TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m.–1 p.m., December 20, 1999.

PLACE: Conference Call Participants Dial-in Number: 1–888–296–1938, Participants Code: 555668.

STATUS: Open.

PURPOSE: The NCVHS is the statutory public advisory body to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on health data, privacy, and health information policy. During this conference call, the Committee will discuss its proposed comments on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, recently released by HHS as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

Notice: This conference call is open to the public using the participants' dial-in telephone number and participants' code, but access may be limited by the number of available telephone lines.

CONTACT PERSONS FOR MORE INFORMATION: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from James Scanlon, NCVHS Executive Staff Director, HHS, ASPE, Room 440D, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20201, telephone (202) 690–7100; or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458–4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/, where further information will be posted when available.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR–154]

Availability of Final Toxicological Profile for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH)

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of one final toxicological profile on unregulated hazardous substances prepared by ATSDR for the Department of Defense.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Loretta Norman, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E–29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639–6322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 (Pub. L. 99–499) amended the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund) or CERCLA. Section 211 of SARA also amended Title 10 of the U.S. Code, creating the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Section 2704 (a) and (b) of Title 10 of the U.S. Code directs the Secretary of Defense to notify the Secretary of Health and Human Services of not less than 25 of the most commonly found, unregulated hazardous substances at defense facilities. The Secretary of HHS shall take necessary steps to ensure the timely preparation of toxicological profiles of these substances. Each profile includes an examination, summary and interpretation of available toxicological information and epidemiological evaluations. This information and these data are used to ascertain the levels of significant human exposure for the substance and the associated health effects. The profiles include a determination of whether adequate information on the health effects of each substance is available or under development. When adequate information is not available, in cooperation with the National Toxicology Program (NTP), ATSDR may plan a program of research designed to determine these health effects.

Notice of the availability of the draft toxicological profile for public review and comment was published in the **Federal Register** on November 4, 1998 (63 FR 59568), with notice of a 90-day public comment period starting from the actual release date. Following the close of the comment period, chemical-specific comments were addressed, and where appropriate, changes were incorporated into the profile.

The public comments, the classification of and response to those comments, and other data submitted in response to the **Federal Register** notice bear the docket control number ATSDR–139. This material is available for public inspection at the Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Building 4, Suite 2400, Executive Park Drive, Atlanta, Georgia (not a mailing address), between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Availability

This notice announces the availability of one final toxicological profile for the Department of Defense. The following toxicological profile is now available through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, telephone 1–800–553–6847. There is a charge for this profile as determined by NTIS.

Toxicological profile	NTIS order No.
1. Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs).	PB99–163370

Dated: December 10, 1999.

Georgi Jones,

Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR–153]

Availability of Final Toxicological Profiles

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of two new final toxicological profiles, comprising the 1st set developed for the Department of Energy, prepared by ATSDR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Loretta Norman, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E–29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639–6322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These toxicological profiles were developed by ATSDR for hazardous substances at Department of Energy (DOE) waste sites under section 104(i)(3) and (5) of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA or Superfund). This public law directed ATSDR to prepare toxicological profiles for hazardous substances most commonly found at facilities on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL) and that pose the most significant potential threat to human health, as determined by ATSDR and the EPA. The current ATSDR priority list of hazardous substances at DOE NPL sites was announced in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 1996 (61 FR 38451).

Notice of the availability of the draft toxicological profiles for public review and comment was published in the **Federal Register** on October 28, 1997 (62 FR 55817), with notice of a 90-day public comment period for each profile, starting from the actual release date. Following the close of the comment period, chemical-specific comments were addressed, and where appropriate, changes were incorporated into each profile. The public comments and other data submitted in response to the **Federal Register** notices bear the docket control number ATSDR–129. This material is available for public inspection at the Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Building 4, Suite 2400, Executive Park Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, (not a mailing address) between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Availability

This notice announces the availability of two new final toxicological profiles, comprising the 1st set developed for the Department of Energy. The following toxicological profiles are now available through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, telephone 1–800–553–6847. There is a charge for these profiles as determined by NTIS.

Toxicological profile	NTIS order No.	CAS No.
1. URANIUM	PB99–163362	MULTIPLE.
URANIUM 235		15117–96–1.
URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE		7783–81–5.
URANIUM METAL		7440–61–1.
URANIUM ORE		53125–22–7.
URANIUM OCTAOXIDE		1344–59–8.
URANIUM PEROXIDE		19525–15–6.
URANIUM TETRACHLORIDE		10026–10–5.
URANIUM TETRAFLUORIDE		10049–14–6.
URANYL ACETATE		541–09–3.
URANYL NITRATE		10102–06–4.
URANYL NITRATE HEXAHYDRATE		13520–83–7.
URANYL SULFATE		1314–64–3.
2. IONIZING RADIATION	PB99–163388	NA.

Dated: December 10, 1999.

Georgi Jones,

Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99D–5199]

Medical Devices; Draft Guidance for Resorbable Adhesion Barrier Devices for Use in Abdominal and/or Pelvic Surgery; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of the draft guidance entitled, ''Guidance for Resorbable Adhesion Barrier Devices for Use in Abdominal and/or Pelvic Surgery.'' This draft guidance is not final nor is it in effect at this time. This draft guidance is being issued because of the increasing interest on the part of sponsors in developing adhesion barrier products and increasing questions regarding the study requirements for development of these products. In addition, because two review groups evaluate these products for use in abdominal and/or pelvic surgery, this draft guidance was developed to encourage consistency between the two review groups when they evaluate investigational device exemption (IDE) and premarket approval application (PMA) applications for these products.

DATES: Submit written comments concerning this guidance by March 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies on a 3.5′ diskette of the draft guidance entitled, ''Guidance for Resorbable Adhesion Barrier Devices for Use in Abdominal and/or Pelvic Surgery'' to the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance (HFZ–220), Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 1350 Piccard Dr., Rockville, MD 20850. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your request, or fax your request to 301–443–8818. Written comments concerning this guidance must be submitted to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fisher Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on electronic access to the draft guidance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David B. Berkowitz, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ–410), Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 301–594–3090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

This draft guidance is being issued because of the increasing interest on the part of sponsors in developing adhesion barrier products and in answering questions regarding the study requirements for development of these products. In addition, because two branches and divisions are evaluating these products for use in abdominal and/or pelvic surgery, this guidance was developed to encourage consistency between the two review groups when they evaluate IDE and PMA applications for these products.

II. Significance of Guidance

This draft guidance document represents the agency's current thinking on resorbable adhesion barrier devices for use in abdominal and/or pelvic