

EPA also gave notice of availability of additional information pertaining to the UST proposed regulations, seeking additional comment. Appointments to see the additional documents can be made by calling (202) 475-9720.

In the April 1 Federal Register, EPA proposed a settlement for the Woodward Property Superfund site, Myrtle Beach, S.C., noting that it agreed to settle claims for response costs with Dr. Ralph Payne and Dr. Kent Woodward. Public comments will be accepted for 30 days.



#### EPA SCIENCE ETHICAL CODE PROPOSED BY PROFESSIONALS' UNION

Selective use by EPA managers of agency scientists' judgments would be verboten in a code of scientific ethics proposed by EPA's professionals' union in a meeting April 4 with EPA Deputy Administrator James Barnes.

Officials of Local 2050 of the National Federation of Federal Employees said the current agency code of ethics doesn't cover science issues. Among the union's informal proposals were:

-- "Professionals and managers must refuse to cover-up or suppress information germane to the protection of public health or the ecosphere (environment) and/or encourage others to do so.

-- "Professionals must: (a) accurately present the data and opinion of others; (b) assure that work for which they were responsible does not involve dishonesty, fraud or deceit, and (c) assure that there is adequate quality control of work done for them by contractors. Managers must not threaten or intimidate professionals to tailor professional judgment for political, social, economic or other reasons.

-- "Professionals and managers must ensure that the content of professional work is only reviewed and/or evaluated by professionals knowledgeable in the specific field under consideration, and that the integrity of the review process is not violated."

The union proposed a grievance procedure for the standards involving possible representation by the union when requested. A resolution panel would be established to hear grievances, one member of the employee's division chain of command and two from outside the chain. Decisions by the panel would be reviewed by the EPA Inspector General.



#### FEES, "FAST TRACK" FIFRA CHANGES ADVANCE; INTERESTS STILL AT ODDS

FIFRA amendments providing reregistration fees for nine years and faster EPA action on me-too pesticide products ("fast track" amendment) were adopted by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry last week before comity disintegrated over indemnity and data coordination amendments (See March 30, Page 26). The committee had not scheduled another planned markup session, at press time.

The FIFRA interest groups are quite actively supporting and opposing widely divergent amendments.