

Dated: January 11, 2002.

Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Science Advisory Board; Notification of a Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that a Subcommittee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) (the Surface Impoundments Study Subcommittee of the SAB's Environmental Engineering Committee) will conduct a public teleconference meeting on February 1, 2002 from 12 pm to 2 pm. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 6450C in the USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in the conference room noted above, however, the public may also attend through a telephonic link if lines are available. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Mary Winston at (202) 564-4538, or via e-mail at winston.mary@epa.gov. 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.

Purpose of the Meeting—The primary purpose of this meeting will be to finalize and approve the Subcommittee's report on its review of Industrial Surface Impoundments in the United States for the Office of Solid Waste as announced in **Federal Register** notices 66 FR 30917-30920 June 8, 2001 and 66 FR 9671-49672 September 28, 2001. Final approval of this report will be accomplished during a public review meeting of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) at a later date (to be announced in the FR).

Availability of Review Materials: The availability of Industrial Surface Impoundments in the United States was announced previously in the FRs cited above. The January draft of Subcommittee report will be available in mid-January. Those wishing a copy of the draft report should contact the DFO,

preferably by email (see contact information in following paragraph) on or about January 14.

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (3 minutes or less) must contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4559; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at white.kathleen@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. White no later than noon Eastern Time on Tuesday January 29, 2002.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. **Oral Comments:** In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. **Written Comments:** Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information—Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY2000 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Ms. White at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 16, 2002.

A. Robert Flaak,

Acting Staff Director, EPA Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7130-5]

Office of Research and Development Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2) notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), will hold an Executive Committee Meeting.

DATES: The Meeting will be held on February 11-12, 2002. On Monday, February 11, the Meeting will begin at 1 p.m., and will recess at 5 p.m. On Tuesday, February 12, the Meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m. and will adjourn at approximately 4 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The Meeting will be held at the Madison Hotel, 1177 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 862-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items will include, but not be limited to: Discussion of BOSC Sub-Committee draft reports of ORD Labs/Centers site visits, Ad-hoc Subcommittee on Communications Progress Report, and discussion of BOSC 2002 activities.

Anyone desiring a draft agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton at (202) 565-2444. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or by telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-6853.

Dated: January 14, 2002.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Research.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7129-9]

Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant an exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404, EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing revocable license to practice the invention described and claimed in the patent application listed below, all U.S. patents issuing therefrom, and all reexamined and reissued patents granted in the United States in connection with such patent application to Corus Consulting Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The patent application is:

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/440,965, entitled "Hydrogel Alginate Compositions," filed May 15, 1995, and claiming priority from U.S. Patent Application 07/857,046, entitled "Use of Immobilized Film Bioreactor," filed March 25, 1992.

The invention was announced as being available for licensing in the April 26, 1995 issue of the **Federal Register** (60 FR 20490), citing another application in the series, U.S. Patent

Application 08/084,985, entitled "Use of Immobilized Film Bioreactor," filed July 2, 1993.

EPA has authority under 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) to proceed without a notice of availability when expeditious granting of the license will best serve the interest of the Federal government and the public. Under that authority, EPA has decided not to issue a notice of availability because an earlier application in the family of inventions was announced as available for licensing and because the only applicant, Corus Consulting, has filed an application for an exclusive license under 37 CFR 404.8 and is prepared to enter into an exclusive license agreement.

The proposed exclusive license will contain appropriate terms, limitations and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with the limitations and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.5 and 404.7 of the U.S. Government patent licensing regulations.

EPA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the exclusive license, unless within 30 days from the date of this Notice, EPA receives, at the address below, written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The documentation from objecting parties having an interest in practicing the above patent application should include an application for exclusive or nonexclusive license with the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8. The EPA Patent Counsel and other EPA officials will review all written responses and then make recommendations on a final decision to the Director of the National Risk Management Research Laboratory, who has been delegated the authority to issue patent licenses under EPA Delegation 1-55.

DATES: Comments to this notice must be received by EPA at the address listed below by February 19, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Ehrlich, Patent Counsel, Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2377A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-5457.

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Robert A. Friedrich,

Acting Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7130-1]

Intent To Assign an Invention

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to assign an invention.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 202(e)(1) and 207 and 37 CFR part 404, EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to assign ownership of the invention described and claimed in the patent application listed below, all U.S. patents issuing therefrom, all corresponding patents granted and issued throughout the world, and all reexamined and reissued patents granted in connection with such patent application to the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. The patent application is:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,544, entitled "A Technology for Continuous Measurement of Coarse Particle Mass Concentration," filed November 13, 2001.

Title 35 U.S.C. 202(e)(1) requires that assignment of rights to an invention be made in accordance with the provisions of chapter 18 of 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, EPA is required to follow the procedures set out in 37 CFR part 404, Licensing of Government Owned Inventions, which implement chapter 18, in order to issue the assignment. Normally, 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) requires an agency to issue both a notice of availability of an invention for exclusive licensing or assignment, as well as a notice of intent to grant the exclusive license or issue the assignment. However, EPA has authority under 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) to proceed without a notice of availability when expeditious transfer of rights will best serve the interest of the Federal government and the public. Under that authority, EPA has decided not to issue a notice of availability of this invention for licensing or assignment. The University of Southern California is co-owner by assignment from its employee inventor of an undivided interest in the invention. It is unlikely that any other party would be willing to take a license or assignment from EPA on a patent application or patent encumbered by co-ownership. Furthermore, the University of Southern California has identified a potential licensee of the University who is requesting an exclusive license of the University. The University cannot grant an exclusive license until it has obtained the exclusive license or assignment of EPA's co-ownership.