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Dated: October 5, 2006.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0128; FRL-8095-1]

### National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGs) for Hazardous Substances; Proposed AEG Values; Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL Committee) is developing AEGs on an ongoing basis to provide Federal, State, and local agencies with information on short-term exposures to hazardous chemicals. This notice provides a list of 46 proposed AEG chemicals that are available for public review and comment. Comments are welcome on both the AEG values and the technical support documents placed in the docket.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0128, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East, Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention: Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0128. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930. Such deliveries are only accepted during the DCO's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information contact: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

For technical information contact: Paul S. Tobin, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7406M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8557; e-mail address: [tobin.paul@epa.gov](mailto:tobin.paul@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. General Information**

###### *A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the general public to provide an opportunity for review and comment on proposed AEGL values and their supporting scientific rationale. This action may be of particular interest to anyone who may be affected if the AEGL values are adopted by government agencies for emergency planning, prevention, or response programs, such as EPA's Risk Management Program under the Clean Air Act and Amendments Section 112r. It is possible that other Federal agencies besides EPA, as well as State and local agencies and private organizations, may adopt the AEGL values for their programs. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### *B. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.
- vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

##### **II. What Action is the Agency Taking?**

EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) provided notice on October 31, 1995 (60 FR 55376) (FRL-4987-3) of the establishment of the NAC/AEGL Committee with the stated charter objective as "the efficient and effective development of AEGLs and the preparation of supplementary qualitative information on the hazardous substances for Federal, State, and Local agencies and organizations in

the private sector concerned with [chemical] emergency planning, prevention, and response." The NAC/AEGL Committee is a discretionary Federal advisory committee formed with the intent to develop AEGLs for chemicals through the combined efforts of stakeholder members from both the public and private sectors in a cost-effective approach that avoids duplication of efforts and provides uniform values, while employing the most scientifically sound methods available.

This action provides notice of availability, for public review and comment, of proposed AEGL values and underlying supporting documents for 46 hazardous substances. These values represent the ninth set of exposure levels proposed and published by the NAC/AEGL Committee. EPA published the first "proposed" AEGLs for 12 chemicals from the initial priority list in the **Federal Register** of October 30, 1997 (62 FR 58840-58851) (FRL-5737-3); for 10 chemicals in the **Federal Register** of March 15, 2000 (65 FR 14186-14197) (FRL-6492-4); for 14 chemicals in the **Federal Register** of June 23, 2000 (65 FR 39263-39277) (FRL-6591-2); for 7 chemicals in the **Federal Register** of December 13, 2000 (65 FR 77866-77874) (FRL-6752-5); for 18 chemicals in the **Federal Register** of May 2, 2001 (66 FR 21940-21964) (FRL-6776-3); for 8 chemicals in the **Federal Register** of February 15, 2002 (67 FR 7164-7176) (FRL-6815-8); for 10 chemicals in the **Federal Register** of July 18, 2003 (68 FR 42710-42726) (FRL-7189-8); and for 15 chemicals in the **Federal Register** of September 7, 2004 (69 FR 54144-54148) (FRL-7350-2) in order to provide an opportunity for public review and comment. Background information on the AEGL Program may be found in these earlier **Federal Register** notices, in [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov), or on the AEGL Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/aegl>.

Chemical name	CAS No.
Acetaldehyde	75-07-0
Acetonitrile	75-05-8
Benzene	71-43-2
Benzonitrile	100-47-0
Bromine pentafluoride	7789-30-2
Bromine trifluoride	7787-71-5
Butadiene	106-99-0
Butane	106-97-8
Butyl acrylate	141-32-2

Chemical name	CAS No.
Chlorine pentafluoride	13637-63-3
Chloroacetaldehyde	107-20-0
Chloroacetone	78-95-5
Chloroacetonitrile	107-14-2
Chloroacetyl chloride	79-04-9
Cumene	98-82-8
Dichloroacetyl chloride	79-36-7
Dimethyl sulfate	77-78-1
Disulfur dichloride	10025-67-9
Ethyl acrylate	140-88-5
Ethyl mercaptan	75-08-1
Formaldehyde	50-00-0
Hexane	110-54-3
Hydrogen bromide	10035-10-6
Hydrogen iodide	10034-85-2
Hydrogen selenide	7783-07-5
Isobutyronitrile	78-82-0
Lewisite L-1	541-25-3
Lewisite L-2	40334-69-8
Lewisite L-3	40334-70-1
Malononitrile	109-77-3
Methacrylic acid	79-41-4
Methacrylonitrile	126-98-7
Methyl bromide	74-83-9
Methyl chloride	74-87-3
Methyl methacrylate	80-62-6
Methylene chloride	75-09-2
Oleum	8014-95-7
Piperidine	110-89-4
Propane	74-98-6
Propionaldehyde	123-38-6
Propionitrile	107-12-0
Styrene	110-42-5
Sulfur trioxide	7446-11-9
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9
Titanium tetrachloride	7550-45-0
Vinyl chloride	75-01-4

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGs), Hazardous substances.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[FRL-8230-7; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0756]**

### Evaluation of the Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing an extension of the public comment period for the draft document titled, "Evaluation of the Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide" (EPA/635/R-06/003). The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment within EPA's Office of Research and Development. On September 22, EPA published a **Federal Register** notice (71 FR 55470) announcing a 30-day comment period that ends October 23, 2007. EPA is extending the public comment period to December 8, 2006, in response to requests.

As previously stated in 71 FR 55470, EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and for review by the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) via a meeting to be held at a later date (time and place to be specified in a separate **Federal Register** notice). This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not determine. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

**DATES:** The public comment period began September 22, 2006, and ends December 8, 2006. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by December 8, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft "Evaluation of the Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide" is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the

Technical Information Staff, NCEA-W; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "Evaluation of the Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide".

Comments may be submitted electronically via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-1753; or e-mail: [ORD.Docket@epa.gov](mailto:ORD.Docket@epa.gov).

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Information About the Project/Document

Ethylene oxide (EtO) is a gas at room temperature. It is manufactured from ethylene and used primarily as a chemical intermediate in the manufacture of ethylene glycol. It is also used as a sterilizing agent for medical equipment and as a fumigating agent for spices. The largest sources of human exposure are in occupations involving contact with the gas in production facilities and in hospitals that sterilize medical equipment. EtO can also be inhaled by residents living near production or sterilizing/fumigating facilities.

This draft assessment document characterizes the potential for a carcinogenic health hazard from human inhalation exposure to EtO. This is accomplished by a weight-of-evidence evaluation as to how likely EtO is to be a human carcinogen, as well as an evaluation of related dose-response information which leads to the development of lifetime cancer risk estimates per unit of exposure. This assessment, when finalized, will be posted to EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) database. The document was prepared by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA). EPA last published a health assessment of the potential carcinogenicity of EtO in 1985.

The current assessment reviews the more recently developed database on the carcinogenicity of EtO, pertinent data from the 1985 assessment, and several reviews and assessments issued