



**MEDICAL SHARPS  
DIALOGUE MEETING #1 – Boston, MA  
May 21-22, 2008**

**Meeting Contact Information and Hotel/Travel Logistics**

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**MEETING LOCATION**

The meeting will be held in Boston, MA at the Federal Reserve Bank Building at 600 Atlantic Avenue in Boston. It is across the street from South Station on the Red Line subway. Detailed directions are available at: <http://www.bos.frb.org/about/directions.htm>

*Please bring identification (driver's license or similar) and allow 15 minutes for security procedures at the building entrance.*

**PSI CONTACT**

Please contact Alicia Mbenga with questions. She can be reached at 617-236-4866 or via email at [alicia@productstewardship.us](mailto:alicia@productstewardship.us)

**PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE**

For those participating by teleconference, call-in information will be provided on the agenda. The powerpoint presentations and other materials will be available on the project website for the meeting. Please do not forget to register!

**DINNER**

If you are arriving in town early, we invite you to join us for an informal dinner on the evening of Tuesday May 20. Please meet us near the concierge desk in the lobby of the Marriott Copley. We will walk together to Paparazzi at 271 Dartmouth St., just off Copley Square.

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Accommodations in Boston this time of year are tight, so we have done our best to make arrangements for meeting participants at the Marriott Copley in Boston's Back Bay.

- If you notified PSI that you needed a room already, PLEASE CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM IMMEDIATELY. Call the Marriott Copley at (800) 228-9290 and reference the "PSI Meeting."
- There are a few extra rooms blocked at the Marriott Copley until April 28 on a first come, first served basis. Please call the hotel directly at (800) 228-9290 and reference the "PSI Meeting."

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- If you cannot get a room at the Marriott Copley, we recommend using an online search engine to find hotels in the area. Note the meeting location above.

A map and directions to the Marriot Copley can be found at: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/bosco-boston-marriott-copley-place/>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The closest airport is Boston's Logan International Airport. We do not recommend renting a car; traffic and parking in downtown Boston can be difficult and the airport is accessible by public transportation and taxi.

## **DIALOGUE FEES**

At the direction of its Board of Directors, PSI is instituting limited fees for participation in its national dialogues. This policy is effective February 12, 2008, and applies *only* to dialogues for which the first meeting has not yet been held, including fluorescent lamps, pharmaceuticals, and medical sharps.

No fee will be charged to any stakeholder for participation in their first meeting of a dialogue process. However, under the new policy, fees will be levied for participation in each additional meeting in that dialogue:

- After the first meeting, all state and local government agencies must join PSI as [Full Members](#) or pay 25% of the amount that would constitute their membership dues for each subsequent dialogue meeting they attend. These funds can be credited towards membership. For more information on rates, please see: [www.productstewardship.us/MembershipFees](http://www.productstewardship.us/MembershipFees)
- After attending their first meeting, participants other than government officials, manufacturers, or retailers will be required to join the [PSI Adjunct Council](#) and pay the appropriate fee to continue with the dialogue process. This includes waste management companies, consultants, non-governmental organizations, and others that could benefit from the dialogue. For more information on rates, please see: [www.productstewardship.us/adjunctcouncil](http://www.productstewardship.us/adjunctcouncil).

For these purposes, a "meeting" is defined as all PSI activities prior to, during, and following the face-to-face meeting, up until the start of the next face-to-face meeting.

PSI has adopted this policy for the following reasons: (1) Most active government participants in PSI dialogues are Full Members; (2) Benefits arising from PSI activities should go to those most invested in the organization; (3) PSI membership dues pay for a portion of dialogue costs; and (4) This policy encourages continuity in dialogue participation, which is necessary for building relationships needed for successful results.

Please contact Erin Linsky at [erin@productstewardship.us](mailto:erin@productstewardship.us) or (617) 236-4853 if you have any questions about this policy or making a fee payment.