

medulla in male rats and mammary gland fibroadenomas and fibroadenomas or adenocarcinomas (combined) in female rats were related to codeine exposure.

Questions or comments about the Technical Report should be directed to Central Data Management at P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 or telephone (919) 541-3419.

Copies of *Toxicology and Carcinogenesis Studies of Codeine (CAS No. 76-57-3) (TR-455)* are available without charge from Central Data Management, NIEHS, MD E1-02, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone (919) 541-3419.

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National Toxicology Program; Availability of Technical Report on Toxicology and Carcinogenesis Studies of 2,2-Bis(bromomethyl)-1,3- Propanediol

The HHS' National Toxicology Program announces the availability of the NTP Technical Report on the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol which is used as a fire retardant in unsaturated polyester resins, in molded products, and in rigid polyurethane foam.

Toxicology and carcinogenicity studies were conducted by administering 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol to groups of 60 F344/N rats of each sex in feed at exposures of 0, 2,500, 5,000, or 10,000 for 104 to 105 weeks. Nine or ten control animals and five to nine animals from each of the continuous-exposure groups were evaluated at 15 months. Additional male rats added for a "stop-study" received 0 or 20,000 ppm for 3 months, after which animals received undosed feed for the remainder of the 2-year study. Groups of 60 B6C3F₁ mice of each sex received 0, 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm in feed for 104 to 105 weeks. Eight to 10 animals were evaluated at 15 months.

Under the conditions of these 2-year feed studies, there was clear evidence of carcinogenic activity¹ of 2,2-

bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol (FR-1138®) in male F344/N rats based on increased incidences of neoplasms of the skin, subcutaneous tissue, mammary gland, Zymbal's gland, oral cavity, esophagus, forestomach, small and large intestines, mesothelium, urinary bladder, lung, thyroid gland, and seminal vesicle, and the increased incidence of mononuclear cell leukemia.

There was clear evidence of carcinogenic activity of 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol in female F344/N rats based on increased incidences of neoplasms of the oral cavity, esophagus, mammary gland, and thyroid gland. There was clear evidence of carcinogenic activity of 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol in male B6C3F₁ mice based on increased incidences of neoplasms of the harderian gland, lung, and kidney.

There was clear evidence of carcinogenic activity of 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol in female B6C3F₁ mice based on increased incidences of neoplasms of the harderian gland, lung, and subcutaneous tissue. Slight increases in the incidences of neoplasms of the pancreas and kidney in male rats; forestomach in male mice; and forestomach mammary gland, and circulatory system in female mice may have also been related to treatment.

Exposure of male and female rats to 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol was associated with alveolar/bronchiolar hyperplasia in the lung (males only); focal atrophy, papillary degeneration, transitional epithelial hyperplasia (pelvis), and papillary epithelial hyperplasia in the kidney; follicular cell hyperplasia in the thyroid gland (males only); hyperplasia in the seminal vesicle and pancreas (males only); mucosal hyperplasia in the forestomach (males only); and urinary bladder hyperplasia (males only). Exposure of mice to 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol was associated with hyperplasia of the alveolar epithelium in females.

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Copies of *Toxicology and Carcinogenesis Studies of 2,2-Bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol (CAS No. 3296-90-0) (TR-452)* are available without charge from Central Data Management, NIEHS, MD E1-02, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone (919) 541-3419.

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National Toxicology Program; Availability of Technical Report on Toxicology and Carcinogenesis Studies of Nickel Sulfate Hexahydrate

The HHS' National Toxicology Program announces the availability of the NTP Technical Report on the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of nickel sulfate hexahydrate which is used in nickel plating, as a mordant in dyeing and printing textiles, as a blackening agent for zinc and brass, and in the manufacture of organic nickel salts. This chemical was studied because of potential for exposure in nickel industries.

Toxicology and carcinogenicity studies were conducted by inhalation administration of nickel sulfate hexahydrate to groups of 63 to 65 female F344/N rats at concentrations of 0, 0.12, 0.25, or 0.5 mg/m³ (equivalent to 0, 0.03, 0.06, or 0.11 mg nickel/m³) and groups of 80 B6C3F₁ mice of each sex at concentrations of 0, 0.25, 0.5, or 1 mg/m³ (equivalent to 0, 0.06, 0.11, or 0.22 mg nickel/m³) for 6 hours per day 5 days per week, for up to 104 weeks.

Under the conditions of these 2-year inhalation studies, there was no evidence of carcinogenic¹ activity of nickel sulfate hexahydrate in male or female F344/N rats exposed to 0.12, 0.25, or 0.5 mg/m³ (0.03, 0.06, or 0.11 mg nickel/m³). There was no evidence of carcinogenic activity of nickel sulfate hexahydrate in male or female B6C3F₁ mice exposed to 0.25, 0.5, or 1 mg/m³ (0.06, 0.11, or 0.22 mg nickel/m³).

Exposure of rats to nickel sulfate hexahydrate by inhalation for 2 years resulted in increased incidences of chronic active inflammation, macrophage hyperplasia, alveolar proteinosis, and fibrosis of the lung; lymphoid hyperplasia of the bronchial lymph node; and atrophy of the olfactory epithelium. Exposure of mice to nickel sulfate hexahydrate by inhalation for 2 years resulted in increased incidences of chronic active inflammation, bronchialization (alveolar

¹ The NTP uses five categories of evidence of carcinogenic activity observed in each animal study: two categories for positive results ("clear evidence" and "some evidence"), one category for uncertain findings ("equivocal evidence"), one category for no observable effect ("no evidence"), and one category for studies that cannot be evaluated because of major flaws ("inadequate study").

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epithelial hyperplasia), macrophage hyperplasia, interstitial infiltration, and alveolar proteinosis of the lung; lymphoid and macrophage hyperplasia of the bronchial lymph node; and atrophy of the olfactory epithelium.

Questions or comments about the Technical Report should be directed to Central Data Management at P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 or telephone (919) 541-3419.

Copies of *Toxicology and Carcinogenesis Studies of Nickel Sulfate Hexahydrate* (CAS No. 10101-97-0) (TR-454) are available without charge from Central Data Management, NIEHS, MD E1-02, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone (919) 541-3419.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: resource advisory councils' meeting location and time.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Council meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda for this meeting includes: Approval of minutes of the previous meetings, update on land sales-exchanges-trades, Wild Horse & Burros Appropriate Management Level, Nevada Division of Wildlife Statewide Elk Species Management Plan and elk introductions as implementation of the Wells Resource Management Plan, noxious weeds, identification of issues to be resolved and determination of the subject matter for future meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the Council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons

wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the District Manager at the Elko District Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, 89801, telephone (702) 753-0200.

DATES, TIMES: The time and location of the meeting is as follows: Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, BLM Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, 89801; January 10, 1997, starting at 9 a.m.; public comments will be at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; tentative adjournment 5 p.m. If additional time is required to complete the scheduled business, the meeting may continue on January 11, 1997, following the same meeting and public comment time schedule until the meeting is adjourned.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curtis G. Tucker, Team Leader for the Northeastern Resource Advisory Council, Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, telephone 702-289-1841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues, associated with the management of the public lands.

Dated: December 6, 1996.

Helen Hankins,

District Manager, Elko.

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National Programmatic Agreement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

ACTION: Notice of proposed national programmatic agreement; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on a proposal to execute a programmatic agreement among the Bureau of Land Management, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. The agreement would establish an alternate structure, to substitute for the standard regulatory process in 36 CFR Part 800, for complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Representatives of the Bureau of Land Management have been meeting with representatives of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the

National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers to develop concepts for the proposed agreement and to prepare a draft agreement. The Bureau of Land Management requests comments from parties interested in historic preservation and other uses of public lands.

DATES: Comments should be received by January 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may mail comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401LS, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, or you may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C. You may also transmit comments electronically via the Internet to WOCComments@wo.blm.gov. Please include "attn: 240" and your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (202) 452-5030. You will be able to review comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, at BLM's Regulatory Management Team office, Room 401, 1620 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C., during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address, except for the city or town, from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John G. Douglas, BLM's Preservation Officer, (202) 452-0327, between 7:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites comments on the concepts that are being considered for a proposed national programmatic agreement, the purpose of which would be to streamline the procedure and to strengthen the BLM's internal organizational structure for complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).