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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Center for Environmental Assessment, within the Agency's Office of Research and Development, is announcing a Workshop on GAM-Related Statistical Issues in Particulate Matter (PM) Epidemiology. The workshop is open to the public.

DATES: The workshop will begin on November 4, 2002, at 8:45 a.m. and will conclude on November 6, at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, 4700 Emperor Boulevard, Durham, North Carolina 27703. Logistics for the workshop are being arranged by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), an EPA contractor. The public is invited to attend the workshop. Persons wanting to register for the GAM workshop may do so at the following Web site <http://www.cvent.com>. The event code is EPHVP19M8U.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For workshop information, registration, and logistics, contact Alina Martin, Science Applications International Corporation, 11251 Roger Bacon Drive, Reston, VA 20190; telephone: 703-318-4678; facsimile: 703-736-0826; or e-mail at martinali@saic.com.

For technical information, contact Dr. Robert Elias, U.S. EPA, NCEA-RTP, B243-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone: 919-541-4167; facsimile: 919-541-1818; or e-mail: elias.robert@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop, which is being organized in coordination with the Health Effects Institute (HEI), is being held to provide a forum (open to the public) for discussion of: (a) Newly identified issues related to the conduct of General Additive Model (GAM) analyses, using commercially available software packages (e.g., S-plus or SAS), in time-series studies of relationships between ambient air particulate matter (PM) and

mortality/morbidity endpoints (e.g., daily deaths, hospital admissions); (b) progress made to date in the conduct of reanalyses of a group of GAM-related studies identified by EPA as being of high priority for policy considerations (see www.epa.gov/ncea/partmatt.htm for more information); and (c) additional considerations for future directions for new PM epidemiologic analyses. After the workshop, participating investigators will have the opportunity to modify preliminary reanalyses presented at the workshop to take into account the workshop discussions and to submit to EPA written "short communications" conveying key information on the reanalyses and their outcomes. Those short communications are to be peer-reviewed by an HEI-assembled panel of experts and then included in an HEI Report, to be made available in early 2003. The peer-reviewed reanalyses in the HEI Report will be considered by NCEA-RTP staff in preparing revised draft chapters bearing on PM epidemiology studies for inclusion in a Fourth External Review Draft of EPA's Air Quality Criteria Document for PM to be released next spring for public comment (60 days) and Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) review at a public meeting in mid-summer 2003. The final version of the PM Criteria Document will ultimately provide key scientific bases for the now ongoing Congressionally mandated periodic review of the PM National Ambient Air Quality Standards (PM NAAQS).

A detailed agenda for the meeting will be made available via the above-listed Web site or contact person.

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Draft Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Oyster Management Plan; Availability

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program Office, on behalf of the partners of the Chesapeake Bay Program, announces the availability of the Draft Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Oyster Management Plan for a 30-day period of public review and comment. The Draft Plan addresses both habitat restoration and oyster fishery management. It

emphasizes biologically based, strategic decision making, enables an adaptive management approach, and provides for better coordination among key agencies, organizations, and institutions involved in oyster restoration in Maryland and Virginia waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. The Chesapeake Bay oyster partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Maryland Oyster Recovery Partnership, Virginia Oyster Heritage Program, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Following receipt of comments, a final Draft Plan will be circulated to Chesapeake Bay Program signatory partners for approval. It is expected that the final Plan will be adopted by the Chesapeake Executive Council in 2003. On November 4, 2002, the Draft Plan will be available on-line at the EPA Region III Web site www.epa.gov/r3chespk/, or by regular mail from the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office (Phone: (410) 267-5700).

Comments should be postmarked no later than December 4, 2002. Comments can be sent either by email to fritz.mike@epa.gov or by regular mail to Michael Fritz, U.S. EPA, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109, Annapolis, MD 21403. Further information about the Chesapeake Bay Program and oysters in the bay is available at www.chesapeakebay.net.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning the following