

issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. They are also available in *Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines*, a commercially published loose leaf reporter system. Some decisions and orders are available on the Office of Hearings and Appeals World Wide Web site at <http://www.oha.doe.gov>.

Dated: March 15, 1999.
George B. Breznay,
Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.
Decision List No. 109, Week of October 26 through October 30, 1998
Appeals

Tod N. Rockefeller, 10/28/98, VFA-0447
 Tod N. Rockefeller (Rockefeller), through his attorney, requested documents from DOE's Albuquerque Operations Office (AL) under the FOIA, and also asked that AL waive all fees. AL denied the request for a fee waiver, stating that the disclosure of the information was not in the public interest and that the request, since it was made by an attorney, was made for the attorney's commercial interest. Because Rockefeller had not shown an ability to disseminate the information to the public, the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) concluded that the request was not in the public interest. However, OHA also noted that there was no evidence that the request was made for the attorney's commercial

interest. Accordingly, the Appeal was denied.
Personnel Security Hearing
Personel Security Hearing, 10/29/98, VSO-0209

An Office of Hearings and Appeals Hearing Officer issued an opinion against restoration of the security clearance of an individual whose clearance had been suspended because the Department had obtained derogatory information that fell within 10 C.F.R. 710.8(k) & (1). In reaching his conclusion, the Hearing Officer found that the individual had failed to make a showing of mitigating facts and circumstances sufficient to overcome DOE's security concerns.

Refund Applications

The Office of Hearings and Appeals issued the following Decisions and Orders concerning refund applications, which are not summarized. Copies of the full texts of the Decisions and Orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Arrow Trucking Co.	RF272-95745	10/27/98
William P. Johnson	RK272-04853	10/27/98
Russell Hosiery Mill	RK272-04855	
Johnston Industries Alabama	RK272-04857	
Marilyn Barnes	RK272-04859	
Putnam Asphalt Corp.	RK272-04864	

Dismissals

The following submissions were dismissed.

Name	Case No.
Personnel Security Hearing	VSO-0239

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6313-2]

Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. EPA, Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology will co-sponsor, along with Battelle, the "22nd Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment" to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement. The conference is open to the public.

DATES: The annual conference will be held on June 2-3, 1999. On June 2, 1999 the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On June 3, 1999 the conference will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

On June 4, 1999 a workshop sponsored by Horizon Technology, Inc. will be held in addition to the conference. The workshop topic and program times are: Implementation of EPA Method 1664 for Oil and Grease Testing Workshop, June 4, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, 17th & Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Conference and workshop arrangements are being arranged by Battelle. For information on registration, hotel rates, transportation, social events, and reservations call the Battelle coordinator, Lynn McLeod, at (781) 952-5381. If you have technical questions regarding the conference program, contact the EPA coordinator, Cindy Simbanin, at (202) 260-5019 or by facsimile at (202) 260-7185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 22nd Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment is designed to bring together representatives of regulated industries, commercial environmental laboratories, state and federal regulators, and environmental consultants and contractors to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement with a particular focus on analytical methods and related issues.

The draft program for the conference follows:

Wednesday, June 2, 1999

Welcome and Status of EPA Office of Water Activities

- 8:30 am Welcome—Carlton Hunt, Battelle
- 8:45 am U.S. EPA's Office of Water Activities—James Hanlon, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology
- 9:00 am U.S. EPA's Wastewater Analytical Program Activities—William Telliard, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology
- 9:30 am U.S. EPA's Drinking Water Analytical Program Activities—Richard Reding, U.S. EPA Technical Support Center

10:00 am Break

Cryptosporidium

10:15 am Validating and Implementing Method 1622 to Monitor for Protozoa in Surface Water—Kevin Connell, DynCorp, Inc. Information & Enterprise Technology

10:45 am Development of Methods for Determination of *Cryptosporidium* in Wastewater and Sewage—Zia Bukhari, Clancy Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Inorganics

11:15 am Total Cyanide by Flow Injection, UV Digestion, and Amperometric Detection—Mike Straka, OI Analytical

11:45 am Lunch

1:15 pm Analytical Challenges with Determination of Perchlorate in Environmental Matrices—Andrew Eaton, Montgomery-Watson Laboratories

National Fish Study

1:45 pm U.S. EPA's National Study of Chemical Residues in Lake Fish Tissue—Jane Farris, U.S. EPA Health & Ecological Criteria Division

Organics

2:15 pm Extraction and Cleanup Procedures Used In the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Study—Robert Rieck, U.S. EPA Manchester Laboratory

2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm Low Detection Limit Methods for the Determination of VOCs in Air and Water as Applied in the USGS National Water Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program—J. F. Pankow, Oregon State University

3:30 pm CDD/CDF Patterns in Industrial Discharges—Dale Rushneck, Interface, Inc.

4:00 pm Stability of VOC and SVOC Analytes in Environmental Samples—O.R. West, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

4:30 pm Drugs in Sewage Treatment Plant Effluents in Canada and Germany—Chris Metcalfe, Environmental and Resource Studies, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

5:00 pm Adjourn

Thursday, June 3, 1999

Detection and Quantitation

8:45 am Detectability of Semi-Volatile Pollutants by GCMS with Software Thresholds "On and Off"—Bruce Colby, Pacific Analytical, Inc.

Whole-Effluent Toxicity (WET)

9:15 am Procedures for Identifying Probable False Positives in Whole Effluent Toxicity Data—Timothy F. Moore, Risk Sciences

9:45 am QC of WET Methods—(Speaker to be announced)

10:15 am Break

10:30 am A State's Perspective on WET Methods—(Speaker to be announced)

11:00 am U.S. EPA's Position on WET Methods—Stephen Sweeney, U.S. EPA Office of General Counsel

Metals

11:30 am Mercury in the Environment and Selection of Appropriate Analytical Methods for Monitoring Needs—Anna Rule, Hampton Roads Sanitation District

12 Noon Lunch

1:30 pm A Critical Need for the New Millennium: Reliable U.S. EPA-Approved Trace Metals Speciation Methods—Nicolas Bloom, Frontier Geosciences, Inc.

2:00 pm Direct Speciation of Selenium and Other Metalloids in Aqueous Samples—Implications for Research and Remediation—D. Wallschlaeger, Frontier Geosciences, Inc.

2:30 pm Determination of Hydride-Forming Elements at U.S. EPA Ambient Water Quality Criteria Levels by Hydride Generation and Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry—Khouane Dithavong, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Supplementary Effluent Data and Regulatory Status of U.S. EPA Method 1631: Mercury by Purge and Trap, Desorption, and Atomic Fluorescence—Maria Gomez-Taylor, U.S. EPA Office of Science & Technology

3:45 pm Application of ICP/MS Technology for Trace Metals Analysis—Paula Hogg, Hampton Roads Sanitation District

4:15 pm Closing Remarks

Dated: March 12, 1999.

James Hanlon,

Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6313-3]

Gulf of Mexico Program—Habitat Focus Team Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) Habitat Focus Team (HFT).

DATES: The HFT meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting site will be the River House Conference Facility, Stennis Space Center, MS, (228) 688-7618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed agenda items will include: Habitat Focus Team Updates, Baseline Characterization, Permit Issue, Strategic Assessment, Gulf of Mexico Conservation Fund/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other Habitat Focus Team State Initiatives.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

Bryan O. Griffith,

Acting Director, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6314-1]

Waste Research Strategy

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Office of Research and Development's "Waste Research Strategy."

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today announcing the availability of a research strategy entitled, "Waste Research Strategy." The "Waste Research Strategy" covers research necessary to support both the proper management of solid and hazardous wastes and the effective remediation of contaminated