

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a conference call of the Right-to-Know Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*), will be held on March 22, 1999, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Room 1209, East Tower, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations on draft materials which NDWAC recommended that EPA prepare to support Consumer Confidence Reports and other right-to-know provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Statements from the public will be taken if time permits.

For more information, please contact Marjorie Jones, Designated Federal Officer, Right-to-Know Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Mail Code 4601, 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is 202-260-4152 or E-mail jones.marjorie@epa.gov.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Charlene E. Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6309-2]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Right-to-Know Working Group; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Right-to-Know Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*), will be held on March 25, 1999, from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and on March 26 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Hilton Crystal City at National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. The meeting is open

to the public, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether materials developed to support Consumer Confidence Reports and other Right-to-Know provisions meet the overall needs for public information, as recommended by the Right-to-Know Working Group to NDWAC in November, 1998; to recommend the most effective ways to distribute the information; and to recommend ways to facilitate partnerships at the local level. The meeting is open to the public to observe. The working group members are meeting to gather information and to analyze relevant issues and facts, as noted above. Statements from the public will be taken if time permits.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) Projects; Open Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Four projects of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) will hold meetings open to the public at the time and place listed below in this notice. The public is encouraged to attend the proceedings as observers. However, in the interest of time and efficiency, the meeting is structured to provide maximum opportunity for state, tribal, and EPA invited participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair of the project, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings.

DATES: The four projects will meet March 29, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on March 30, 1999, from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be a plenary session on

OPPT's FY '99 budget, programs, and activities on Monday, March 29, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darlene Harrod, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-6904; e-mail: harrod.darlene@epa.gov. Any observer wishing to speak should advise the DFO at the telephone number or e-mail address listed above no later than 4 p.m. on March 26, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FOSTTA, a group of state and tribal toxics environmental managers, is intended to foster the exchange of toxics-related program and enforcement information among the states, tribes, EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). FOSTTA currently consists of the Coordinating Committee and four issue-specific projects. The projects are the: (1) Toxics Release Inventory Project; (2) Pollution Prevention Project; (3) Chemical Management Project; and (4) Lead (Pb) Project.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 3, 1999.

Joseph S. Carra,

Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6309-5]

Pollution Prevention Research Strategy

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Office of Research and Development research strategy for pollution prevention.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today announcing the availability of the "Pollution Prevention Research Strategy" prepared by the Agency's Office of Research and Development (ORD). The Strategy lays out a

framework for pollution prevention research that emphasizes two long-term ORD goals: (1) Providing common sense and cost-effective approaches for preventing and managing risks, and (2) providing leadership for others in developing ways of preventing or reducing those risks. The Strategy includes "core" and "problem-oriented" research and development activities designed to maintain ORD's long-term capabilities and to address current critical needs identified by EPA Program Offices and Regions. The Strategy is designed around the vision that scientifically-based pollution prevention research and development products will be used routinely for improved decision making by both the public and private sectors. This use would be part of a national move toward sustainable development in the 21st Century. The Strategy has four objectives: (1) conducting research to address economic, social, and behavioral research for pollution prevention; (2) developing and transferring pollution prevention technology approaches; (3) verifying the performance of selected pollution prevention technologies; and (4) delivering broadly applicable tools and methodologies for pollution prevention and sustainability. The Strategy contains four chapters: Chapter 1 provides the context for the Strategy; Chapter 2 outlines the strategic pollution prevention rationale; Chapter 3 describes long-term goals and objectives, as well as research activities to be pursued; and Chapter 4 presents the implementation approach for the goals and objectives described in Chapter 3.

ADDRESSES: An electronic version of the Research Strategy is accessible from ORD's Internet home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ORD/resplans>. Interested parties can obtain a single copy of the report by contacting EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP) at (800) 490-9198. When contacting NSCEP, please provide your name and mailing address, and request publication number EPA/600/R-98/123 dated September 1998. There are a limited number of paper copies available from the above source, and requests will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. After the supply is exhausted, copies of the report can be purchased by contacting the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) at (703) 605-6000, or by sending a facsimile to (703) 605-6900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Herrmann (513) 569-7839 or Teresa Harten (513) 569-7565 at the

National Risk Management Research Laboratory, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

Calvin O. Lawrence,
Acting Director, National Risk Management Research Laboratory.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

OPPTS-44651; FRL-6068-3J

TSCA Chemical Testing; Receipt of Test Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of test data on Hexamethylene Diisocyanate (HDI) (CAS No. 822-06-0). These data were submitted pursuant to an enforceable testing consent agreement/order issued by EPA under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Publication of this notice is in compliance with section 4(d) of TSCA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-543B, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 40 CFR 790.60, all TSCA section 4 enforceable consent agreements/orders must contain a statement that results of testing conducted pursuant to testing enforceable consent agreements/orders will be announced to the public in accordance with procedures specified in section 4(d) of TSCA.

I. What are the details of the submission?

Test data for HDI were submitted by the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) on behalf of its test sponsor companies: ARCO Chemical Company, Newtown Square, PA; Bayer Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA; and Rhodia Inc. (Formerly Rhone-Poulenc Inc.), Raleigh, NC. The reports were submitted pursuant to a TSCA section 4 enforceable testing consent agreement/order. EPA received the data on January 29, 1999. The submission includes three final reports entitled: 1) "Bacterial Reverse Mutation Assay Using Vapor-Phase Exposure for 1,6-Hexamethylene

Diisocyanate," 2) "In Vitro Mammalian Cell Gene Mutation Test with an Independent Repeat Assay Using Vapor Phase Exposure to 1,6-Hexamethylene Diisocyanate," and 3) "Acute Inhalation of Hexamethylene Diisocyanate For a Mouse Micronucleus Assay." HDI is used in the manufacture of higher molecular weight biuret polyisocyanate resins and trimer polyisocyanate resins. HDI biuret polyisocyanate resins and trimers are mainly used as reactive components of two part polyurethane paint systems for automobile refinishing, industrial maintenance, marine coatings, and other high performance coating systems. For example, the civilian and military aircraft industry uses aliphatic diisocyanate-containing paint almost exclusively because of its stability in ultraviolet light. Other consumer uses of HDI are not known at this time.

EPA has initiated its review and evaluation process for this data submission. At this time, the Agency is unable to provide any determination as to the completeness of the submission.

II. How do I get additional information?

EPA has established a public record for this TSCA section 4(d) receipt of test data notice (docket number OPPTS-44651). This record includes copies of the studies reported in this notice. The record is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (also known as the TSCA Public Docket Office), Rm. B-607 Northeast Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Requests for documents should be sent in writing to: Environmental Protection Agency, TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (7407), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460 or fax: (202) 260-5069 or e-mail: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov.

Electronic Availability:

Internet

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List of Subjects

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