

program review subcommittees (Human Health and Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals); update on the BOSC standing subcommittees (National Center for Environmental Research and National Exposure Research Lab); discussions on: (1) ORD efficiency measures, and (2) ORD and Value of Information; briefing on ORD's biofuels program; update on BOSC workgroups; an ORD update; an update on EPA's Science Advisory Board activities; and future issues and plans. The meeting is open to the public.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Lorelei Kowalski (202) 564-3408 or kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Lorelei Kowalski, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated August 19, 2008.

Fred Hauchman,

Director, Office of Science Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8708-2]

Notice of Expert Peer Review Meeting of the Draft Demonstration of Alternative Asbestos Control Method Demolition for Two Asbestos-Containing Buildings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of external peer review meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor for external peer review, has convened a panel of experts and will conduct an independent expert peer meeting September 11-12, 2008, to review the two draft documents titled, Evaluation of the Alternative Asbestos Control Method at Site Two (AACM2) for Demolition of Asbestos-Containing Buildings, and Evaluation of the Alternative Asbestos Control Method at Site Three (AACM3) for Demolition of Asbestos-Containing Buildings. These reports were prepared by EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and are available through docket ID number EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0523 located at <http://www.regulations.gov> and through <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6xa/asbestos>. Versar, Inc.

invites the public to register to attend this meeting as observers. The public release of these draft documents is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and external peer review, and these draft reports do not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

DATES: The external peer review panel meeting will be September 11-12, 2008, and begin at 9 a.m. and end by 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The independent expert external peer review meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Risk Management Research Laboratory, located at 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH. Members of the public may attend the meeting as observers and there will be a limited time set aside for comments from the public each day. Pre-registration is strongly recommended as space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. To attend this meeting, register by September 8, 2008, by visiting <http://epa.versar.com/aacm> or contact Ms. Kathy Coon of Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA, 22151, at 703-750-3000, and via e-mail at saundkat@Versar.com. You will be asked for your name, contact information, the organization you represent, and your title. If space allows, telephone and fax registrations will continue to be accepted after this date, including on-site registration. Please indicate if you intend to make an oral statement during the public comment period at the meeting, which will be limited to a maximum of five minutes per commenter.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is submitting the draft reports for independent, external scientific and technical peer review. The draft reports provide the documentation and scientific evaluation of the environmental effectiveness of the draft AACM protocol as a possible alternative technology in controlling multimedia asbestos emissions during demolition of asbestos-containing buildings, as required by the existing Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). The draft AACM demolition protocol was used on two separate buildings. One building contained NESHAP-regulated quantities of asbestos-containing transite siding and the second building contained NESHAP-regulated quantities of asbestos-containing popcorn ceiling and wall surfacing material. In addition to

assessing the environmental effectiveness of the draft AACM technology, these two draft reports assess the costs and time requirements of the application of the AACM protocol in these situations, as well as document lessons learned in each instance. The public release of these draft documents is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and peer review, and does not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

Dated: August 20, 2008.

M. Dannel,

*Acting Director, Office of Science Policy,
Office of Research and Development.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8708-3]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a public teleconference of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues. The Council represents diverse interests from academia, industry, non-governmental organizations, and local, state, and tribal governments. The purpose of this teleconference is to discuss and approve draft NACEPT recommendations on Encouraging Regional Solutions to Sustaining Water Sector Utilities and Integrated Modeling for Integrated Environmental Decision Making. A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be posted at <http://www.epa.gov/ocem/nacept/cal-nacept.htm>.

DATES: NACEPT will hold a public teleconference on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the U.S. EPA East Building, 1201 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 1132, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, altieri.sonia@epa.gov, (202) 564-0243, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601M),

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or to provide written comments to the Council should be sent to Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, at the contact information above by Friday, September 12, 2008. The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, but seating is limited and is allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Members of the public wishing to gain access to the conference room on the day of the meeting must contact Sonia Altieri at (202) 564-0243 or altieri.sonia@epa.gov by September 12, 2008.

Meeting Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Sonia Altieri at (202) 564-0243 or altieri.sonia@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Sonia Altieri, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: August 14, 2008.

Sonia Altieri,

Designated Federal Officer.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

[BM-14-AUG-08-03]

Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Policy statement.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency), through the FCA Board (Board), has updated and reaffirmed at its regular August Board meeting a policy statement on equal employment opportunity and diversity. The policy statement provides guidance to management and staff on addressing affirmative employment and diversity, workplace harassment, the disabled veterans affirmative action program, and the delineation of responsibilities for implementing the Agency's equal employment opportunity and diversity programs.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 14, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff McGiboney, Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, (703) 883-4353, TTY (703) 883-4056; or

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Administration, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, (703) 883-4020, TTY (703) 883-4020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Board's policy statement on equal employment opportunity programs and diversity is set forth below in its entirety.

Policy Statement on Equal Employment Opportunity Programs and Diversity

BM-14-AUG-08-03

FCA-PS-62

Effective Date: August 14, 2008.

Effect on Previous Action: Updates FCA-PS-62 [BM-13-JUL-06-03] (71 FR 46481, 8/14/2006) 7-13-06.

Sources of Authority: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000e *et seq.*); Age Discrimination in Employment Act (29 U.S.C. 621 *et seq.*); Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 721 *et seq.*); Equal Pay Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 206(d)); Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 3112); Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (NO FEAR Act) (5 U.S.C. 2301); section 5.9 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended (12 U.S.C. 2243); Executive Order 11478 (Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government), as amended by Executive Orders 13087 and 13152 to include prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation and status as a parent; Executive Order 13145 (prohibits discrimination in Federal employment based on genetic information); Executive Order 13166 (Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency); 29 CFR part 1614; Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Management Directives.

Purpose

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency) Board reaffirms its commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Diversity (EEOD) and its belief that all FCA employees should be treated with dignity and respect. The Board also provides guidance to Agency management and staff for deciding and taking action in these critical areas.

Importance

Unquestionably, the employees who comprise the FCA are its most important resource. The Board fully recognizes that the Agency draws its strength from the dedication, experience, and diversity of its employees. The Board is firmly committed to taking whatever steps are needed to protect the rights of its staff and to carrying out programs

that foster the development of each employee's potential. We believe an investment in efforts that strongly promote EEOD will prevent the conflict and the high costs of correction for taking no, or inadequate, action in these areas.

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board Adopts the Following Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the FCA to prohibit discrimination in Agency policies, program practices, and operations. Employees, applicants for employment, and members of the public who seek to take part in FCA programs, activities, and services will be treated fairly. FCA, under the appropriate laws and regulations, will:

- Ensure equal employment opportunity based on merit and qualification, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, status as a parent, genetic information, or participation in discrimination or harassment complaint proceedings;
- Provide for the prompt and fair consideration of complaints of discrimination;
- Make reasonable accommodations for qualified applicants for employment and employees with physical or mental disabilities under law;
- Provide an environment free from harassment to all employees;
- Create and maintain an organizational culture that recognizes, values, and supports employee and public diversity and inclusion;
- Develop objectives within the Agency's operation and strategic planning process to meet the goals of EEOD and this policy;
- Implement affirmative programs to carry out this policy within the Agency; and
- To the extent practicable, seek to encourage the Farm Credit System to continue its efforts to promote and increase diversity.

Diversity and Inclusion

The FCA intends to be a model employer. That is, as far as possible, FCA will build and maintain a workforce that reflects the rich diversity of individual differences evident throughout this Nation. The Board views individual differences as complementary and believes these differences enrich our organization. When individual differences are respected, recognized, and valued, diversity becomes a powerful force that can contribute to achieving superior results. Therefore, we will create, maintain, and continuously improve on