

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know; Notice of Public Meeting**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.**SUMMARY:** EPA will hold two public meetings to discuss the Agency's proposal and options to add industry groups to the list of industry groups subject to reporting requirements under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA).**DATES:** The first meeting will take place in San Francisco, CA on August 7, 1996, at 9 a.m. and adjourn by 4 p.m. The second meeting will take place in Washington, DC on August 14, 1996, at 9 a.m. and adjourn by 4 p.m..**ADDRESSES:** The first meeting will be held at the: Environmental Protection Agency, Auditorium, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105. The second meeting will be held at the: Environmental Protection Agency, Auditorium, Education Center, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Crawford at 202-260-1715, e-mail: crawford.tim@epamail.epa.gov, or Brian Symmes at 202-260-9121, e-mail: symmes.brian@epamail.epa.gov, or the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Information Hotline, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Stop 5101, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Toll free: 1-800-535-0202, in Virginia and Alaska: 703-412-9877 or Toll free TDD: 1-800-553-7672.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1986, Congress enacted the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Section 313 of EPCRA requires certain businesses to submit reports each year on the amounts of toxic chemicals their facilities release into the environment or otherwise manage. The purpose of this requirement is to inform the public, government officials, and industry about the chemical management practices of specified toxic chemicals.

Current EPCRA section 313 reporting requirements apply to facilities classified in the manufacturing sector (Standard Industrial Classification codes 20 through 39), that have 10 or more full-time employees, and that manufacture, process, or otherwise use one or more listed section 313

chemicals above certain threshold amounts.

EPA has been in the process of evaluating industry groups for potential addition under EPCRA section 313. Elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register EPA is proposing to add seven industry groups to the list of industries subject to EPCRA section 313 reporting requirements. These public meetings are being scheduled in order to provide a forum for dialogue to be shared by EPA, potentially affected industry groups, and the public regarding the basis of EPA's proposed action, options provided, and potential impacts and benefits.

Oral statements will be scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis by calling the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Hotline at the numbers listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. All statements will be part of the public record and will be considered in the development of any rule amendment.

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