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**MESSAGE:** Notification of EPA/Shipbuilding Industry Conference Call Meeting

We are holding a conference call meeting between EPA and representatives of the shipbuilding and ship repair industry on January 25, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (EST) and ending at 4:00 p.m. (EST) to discuss the new welding emission factors. The meeting will be held at EPA's new campus in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The call-in number will be announced prior to the meeting.

Section 112(f)(2) of the Clean Air Act, as amended November 1990, directs EPA to assess the risk remaining (residual risk) after the application of control technology standards (NESHAP) under Section 112(b). Over the past few months, EPA has been collecting and evaluating welding emissions and test data from several U.S. shipyards and has developed new welding emission factors as part of the required residual risk assessment. We want to present to you these data and the methodology that we use to assess the level of risk.

A copy of the emission factor information in pdf format is attached.