gov

For logistical and administrative information: Ms. Mary F. Green, FACA Management Officer, U.S. EPA, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Ph: 734/214-4411, Fax: 734/214-4053, email: green.mary@epa.gov

For background on the Subcommittee: <http://transaq.ce.gatech.edu/epatac>. Individuals or organizations wishing to provide comments to the Subcommittee should submit them to Mr. White at the address above by April 7. The Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During this meeting, the Subcommittee may also hear progress reports from some of its workgroups (including review and approval of the recommendations of the On-Board Diagnostics Workgroup prior to their submission to the CAAAC) as well as updates and announcements on activities of general interest, *e.g.*, status of relevant EPA regulations, schedule for the release of MOBILE6, and an update on the reorganization of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

Dated: March 30, 2000.

Donald Zinger,

Acting Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

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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 that three committees of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time. All 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)—April 25-26, 2000

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) will meet on April 25-26, 2000 in Conference Room 5530 Ariel Rios Building (North Entrance—adjacent to the entrance to the Federal Triangle Metro Stop), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting will convene at 9:00 am on April 25 and at 8:30 am on April 26, and will end no later than 5:30 pm on each day.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to conduct a self-initiated project to offer advice to the Agency on the content and design of an ecological report card. The Committee will discuss a proposed conceptual framework for reporting on ecological condition, and will apply the framework to several Agency examples or programs. As background to the project, the Committee was briefed in July 1998 by various Agency offices on efforts to develop performance measures and environmental indicators. The output of the Committee deliberations is expected to be a report to the Agency describing a proposed framework, with illustrative case examples relevant to EPA programs.

For Further Information—The proposed meeting agenda is available from Ms. Mary Winston, Management Assistant, Committee Operations Staff, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-4538, fax (202) 501-0582, or via e-mail at: winston.mary@epa.gov.

Any member of the public wishing to submit comments must contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Committee, *in writing* no later than 4:00 pm on April 17, 2000 at: EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20460; fax (202) 501-0582; or e-mail at: sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. Questions concerning the meeting can be directed to Ms. Sanzone at (202) 564-4561.

2. Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)—April 25-27, 2000

The Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Tuesday, April 25 through Thursday, April 27, 2000. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. each day in Conference Room 6530 Ariel Rios Building (North Entrance—adjacent to the entrance to the Federal Triangle Metro Stop), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC and adjourn no later than 5:30 pm the first and second day, and no later than 3:30 pm the third day.

At this meeting, the RAC will: (a) Conduct an advisory on the GENII—Version 2 computer model, (b) conduct an advisory on an approach for uranium mining Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM), and (c) conduct a consultation on scenarios for radiological exposure to sewage sludge.

During this meeting, the RAC intends to draft its advisory on the GENII—Version 2 computer model under development by the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) for conducting radiation exposure and risk assessments. This model uses the FRAMES modular system. The charge questions to be answered include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) Is FRAMES a reasonable platform for supporting an integrated system of tools for meeting the diverse environmental modeling needs of ORIA?

(b) Are the GENII v.2 terrestrial transport (exposure and intake modules) and air dispersion models adequate? and

(c) Are the examples and documentation provided with the software adequate and helpful? What advice does the RAC have on ways to tabulate and present the output?

During the meeting the RAC also intends to draft its advisory on Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM). The Agency is asking the RAC's advice on the adequacy of EPA's proposed approach for characterizing TENORM, and whether EPA is appropriately applying this approach in the technical report for uranium mining TENORM which is under development. The charge questions to be answered include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) Is EPA's general approach for characterizing TENORM in a given technical report adequate;

(b) Has the general approach been appropriately applied for uranium mining TENORM?; and

(c) Is the risk assessment approach, as outlined, adequate for evaluating risks from uranium mining TENORM? In particular, have the key exposure scenarios been considered?

For Further Information—Members of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting, such as copies of the proposed meeting agenda, or who wish to submit written comments should contact Mrs. Diana L. Pozun at (202) 564-4544; fax (202) 501-0582, or via e-mail at: pozun.diana@epa.gov. Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact (by letter or by fax—see contact information below) no later than 12 noon Daylight Time, Wednesday, April 19, 2000 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be normally limited to ten minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, easel, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or of the presentation itself. For further information, contact Ms. Melanie Medina-Metzger, Designated Federal Officer for the Radiation Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460, phone (202) 564-5987; fax (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at: medina-metzger.melanie@epa.gov.

For questions pertaining to the GENII v.2 model, please contact Dr. Anthony Wolbarst (6608J), ORIA, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200