

March 22, 2005

The Honorable Betty Ireland Secretary of State
Administrative Law Division
Building 1, Room 157K
Charleston, WV 25305

RE: Notice of Meeting for Publication in the West Virginia Register

Dear Ms. Secretary:

In accordance with Chapter 6, Article 9A of the West Virginia Code, notice is hereby given that the Technical Review Committee created by the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board (the "Board") will conduct a telephone conference call on Friday, April 1, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. The conference call will be conducted in **1st floor hearing room at the Board offices located at 601 57th St., SE, Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia.** Any person wishing to attend the meeting may do so in person but no extra telephone lines will be provided. The creation of the Board's Technical Review Committee and the specific purpose of this meeting are detailed below:

Aluminum Study

In response to a legislative directive, the Board began a review of the current aluminum criteria contained in the Water Quality Standards rule and opted to suspend the chronic aquatic life aluminum criterion of 87 ug/liter from all waters of the state except trout streams, until July 4, 2007. In arriving at its decision, the Board agreed that additional scientific data was needed to fully evaluate the impacts of aluminum to aquatic life. The date for lifting the suspension of the chronic value was established to provide the Board time to

work with all interested parties to develop and implement appropriate scientific studies to evaluate the aquatic life impacts of dissolved and total aluminum concentrations in state waters.

The Board opted to proceed with the aluminum study in two phases. For phase one of the study, the Board created a Technical Review Committee which is comprised of one representative from the USEPA, WVDEP, the Division of Natural Resources (DNR), industry and the environmental community and is chaired by a member of the Board. During the April 1, 2005, teleconference the Board's Review Committee will meet with the contractor to discuss the RFP and work plan.

Sincerely,

Melissa Carte,
Clerk of the Boards