

public records containing usable information on target pollutants (in air, water, soil) which will be used where available. Exposure assessment models will be generated using direct and surrogate measures varying in the intensity of detail. Total exposure models to the pollutants sampled during the study (VOCs, Metals, Pesticides and PAHs) will be developed. These models will be associated with multi-media contact. Probabilistic exposure models developed by NHEXAS AZ will be applied to this proposed border population study. These models will be fine tuned to reflect the differences between the two study populations as needed. The precision and accuracy of the previously developed models will be tested with the independent data obtained from the border population. The objectives of these models are to estimate the multi-media pollutant exposures to the subject and determine the sources of inter-individual variability.

#### Exposure of Children Study

Yuma County is responsible for growing much of the nation's fresh fruit and vegetable supply during the winter months. These crops are tended by seasonal and migrant laborers who frequently live near the edge of the fields with their families. Many of these pesticides are pyrethroids, some are dinitroanilines. Further, diazinon and Chlorpyrifos are used in many of these substandard dwellings to combat termites and roaches. As a result, children living in these homes are at great risk for routine exposure to pyrethroids and cholinesterase inhibitors.

We propose a study of 300 children recruited from the Valley Health Clinic, a primary care provider that serves primarily low income Hispanic and Cocopah. A pesticide use questionnaire will be administered in the clinic and 100 families will be selected for multi-media sampling for pyrethroids and OPs in their homes. All 300 children will be evaluated for cholinesterase inhibitors. We expect to sample the households of the upper 50% for pesticides. We will sample air, dust, surfaces and the children's hands. To model "total" exposure, we will supplement these databases with regional information garnered while sampling for the NHEXAS project. We expect to find that children from low socioeconomic status households have greater exposure than those of the rest of the state as determined by the NHEXAS evaluation. Further, since more pesticides are used in the Yuma area, we expect to find

greater pesticide exposure in Yuma than elsewhere along the US-Mexico Border.

Collection of this information is consistent with EPA's mandates in that all participation will be completely voluntary and subject identity will be held in the strictest confidence in accordance with the Human Subjects Guidelines issued by the University of Arizona. The University of Arizona has an approved assurance of compliance on file with the Department of Health and Human Services which covers this study (assurance # M-1233). Published reports will not identify any individual but be presented as summary statistics, such as points on distribution curves.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

**BURDEN STATEMENT:** The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.75 (Border Community Exposure) and 2 (Exposure of Children) hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and

requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Border Community Exposure study:

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* 300 families.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300 primary respondents plus 600 secondary respondents.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 1800 hours.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:* \$0.

Exposure of Children study:

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* 300.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Frequency of Response:* Once for 200 and 3 times for up to 100.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 300 hours.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:* \$0.

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Wayne N. Marchant,

Director, CRD-LV, Office of Research and Development.

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#### Transfer of Confidential Business Information to Contractors

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of transfer of data and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** EPA will transfer Confidential Business Information (CBI) to its contractor, Research Triangle Institute and its subcontractors: Abt Associates, Inc.; Allison Geoscience Consultants, Inc.; HydroGeoLogic, Inc.; Research and Evaluation Associates, Inc.; and Science Applications International Corporation that has been or will be submitted to EPA under Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Under RCRA, EPA is involved in activities to support, expand and implement solid and hazardous waste regulations.

**DATES:** Transfer of confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than November 12, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Regina Magbie, Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Comments should be identified as "Transfer of Confidential Data."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Regina Magbie, Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-7909.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****1. Transfer of Confidential Business Information**

Under EPA Contract 68-W6-0053, RTI, and its subcontractors, will assist the Office of Solid Waste, Communications, Information and Resources Management Division, by providing technical support for: Cost Analyses of RCRA Waste Programs and Regulations; Analyses of Environmental and Human Health Effects, Cost and Risk Comparative Analyses; Regulatory Support; Data Collection and Management; Analysis Support Services; and Communications, Outreach, and Public Access. RTI, and its subcontractors, will need access to RCRA CBI submitted to the Office of Solid Waste to complete this work. Specifically, RTI and its subcontractors, need access to the CBI that EPA collects, under the authority of Section 3007 of RCRA, in Industry Studies Surveys and other studies of industries involved with waste management such as: organic and inorganic chemicals, pulp and paper, refuse and waste management, mining, mineral processing, wood preserving, petroleum refining, paint production, and cement kilns.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.305(h), EPA has determined that RTI, and its subcontractors, require access to CBI submitted to EPA under the authority of RCRA to perform work satisfactorily under the above-noted contract. EPA is submitting this notice to inform all submitters of CBI of EPA's intent to transfer CBI to these firms on a need-to-know basis. Upon completing their review of materials submitted, RTI, and its subcontractors, will return all CBI to EPA.

EPA will authorize RTI, and its subcontractors, for access to CBI under the conditions and terms in EPA's "Contractor Requirements for the Control and Security of RCRA Confidential Business Information Security Manual." Prior to transferring CBI to RTI, and its subcontractors, EPA will review and approve their security plans and RTI, and its subcontractors, will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Dated: October 7, 1996.

Elliott P. Laws,

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.*

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**Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information on the availability of the fiscal year 1997 investigator-initiated grants program announcement, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedule are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

**DATES:** Proposals must be received at the contact point on a schedule beginning January 15, 1997, through February 15, 1997, depending on the research area.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In its Request for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Exploratory Research, (2) Ecosystem Indicators, (3) Issues in Human Health Risk Assessment, (4) Endocrine Disruptors, (5) Ambient Air Quality, (6) Health Effects and Exposures to Particulate Matter and Associated Air Pollutants, (7) Drinking Water, and (8) Contaminated Sediments. In cooperation with the National Science Foundation, three areas of interest to both agencies are identified: (1) Water and Watersheds, (2) Technology for a Sustainable Environment, and (3) Decision-making and Valuation for Environmental Policy.

The RFA provides relevant background information, summarizes EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describes the application and review process. Additional programs to be announced separately will involve cooperation with other agencies.

**Contacts for Research Topics of Interest****Exploratory Research**

- Clyde Bishop, 202-260-5727, [bishop.clyde@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:bishop.clyde@epamail.epa.gov)

**Ecosystem Indicators**

- Barbara Levinson, 202-260-5983, [levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov)

**Issues in Human Health Risk Assessment**

- Chris Saint, 202-260-1093, [saint.chris@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:saint.chris@epamail.epa.gov)

**Endocrine Disruptors**

- David Reese, 202-260-7342, [reese.david@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:reese.david@epamail.epa.gov)

**Ambient Air Quality**

- Deran Pashayan, 202-260-2606, [pashayan.deran@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:pashayan.deran@epamail.epa.gov)

**Health Effects and Exposures to Particulate Matter and Associated Air Pollutants**

- Deran Pashayan, 202-260-2606, [pashayan.deran@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:pashayan.deran@epamail.epa.gov)

**Drinking Water**

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**Contaminated Sediments**

- David Reese, 202-260-7342, [reese.david@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:reese.david@epamail.epa.gov)

**Water and Watersheds**

- Barbara Levinson, 202-260-5983, [levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov)

**Technology for a Sustainable Environment**

- Stephen Lingle, 202-260-5748, [lingle.stephen@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:lingle.stephen@epamail.epa.gov)

**Decision-making and Valuation for Environmental Policy**

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Approved for publication:

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**Allocation of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Monies; Request for Comment**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on allocation of Drinking