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U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental Plan**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of the Draft Framework Document for the U.S.-Mexico Border XXI Program.

SUMMARY: The Border XXI Program is a binational environmental planning program for the border area and is the second phase of the Integrated Border Environmental Plan (IBEP), released in February 1992. The goal of the Border XXI Program is to protect human health and the environment and promote sustainable development in the border area (the area extending 100 Km on either side of the boundary between the U.S. and Mexico). It broadens the scope of issues beyond those addressed under the IBEP and, through binational workgroups, deals with the following concerns: natural resources; environmental health; air; water; hazardous and solid wastes; contingency planning and emergency response; enforcement; pollution prevention; and, environmental information resources. Strategies which are central to the Border XXI Program include public involvement, decentralization of border decision making, and increased environmental cooperation between the different governmental agencies operating in the border region. To promote integrated regional planning, the Draft Framework Document is organized around five geographic regions: California-Baja California, Arizona-Sonora, New Mexico-Texas-Chihuahua, Texas-Coahuila-Nuevo Leon, and Texas-Tamaulipas. The Draft Framework Document, developed in cooperation with the Department of Interior and Department of Health and Human Services, reflects an evolving process that will benefit from the experiences and input of various stakeholders, such as the four U.S. and six Mexican border states, as well as tribal nations, local communities, academia, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and border citizens.

Through a series of both domestic and binational public meetings which took place during September through November of 1995 in various border communities, efforts were made to inform the public of objectives of the program and the process adopted for its involvement. At that time, the public also was given an opportunity to comment on the workgroup objectives for the program. These comments were

taken into consideration by the binational workgroups in the development of this draft document.

To provide additional opportunity for input, the public will have 45 days from the date of release to comment on the Draft Border XXI Framework Document, which is the first of related documents that will be released under Border XXI. Additional public meetings for receiving verbal comments on the draft will be held during this comment period. Locations and dates of the meetings will be announced separately. The Final Framework Document will be released in the Fall of 1996.

DATES: The Draft Border XXI Framework Document will be made available to the public beginning June 13, 1996. Comments must be submitted no later than July 29, 1996.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENT AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS: Copies of the document and information on submission of written comments may be obtained through an EPA "Toll-Free" Telephone number: (800) 334-0741. In addition, interested persons in Texas and New Mexico may obtain copies by contacting the EPA El Paso Border Office; interested persons in California and Arizona may obtain copies through the EPA San Diego Border Office. These offices also have information on the locations of information repositories for the Border XXI Program in various cities along the border. The address and phone numbers for these EPA offices are listed below. Copies may also be obtained through the following EPA Home Page: <http://www.epa.gov/region09>.

Comments may be submitted in writing to the Border Offices or electronically to the following Internet address: border.team@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For obtaining information in Texas or New Mexico contact: Marvin P. Waters, Director, EPA El Paso Border Office, 4050 Rio Bravo, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas 79902; Telephone (915) 533-7273; FAX (915) 533-2327. For obtaining information in Arizona or California contact: Colleen M. Smith, Director, EPA San Diego Border Office, 610 West Ash Street, Suite 703, San Diego, California 92101; Telephone (619) 235-4768; FAX (619) 235-4771.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to copies of the Draft Framework Document, fact sheets on the Border XXI Program and summaries of the domestic meetings held last year may be obtained by contacting the Toll-free number listed above or by contacting one of the following:

EPA Border Office—El Paso: 4050 Rio Bravo, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas 79902; Telephone (915) 533-7273; FAX (915) 533-2327. Office Hours: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

EPA Border Office—San Diego: 610 West Ash Street, Suite 703, San Diego, California 92101; Telephone (619) 235-4765; FAX (619) 235-4771. Office Hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

U.S. EPA Public Information Center, 401 M Street, SW., Washington DC 20460; Telephone (202) 260-2080; FAX (202) 260-6257. Office Hours: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

EPA Headquarters: EPA Library (INFOTERRA), Room Mall 2904, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: (202) 260-5917; FAX (202) 260-3923. Library Hours: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Telephone Hours: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Meeting**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 29, 1996, Federal Communications Commission released a public notice, as required by law, to announce a meeting of the Federal-State Joint Board on June 5, 1996. The purpose of the notice is to inform the general public of a meeting that will be held by the Federal-State Joint Board on universal service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Reel, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-0834.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal-State Joint Board in CC Docket 96-45 will hold an Open Meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 1996 at 12:30 p.m., in Room 856 at 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. At the meeting, the Federal-State Joint Board will hear from a panel of experts addressing universal service issues set forth in Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act.