PUBLIC MEETINGS ON THE CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION PROPOSED REGULATIONS

EPA is organizing a series of public meetings around the country on the the Concentrated Animal Feed Operations (CAFO) proposed regulations. The schedule is as follows:

Date	City	Time	Meeting Address
March 1, 2001	Baltimore, MD	1pm - 5pm	Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor
			110 South Eutaw Street
March 7, 2001	Ames, IA	1:30pm - 5:30pm	Benton Auditorium, Scheman Building
			Iowa State Center
			Elwood Drive
March 13, 2001	Riverside, CA	1pm - 5pm	Riverside Convention Center
			Holiday Inn Select
			3400 Market Street
March 15, 2001	Ft. Wayne, IN	1pm - 5pm	Fort Wayne Hilton at the Convention Center
			120 South Calhoun Street
March 20, 2001	Dallas, TX	1pm - 5pm	Hotel Adolphus
			1321 Commerce Street
March 22, 2001	Chattanooga,	1pm - 5pm	Chattanooga Clarion Hotel
	TN		47 Chestnut Street
March 27, 2001	Denver, CO	1pm - 5pm	Executive Tower Hotel
			1405 Curtis Street
March 29, 2001	Boise, ID	1pm - 5pm	The Grove Hotel
			245 South Capitol Blvd.

Note: Please consult this webpage to confirm meeting information prior to attending one of the public meetings.

Purpose: The purpose of these meetings is to enhance public understanding of the proposed regulations for CAFOs. The meetings are not a mechanism for submitting formal comment on the proposal; people who want to submit formal comment are directed to do so as described in the announcement for the proposed rule (see http://www.epa.gov/owm/afos/cafo_preamble.pdf).

Format: The meetings will consist of a brief presentation by EPA officials on the proposed regulations followed by a question and answer session. Participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the basic aspects of the proposed regulations prior to the public meetings; each speaker's time will be limited so that all interested parties may have the opportunity to pose questions. Advance registration is not required.

Publicity: EPA has an outreach strategy for the meetings that includes listing the meetings as above on the EPA CAFO website, publishing a notice in the Federal Register (FR), and direct outreach to stakeholders. EPA published the notice announcing the meetings in the Federal Register on January 30, 2001, at 66 FR 8186. The text of the announcement is available at :

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-1976-file.