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Air

API Comments on EPA PM Research Progress. On September 9th, 2004, Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator for R&D, briefed API and other industry representatives at EPA Headquarters in Washington DC on the Agency presentation, "The EPA PM Research Program - What Have We Learned Since 1997?" In the Q&A that followed, API staff encouraged EPA researchers to evaluate fine particle emissions generated during common water usage since such particle exposures are not considered in the ongoing PM rulemaking. Additional information concerning these sources was supplied to Dr. Gilman's staff on September 15th. Ignoring such sources may confound resulting PM standard compliance judgments and subsequent PM source control decisions.

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Health

API Funded Benzene Scientific Symposium a Success. On October 9th - 12th, 2004 the symposium entitled Recent Advances in Benzene Toxicity brought together international scientists working on benzene-induced toxicities to discuss and exchange ideas on recent research. This meeting marked the first time that API-administered Shanghai Health Study (SHS) preliminary data were presented to an international group of benzene experts. The SHS data were well received. API partially funded the symposium and served on the organizing and program committees.

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Right-to-Know

API Comments on EPA Information Collection Request. On October 12th, 2004, API submitted comments on an EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) for an Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) Survey of State Performance Measures. API advocated that the data requested be used by EPA in a way that reflects the number of compliance obligations faced by a particular industry rather than focus entirely on a relatively small number of alleged violations, which will ensure that future compliance rates for various industries are put in an appropriate and useful factual context. API also requested that EPA use this proposed survey as an opportunity to seek information that would help lead to resolution of a number of issues regarding the way enforcement and

compliance activities are measured on OECA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) website.

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Safety

Safe Tank Alliance at Fall Tank Conference. On November 1st-4th 2004, API, OSHA and NFPA will be exhibiting a host of activities at the Fall Tank Conference in Nashville, TN to help promote the newly established Safe Tank Alliance (STA). STA is a cooperative agreement between API, OSHA and NFPA to work together to create a safer environment for tank workers within the petroleum industry. Some of the events include the Safe Tank Entry Workshop on Nov. 1-2, the OSHA presentation on the Alliance Program, and a booth during the exhibition session to showcase each other's products and services pertaining to safe tank work. For more information about this exciting program go to the API Meetings and Trainings webpage here.

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Water

Litigation on WET Rule Moves to Oral Argument. On October 15th 2004, API presented oral arguments concerning the EPA Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) rule in the U.S. Court of Appeals. The API arguments focused on EPA's refusal to certify the species that are generally employed for Atlantic and Gulf coast WET testing for use on the west coast. Language in the preamble and rule left the door open to employ certain species used by the Pacific coast states, but which are not properly validated by EPA. API believes this will lead to inaccurate and undependable test results. Arguments presented by co-litigants commented on the high variability of the WET method and questioned its use as a definitive permit limit.

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TRAINING, EDUCATION & MEETINGS

API Launches e-Learning course on Aboveground Storage Tank Training

As part of its new e-Learning series, API is proud to launch its first web-based training course "Introduction to Atmospheric Storage Tanks and API Standard 650." This self-paced 8-hour online course is available to the general public for an introductory price of \$450. The software has been developed by Universal Technical Systems. John Cornell, industry consultant who teaches the classroom course for API on this topic, served as Subject Matter Expert in developing the online version. Later in 2004, API is releasing another web-based course based on API Standard 653 that addresses more advanced aspects of this topic. To register for the course, go to: <http://uts-rkfd-1.uts.com/API650/>

API Plans New Workshop on Start-up, Shutdown and Malfunction (SS&M)

The American Petroleum Institute (API) is holding a new Start-up, Shutdown and Malfunction (SS&M) Workshop on October 27, 2004, in San Diego, California. With the petroleum industry's SS&M operations coming under increased regulatory attention and public interest in recent years and with some of the requirements for SS&M plans having changed, it is important to understand the very latest in this important area. API's new workshop on SS&M plans will be invaluable in helping refineries and terminals comply with the regulations mentioned above. The workshop will be most beneficial to personnel responsible for compliance with hazardous air pollutant

regulations and staff who are developing SS&M plans and compliance systems. This includes environmental specialists, as well as operations and technical personnel. For information about registration, contact Arnetta Smith at 202-682-8149 or e-mail smitha@api.org. For information about the program, contact Ron Chittim at 202-682-8176 or e-mail Chittim@api.org.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Workshop

API will be holding a workshop to provide highlights of the Industry Guidelines and the API Compendium as well as the SANGIA™ software system, which was originally developed by ChevronTexaco to implement the methodologies embedded in the API compendium. This set of tools provides a framework for consistent estimation, tracking, reporting and managing GHG emissions and energy consumption information, capable of focusing from individual facilities up to the aggregate at the worldwide corporate level. This workshop will be held on October 27-29 in Houston, Texas, and again on December 1-2 in San Diego, California. For more information, contact Madeleine Sellouk, Meeting and Conference Services, 202 682-8332 or sellouk@api.org, or visit www.api.org/petroteam.

API Storage Tank Conference and Safe Tank Entry Workshop

API's annual Storage Tank Management and Technology Conference will be held November 3-4, 2004 in Nashville, Tennessee, preceded by a Safe Tank Entry Workshop on November 1-2. Both of these educational programs will focus on the latest management practices for aboveground storage tanks. They also give you plenty of opportunities to network with colleagues and establish new business connections. For more information, send an email to Whitney Schechter at schechterw@api.org, call 202-682-8158 or visit www.api.org/petroteam.

Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Implementation Workshop

On November 15-16 in New Orleans, Louisiana, API, along with 11 other industry organizations, is hosting this workshop geared to refiners, pipeline operators, terminal operators, marketers and end-users of diesel fuel who need to understand the low and ultra-low sulfur diesel requirements for non-road and highway use. Attendees should include operations and quality assurance staff, environmental compliance staff, business unit personal responsible for tracking and compliance with recordkeeping and reporting requirements and planning staff. For more information, send an email to Whitney Schechter at schechterw@api.org, call 202-682-8158 or visit www.api.org/petroteam.

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