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NEMA EHS Activities

July 10, 2003

10:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.

July 11, 2003

08:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Carbon/Manufactured Graphite EHS Committee Meeting Hoffmann Carbon, Bradford, PA

All members of the Carbon/Manufactured Graphite section are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

July 24, 2003

10:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.

NEMA EHS Council (rescheduled) Conference Call

All NEMA members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.



responsible for collecting all batteries. NEMA comments pointed out that there are a variety of reasons why collection does not make sense and that the EU's risk assessment does not support implementation of a ban on nickel cadmium batteries. Information about the consultation is available [here](#).

NFTC Report Highlights Growth of Environmental Non Tariff Trade Barriers; Cites NEMA Position Statements

The National Foreign Trade Counsel, a business organization designed to foster international commerce, recently released a **Report highlighting the growing use of environmental regulations by the European Union to establish non-tariff barriers to trade. The report identifies that the EU is adopting these regulations even though they are not supported by sound science.** In the report the NFTC uses a number of position papers developed in whole or in part by NEMA to support its findings. The NFTC held a press briefing on the report and invited John Meakem and Ric Erdheim of NEMA staff to provide insights into the growing use of environmental regulations as non-tariff barriers.

EPA Issues Guide for Managing Non Hazardous Industrial Waste

The US EPA recently released a [best practices guide](#) for managing the more than 7 billion tons of non-hazardous industrial waste. The document contains tools that can help determine appropriate waste management practices.

NEMA Works to Stop State Electronics Legislation From Harming NEMA Members

Although state electronics legislation has been designed to address

cathode ray tube products and computers, many of the bills are drafted so broadly that they encompass a wide range of NEMA products. One such bill was introduced in Rhode Island. As a result of NEMA's efforts, the Rhode Island House recently passed legislation that would set up a study commission for the efficient collection of cathode ray tube products. A NEMA representative would be one of the statutory members of the Commission. The original bill would have required the labeling and manufacturer collection of all products that use electricity. In Massachusetts, NEMA submitted written testimony against a bill that would require manufacturer collection of products with central processing units. Finally, NEMA submitted testimony in opposition to legislation introduced in California to require the manufacturer collection of any consumer product using electricity and the granting of authority to state regulators to ban any consumer product that contained a hazardous waste.

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