

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

# Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee

## Inaugural Meeting

March 13-14, 2008

### Montpelier Room

The Madison Hotel

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## AGENDA

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### Thursday, March 13, 2008

- 8:00 am      REGISTRATION
- 8:30            Call to Order and Introductions
- Alicia Kaiser, Designated Federal Officer, FRRCC
- 8:45            Welcome and Overview of Charge to the Committee
- Jim Moseley, Chair, FRRCC
- 8:55            Opening Remarks
- Rafael DeLeon, Director, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management
- 9:00            Introductory Remarks and Discussion
- Marcus Peacock, Deputy Administrator, EPA
- 9:45            MORNING BREAK
- 10:00          Plenary Remarks by EPA Program Offices – Each Office will give a brief overview of its program area, as it relates to the charges of the Committee.
- Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances
    - Jim Gulliford, Assistant Administrator (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
  - Office of Water
    - Mike Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Administrator (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)

- **Office of Air and Radiation**
  - **Sally Shaver**, Associate Counselor for Agricultural Policy (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
- **Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response**
  - **Debbie Dietrich**, Director, Office of Emergency Management (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
- **Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance**
  - **Granta Nakayama**, Assistant Administrator (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
- **General Discussion** (15 min)

11:30      **BREAK FOR LUNCH**

1:00 pm    **Welcoming Remarks and Discussion**

- **Stephen L. Johnson**, Administrator, EPA

1:30      **Climate Change and Renewable Energy**

- **EPA Staff Presentations** – Frame the topic, provide relevant updates, and contextualize subsequent discussion
  - **Sally Shaver**, Associate Counselor for Agricultural Policy, Office of Air and Radiation (5 min)
  - **Reid Harvey**, Director, Climate Change Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs: *Mandatory GHG Reporting Rulemaking* (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
  - **Robert Larson**, Associate Director, Transportation and Climate Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality: *USEPA's Regulatory Action Under the Energy Independence and Security Act* (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
- **Committee Member Presentations**
  - **Garth Boyd**, Senior Vice President of Agriculture, Camco: *Opportunities for American Agriculture in the Voluntary Carbon Credit Market* (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
  - **Otto Doering**, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University: *Biofuel Implications for Agriculture and the Environment* (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
- **Question and Answer Session, moderated by Committee Chair Jim Moseley** – What issues should the Committee focus on? Volunteers for a subgroup addressing this charge? (40 min)

3:15      **AFTERNOON BREAK**

3:30      **Comprehensive Livestock Management Strategy**

- **EPA Staff Presentations** – Frame the topic, provide relevant updates, and contextualize subsequent discussion

- **Jon Scholl**, Counselor to the Administrator for Agricultural Policy (5 min)
- **Bill Schrock**, Environmental Engineer, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards: *Animal Feeding Operations, Air Program Update* (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
- **Allison Wiedeman**, Rural Branch Chief, Water Permits Division, Office of Water: *Update on the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) NPDES Permit Regulation Development Program* (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
- **Committee Member Presentations**
  - **Christine Chinn**, Manager, Chinn Hog Farm: *A Family Farm of Today with an Eye to the Future* (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
  - **Suzy Friedman**, Project Manager of Agricultural Projects Center for Conservation Incentives, Environmental Defense Fund: *Comprehensive Livestock Management Strategy – Some Key Opportunities to Make a Multi-Media Approach Workable* (10 min) + Q/A (5 min)
- **Question and Answer Session, moderated by Committee Chair Jim Moseley** – What issues should the Committee focus on? Volunteers for a subgroup addressing this charge? (40 min)

5:15 Public Comment Session

5:45 ADJOURN

Friday, March 14, 2008

8:00 am REGISTRATION

8:30 Call to Order

- **Alicia Kaiser**, Designated Federal Official, FRRCC

8:40 Communications and Partnerships Workshop, moderated by Committee Chair Jim Moseley

- **Panel Discussion:** Senior EPA leaders will ask about the needs of the agricultural community, address obstacles to effective communication/ collaboration, discuss efforts currently underway to improve this situation, and brainstorm about creative solutions for improving our partnership capacity in the future. Committee members will respond to the panel's comments, ask questions, and offer insights.
  - **Lisa Lybbert**, Associate Administrator, EPA Office of Public Affairs
  - **Molly O'Neill**, Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Environmental Information

- 10:00 MORNING BREAK
- 10:15 **Communications and Partnerships Workshop, moderated by Committee Chair Jim Moseley**
- **Panel Discussion:** Senior EPA and USDA leaders will ask about the needs of the agricultural community, address obstacles to effective communication/ collaboration, discuss efforts currently underway to improve this situation, and brainstorm about creative solutions for improving our partnership capacity in the future. Committee members will respond to the panel’s comments, ask questions, and offer insights.
    - **John Askew**, Regional Administrator, EPA Region Seven
    - **Gary Mast**, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA
- 11:30 Public Comment Session
- 12:00 pm BREAK FOR LUNCH
- 1:00 **FRRCC Next Steps, moderated by Committee Chair Jim Moseley**
- Next Committee Meeting (when, where, topics for discussion)
  - Workgroup Assignments
  - Workgroup Meeting Schedule
  - Other Business, as Needed
- 2:00 ADJOURN