

Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) to collaborate on environmental protection and toxic chemical issues. The Chemical Information and Management Project and the Tribal Affairs Project, components of FOSTTA, will be meeting October 20-21, 2003. The meeting is being held to provide the participants of the two projects an opportunity to have in depth discussions on issues concerning the environment and human health, which are affecting the States and Indian country. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth some tentative agenda topics. EPA invites all interested parties to attend the public meeting.

DATES: The two projects will meet concurrently on October 20, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and October 21, 2003, from 8 a.m. to noon. A plenary session is being planned for the participants on Monday, October 20,

Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID number OPPT-2003-0054, must be received on or before October 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC.

Requests to participate in the meeting may be submitted to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are interested in

FOSTTA and hearing more about the perspectives of the States and Tribes on EPA programs and information exchange regarding important issues related to human health and environmental exposure to toxics. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- States and federally recognized tribes.
- State, Federal, and local environmental and public health organizations.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical 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 OPPT-2003-0054. 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 EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. EPA's Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in the EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

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 submit or 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. Background

The Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. 2609 section 10(g), authorizes EPA and other Federal agencies to establish and coordinate a system for exchange among Federal, State, and local authorities of research and development results respecting toxic chemical substances and mixtures, including a system to facilitate and promote the development of standard data format and analysis and consistent testing procedures. Through FOSTTA, the Chemical Information and Management Project (CIMP) focuses on EPA's chemical program and works to develop a more coordinated effort involving Federal, State, and Tribal agencies. The Pollution Prevention Project (P2) promotes the prevention ethic across society, helping companies incorporate P2 approaches and techniques and integrating P2 into mainstream environmental activities at both the Federal level and among the States. The Tribal Affairs Project (TAP) concentrates on chemical and prevention issues that are most relevant to the Tribes, including lead control and abatement, Tribal traditional/subsistence lifeways, and hazard communications and outreach. FOSTTA's vision is to reinvigorate the projects, focus on major policy-level issues, recruit more senior State and Tribal leaders, increase outreach to all 50 States and some 560 federally recognized tribes, and vigorously seek ways to engage the States and Tribes in ongoing substantive discussions on complex and oftentimes controversial environmental issues that States and Tribes resolve at their respective levels of government. In January 2002, the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), in cooperation with the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC), was awarded the new FOSTTA cooperative agreement. ECOS, NTEC, and EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) are co-sponsoring the meetings. As part of a cooperative agreement, ECOS facilitates ongoing efforts of the State and Tribal leaders and OPPT to increase understanding and improve collaboration on toxics and pollution prevention issues and to continue a dialogue on how Federal environmental programs can best be implemented among the States, Tribes, and EPA.