

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**

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#### **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**

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#### **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