

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by September 22, 2003. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 24, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.*, new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: August 19, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### Office of the Deputy Secretary

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Performance Based Data Management Initiative.

*Abstract:* The Performance Based Data Management Initiative (PBDMI) is in the first phase of a multiple year effort to consolidate the collection of education information about States, Districts, and Schools in a way that improves data quality and reduces paperwork burden for all the national education partners.

*Additional Information:* The Department is requesting emergency processing of this collection with an OMB approval date of September 22. The Department has spent over four months of internal review of these data elements with federal program managers and analysts and has visited each of the State Education Agencies that will be submitting this data to determine the availability of the data and the amount of effort required to provide this data to the Department. With such an intensive and thorough review of the data elements by the participating partners in this collection, it has been determined that the purpose for the initial sixty day public comment to ED has been fulfilled. It is also important to provide the State Agencies with as much lead time as possible for the development of their data transmission plans so they will be able to provide this data in November 2003.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 52.

*Burden Hours:* 8,230.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2335. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [vivan.reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivan.reese@ed.gov). Requests may also

be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Patrick Sherrill at his e-mail address [Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov](mailto:Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting cancellation.

On July 30, 2003, the Department of Energy published a notice of open meeting announcing a meeting of the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee 68 FR 44756. Today's notice is announcing the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for August 21-22, 2003, because the committee will not have a quorum of members for the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 20, 2003.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0280; FRL-7323-4]

### Tribal Pesticide Programs Council; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) will hold a 3-day meeting, beginning on September 17 and ending on September 19, 2003. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., including a closed session from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.;

Thursday, September 18, 2003, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., including a closed session from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.; and Friday, September 19, 2003, from 9 a.m. until noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Miccosukee Resort and Convention Center, 500 SW., 177th Ave., Miami, FL 33194.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Georgia McDuffie, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 605-0195; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address:

*McDuffie.Georgia@epa.gov*; or Lillian Wilmore, TPPC Facilitator, P.O. Box 470829, Brookline Village, MA 02447-0829; telephone number: (617) 232-5742; fax: (617) 277-1656; e-mail address: *naecology@aol.com*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to those persons interested in TPPC's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA's decision-making process. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket ID number OPP-2003-0280. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although, a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is

open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although, not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

**II. Tentative Agenda**

This unit provides tentative agenda topics for the 2-day meeting.

1. TPPC state of the Council Report.
2. Presentation and questions and answers by EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs and Field and External Affairs Division.
3. Reports from working groups and TPPC participation in other meetings: Tribal Strategy and FOSTTA, Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee, Western Region. Pesticide Meeting, Certification and Training Assessment Group, and Worker Protection.
4. *Tribal caucus* (2).
5. Reports from other organizations: State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group, American Indian Environmental Office, Tribal Operations Committee, Regional Tribal Operations Committee, Intertribal Agricultural Council, and National Tribal Environmental Council, Intertribal Agricultural Council, and Tribal Air Group.
6. Tribal west Nile virus concerns.
7. The new interim guidance on pesticides applied to waterways.
8. Spray drift regulation labeling and minimization.
9. EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) tribal strategy update.
10. OECA enforcement priorities.
11. Pesticide-related homeland security concerns.
12. Updates from the subregional lead officer.
13. Worker protection, e-commerce, and tribal enforcement issues.
14. Background checks on inspections.

**List of Subject**

Environmental protection.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

**Kennan Garvey,**

*Acting Associate Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7548-8]

**Notice of Availability: Draft Watershed-Based National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permitting Implementation Guidance**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is publishing Draft Guidance On Watershed-Based National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permitting Implementation. EPA is making the draft guidance available to the public for a period of thirty days during which EPA seeks comments on the document. The purpose of this guidance is to describe the concept of and the process for watershed-based permitting under the NPDES permit program. Watershed-based NPDES permitting is an approach to developing NPDES permits for multiple point sources located within a defined geographic area (*i.e.*, watershed boundaries). This approach, aimed at achieving new efficiencies and environmental results, provides a process for considering all stressors within a hydrologically defined drainage basin or other geographic area, rather than addressing individual pollutant sources on a discharge-by-discharge basis. As outlined in the guidance, EPA will continue to implement the NPDES program through its existing statutory and regulatory authorities. The guidance cannot impose legally binding requirements on EPA, States, Tribes, or the regulated community. It cannot substitute for Clean Water Act (CWA) requirements, EPA's regulations, or the obligations imposed by consent decrees or enforcement orders.

**DATES:** All public comments on the draft guidance must be received on or before September 24, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Patrick Bradley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA East Building (MC 4203M), 1200