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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of the Ninth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Ninth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. The purpose of this Task Force, consisting of Federal, State, and Tribal members, is to lead efforts to coordinate and support nutrient management and hypoxia-related activities in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico watersheds. The major matter to be discussed at the meeting is implementation of the Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating, and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. The Action Plan was developed in fulfillment of a requirement of section 604(b) of the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research Control Act (Pub. L. 105-383—Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998) to submit a scientific assessment of hypoxia and a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. The Action Plan was submitted as a Report to Congress on January 18, 2001. Also, a summary will be provided of the Monitoring, Modeling, and Research subworkgroup meeting, held October 16-18, 2002 in St. Louis. The public will be afforded an opportunity to provide input to the Task Force during open discussion periods.

DATES: The one day meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2002 in Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: Please see the Web site <http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/new.htm> for registration, specific meeting location, and hotel information. The meeting room accommodates approximately 125 people, therefore, registration is required. A registration form can be downloaded from the Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Flahive, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), Mail Code 4503T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,

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flahive.katie@epa.gov. For additional information on logistics, registration, and accommodations, contact Ansu John, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030; Phone: (703) 385-6000; E-mail: ansu.john@tetratech-ffx.com.

Dated: November 13, 2002.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION BOARD

National Strategy To Secure Cyberspace

November 14, 2002.

AGENCY: President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board, Executive Office of the President, The White House.

ACTION: Notice of request for ongoing public comment regarding the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace for comment, notwithstanding the public comment deadline of September 18, 2002.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the President's charge in Executive Order 12321, the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board (the "Board") has been engaged in development of the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace. On September 18, 2002, the Board released to the public a draft of the Strategy "For Comment" (the "Strategy"). The Strategy was made available online at <http://www.securecyberspace.gov> for viewing and downloading. At the time of the release of the Strategy, the Board invited public comments and set a deadline of November 18, 2002 for such comments. On Oct 11, 2002, through a **Federal Register** Notice, the Board issued a formal public notice soliciting further comments and views from the public on the Strategy, and reiterated the public comment deadline of November 18, 2002. It was noted from the first that—due to the fact that cyberspace security operates in a dynamic landscape where the nature of the threats, solutions, technology, applications and other factors are subject to rapid and sometimes dramatic change "America's cyberstrategy must be dynamic and continually refreshed to adapt to the changing environment." Thus, because the development of the

National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace is an ongoing, iterative process, the Board has indicated all along that the Strategy will be a dynamic, evolutionary document, one that will include a formal official release and subsequent, periodic updated versions. As a result, the public dialogue will continue to be interactive, and additional public comments will be welcome and considered first not only following the November 18, 2002 date, but also after the release of the first official version of the Strategy. Comments will be considered in a timely manner and, as appropriate, will be reflected into the evolving Strategy at the earliest possible date. There is no guarantee, however, that comments submitted after the November 18, 2002 deadline will be considered for the current draft of the strategy. Comments not considered for this draft may be reflected in subsequent drafts.

DATES: Comments are invited on an ongoing basis.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically as provided at <http://www.securecyberspace.gov>. In addition, written comments may be sent to: PCIPB/ Strategy Public Comment; The White House; Washington, DC 20502. Individual hard copies of the draft Strategy may be obtained by calling 202-456-5420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tommy Cabe 202-456-5420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 16, 2001, the President created the Board by Executive Order 12321. The President noted that "[t]he information technology revolution has changed the way business is transacted, government operates, and national defense is conducted. Those three functions now depend on an interdependent network of critical information infrastructures." In the Executive Order, the President directed the Board to "recommend policies and coordinate programs for protecting information systems for critical infrastructure," and called for the Board to "coordinate outreach to and consultation with the private sector, * * * State and local governments, [and] communities and representatives from academia and other relevant elements of society."

Pursuant to the President's charge, the Board has been engaged in development of the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace. On September 18, 2002, the Board released to the public a draft Strategy "For Comment," identifying 24 strategic goals and listing over 80 recommendations. The Strategy was made available online at <http://www.securecyberspace.gov>