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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In recent years, community officials and the general public have increased their attention to the waste generated by households, institutions, and commercial businesses. They have used information about municipal solid waste (MSW) to plan for programs to reduce and recycle this waste and to properly dispose of the remainder. The "Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States, 1960 to 2000" report was first prepared by EPA in 1986 in order to determine the amounts of waste generated, recovered, and discarded in the nation, and to project amounts of waste which will be managed in the future. The report has been updated five times since its initial publication in 1986. Planners nationwide use this special study to estimate the amount and types of MSW that may be generated in their communities, and thus are able to plan more effectively for the management of the wastes generated, recovered, and/or discarded.

The Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update report is now available. The 1996 Update is similar to the 1995 Update, but it contains updated information on the types and amounts of municipal solid waste generated, recovered, and discarded in the United States through 1995. Some new informational categories and also included in the 1996 Update. These include several case studies that illustrate the impact of source reduction on different product categories, a section on the infrastructure for MSW management, and revised projections for MSW generation and management

through 2010, including three possible scenarios for recovery.

Finally, due to sustained interest in tacking national generation, recovery, and discard rates for MSW, EPA plans to continue provided annual updates of this Report as a service to its stakeholders from State and local governments, industry, environmental groups, and the public.

DATES: May 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A paper copy of Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update (EPA Publication Number EPA530-97-R-015) or the Report's Executive Summary (EPA Publication Number EPA530-S-97-015) may be obtained by calling the RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346. The Report is also available in electronic format on the Internet System through the EPA Public Access Server at www.epa.gov.

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Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Proposed Settlement

SUMMARY: Under Sections 104, 106(a), 107 and 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has offered to a potentially responsible party an Administrative Order on Consent to settle claims for past and future removal actions at the Old ATC Refinery in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the Agreement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth St., Atlanta, GA 30303, 404-562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: April 25, 1997.

Anita Davis,

Acting Chief, Programs Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND PLACE: June 9, 1997. The White House Conference Center, Truman Room, Third Floor, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20500.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The PCAST will meet in an open session during the morning of Monday, June 9, 1997, at approximately 10:00 a.m. The morning session will focus on Congressional views on science and technology (S&T) and the FY 1998 Budget. This session will end at approximately 12:00 Noon.

The Committee will reconvene in open session on Monday afternoon, June 9, 1997, at approximately 1:30 p.m. The afternoon session will focus on 1997 PCAST Studies, discussions on the Competitiveness Policy Council Report, "Investing in Innovation: A Project Assessing Federal Technology Policies and Programs," and the Carnegie Commission Report, "Science and Technology and the President." There will also be a general discussion among Committee members and other Executive Office staff about current S&T activities of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding time, place, and agenda, please call Jeanie Hall at (202) 456-6100 prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 1997. Other questions may be directed to Angela Phillips Diaz, Executive Secretary for PCAST, or Yolanda Comedy at (202) 456-6100. The agenda will also be posted on the PCAST Home Page located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/>