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Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools; Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold a meeting of a panel of expert electron microscopists to discuss possible revisions to the existing Interim Transmission Electron Microscopy Methodology contained in EPA's final asbestos in schools regulation of October 30, 1987 (52 FR 1826).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday February 22, 23, and 24, 1989.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (formerly the National Bureau of Standards) in Gaithersburg, Maryland, Physics Building, Room B165.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael M. Stahl, Director, TSCA Assistance Office (TS-799), Office of Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency, Room EB-44, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460 (202-554-1404) (TDD): (202-554-0551).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 30, 1987, EPA promulgated its final regulation for Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools. The regulation contained a transmission electron microscopy (TEM) methodology for the analysis of air samples taken for clearance of asbestos abatement projects. The methodology was prepared by a group of experienced electron microscopists. Since the rule's promulgation, the method has been utilized by TEM laboratories throughout the United States. Based on the panel of electron microscopists' experience in using this method, EPA will discuss possible revisions to the analytical procedure. Proposed amendments to the method will then be published for public consideration and comment.

Dated: February 2, 1989.

Michael Shapiro,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Toxic Substances.

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Science Advisory Board, Global Climate Research Subcommittee; Open Meeting

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given that a two-day meeting of the Global Climate Research Subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will be held on February 23 and 24, 1989. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the Capitol Hill Room of The Capitol Hill, at 200 "C" Street SE., Washington, DC 20003. The meeting will adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

The Subcommittee has been charged with evaluating the scientific and technical foundations of a proposed research plan for a Global Climate Change Program at EPA. The goals of the plan; namely to establish a rationale for EPA's program, to develop a strategy, to define and discuss goals and objective, to outline project areas, and to establish a basis for coordination and cooperation with national and international research communities, will be examined as they relate to the described program.

Purpose: The specific purpose of this meeting is to review the research plan that EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has developed for a Global Climate Change Program. The technical aspects of the plan will be presented by ORD staff for evaluation by the Subcommittee. Conclusions will be reached on the appropriateness of the research plan, and consensus will be achieved on recommendations for strengthening the scientific approach that underlies the program.

For further information: This meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public who wishes to present information, or receive further details should contact Ms. Janis C. Kurtz, Executive Secretary or Mrs. Lutithia Barbee, Staff Secretary (A-101 F) Science Advisory Board, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC. Telephone: (202) 382-2552 or FTS-8-382-2552. Written comments will be accepted and fifteen copies can be sent to Ms. Kurtz at the address above. Persons interested in making brief oral statements before the Subcommittee

must contact Ms. Kurtz no later than February 17, 1989 to be assured of space on the agenda. Oral presentations should be supplemented by a written statement for the record, which may be submitted (15 copies) to Ms. Kurtz at the time of the meeting for distribution to members of the Subcommittee.

Date: February 8, 1989.

Donald G. Barnes,

Director, Science Advisory Board.

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Water Pollution Control; Final Determination Concerning the Proposed Lake Alma Recreational Lake Project on Hurricane Creek, Alma, Bacon County, GA.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of decision to restrict the designation of wetlands in Hurricane Creek and unnamed tributaries in Alma, Georgia, as discharge sites for the placement of fill material.

SUMMARY: This is notice of EPA's final determination pursuant to section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to restrict the designation of approximately 1155 acres of wetlands in and near Alma, Georgia. EPA's determination is based upon a finding that the placement of fill material associated with implementation of the proposed Lake Alma impoundment would result in unacceptable adverse impacts to wildlife.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the final determination is December 16, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Garvey, Office of Wetlands Protection, US Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 245-3900.

Copies of EPA's Final Determination are available for inspection in the EPA Headquarters Public Information Reference Unit, EPA Library, Room M2904, 401 M Street, SW., Washington DC and the EPA Region IV Marine and Estuarine Branch, 345 Courtland Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia.

Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*) provides that, if the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determines, after notice and opportunity for public comment, that unacceptable adverse effects on municipal water supplies, shellfish beds, fishery areas (including spawning and breeding

areas), wildlife, or recreational areas would result from the discharge of dredged or fill material, he may exercise his authority to withdraw or prohibit the specification, or deny, restrict or withdraw the use for specification, of any defined area as a disposal site for dredged or fill material. Before making such a determination, the Administrator must consult with the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the property owner(s), and the applicant where there has been an application for a section 404 permit. The procedures for implementation of section 404(c) are set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Part 231.

EPA's regulations for implementing section 404(c) establish procedures to be followed in exercising the Administrator's authority pursuant to that section. Three major milestones in the process are: (1) the Regional Administrator's proposed decision to withdraw, deny, restrict or prohibit the use of a site (Proposed Determination); (2) the Regional Administrator's recommendation to the Administrator to withdraw, deny, restrict or prohibit the use of a site (Recommended Determination); and (3) the Administrator's final decision to affirm, modify, or rescind the Regional recommendation (Final Determination). The Administrator has delegated the authority to make final decisions under section 404(c) to the Assistant Administrator for Water, who is EPA's national Clean Water Act section 404 program manager.

EPA's Final Determination concerns the proposed placement of dredged or fill material for the purpose of creating a recreational impoundment and mitigation reservoirs on Hurricane Creek and unnamed tributaries in the City of Alma and in Bacon County, Georgia.

EPA Region IV's Regional Administrator recommended withdrawal of specification of the disposal site necessary for construction of the proposed impoundment described in Permit No. 074 OYN 003752. The Recommended Determination further recommended that EPA also restrict specification or use of described waters of the United States, including wetlands, as a disposal site for dredged or fill material in connection with the construction of any lake and reservoirs in mitigation thereof. Region IV's Regional Administrator based the recommendations upon his finding that the discharge of materials in connection with the above described activities would have an unacceptable adverse effect on wildlife.

The Final Determination is based on consideration of the record developed by EPA and by the Corps in this case, including public comment submitted in response to the Regional Proposed Determination, comment received at the public hearing and comments from other Federal and State agencies. This Final Determination also reflects comment and information received during EPA Headquarters' consultation pursuant to § 231.6 of the Clean Water Act section 404(c) regulations.

As described in the Final Determination, it is the finding of EPA that the proposed Lake Alma project, including activities proposed to mitigate adverse impacts, would result in the destruction and loss of vegetated wetland habitat that is of vital importance to wildlife in the Hurricane Creek bottomland hardwood wetlands system and associated areas and would adversely limit the present ability of the Hurricane Creek forested wetland floodplain to function as a corridor for the movement, dispersal and migration of wildlife species. These findings lead to the conclusion that the discharge of dredged or fill material in connection with the proposed Lake Alma recreational impoundment and associated mitigation impoundments would result in unacceptable adverse impacts to wildlife. This Final Determination therefore affirms the Regional Recommended Determination and restricts the designation of the subject waters of the United States as discharge sites for dredged or fill material. EPA's section 404(c) action is based on adverse impacts of activities associated with creation of any reservoir, lake or impoundment on described waters, including wetlands, of Hurricane Creek and unnamed tributaries to Hurricane Creek, and as such prohibits the placement of fill for that purpose. This Final Determination does not pertain to other types of filling activities. Other proposals involving the discharge of dredged or fill material on the wetland sites at issue will be evaluated on their merits within the Corps of Engineers' section 404 regulatory program.

Date: February 1, 1989.
Rebecca W. Hanmer,
Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.
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Availability of Water Quality Standards Program Documents

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that numerous public information documents relating to the water quality standards program, including water quality criteria information, are available to the public. There is no new policy or guidance contained in these documents. Previously published and still applicable policy and guidance documents are available and are included in the listing below, as is updated information on State-adopted standards in summary form. Also, general information on the standards program is included.

Copies of documents identified in this Notice may be obtained by making written request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), and/or the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) at the addresses provided below. The EPA is not able to process orders for the documents available from NTIS or GPO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water Regulations and Standards, Criteria and Standards Division (WH-585), 401 M Street., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 475-7315; National Technical Information Service, 5285 Front Royal Road, Springfield, Va 22161, (703) 487-4650; U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, North Capitol & H Sts, NW., Washington, DC 20401, (202) 783-3238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each document being made available to the public is identified below along with a brief description. The following documents may be obtained only from the EPA. Documents available from the EPA are free of charge.

1. Water Quality Standards Regulation, 48 FR 51400, November 8, 1983 (40 CFR Part 131).

This regulation sets forth the provisions for development, review and revision and approval of water quality standards pursuant to section 303 of the Clean Water Act.

2. Water Quality Standards Handbook, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, December 1983.

This handbook contains guidance prepared by EPA to assist States in implementing the water quality standards regulation (48 FR 51400, November 8, 1983). The handbook provides a description of the overall standards setting process, information on general program administrative policies and procedures and a description of analyses which may be used in the water quality standards setting process.