

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.

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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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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