

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the NPDWR for radon will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST. Check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: To register for the meeting, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. Those registered for the meeting by August 22, 1997 will receive an agenda and background materials prior to the meeting. Members of the public who cannot participate may submit comments in writing by September 16, 1997 to Sylvia Malm, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. St., SW (4607), Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency Region IX Office Building in Meeting Room C, second floor, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For information on the activities related to developing the NPDWR for radon and other EPA activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For information on radon in indoor air, contact the National Safety Council's National Radon Hotline at 1-800-SOS-RADON.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On July 18, 1991 (56 FR 33050), EPA proposed a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) and National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for radon and other radionuclides in public water supplies. EPA proposed to regulate radon at 300 pCi/L. Commenters on the 1991 proposed NPDWR for radon raised several concerns, including cost of implementation, especially for small systems, and the larger risk to public health from radon in indoor air from soil under buildings.

On August 6, 1996, Congress passed amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which establishes a new charter for the nation's public water systems, States, and EPA in protecting the safety of drinking water. The amendments [§ 1412(b)(13)] direct EPA to develop an MCLG and NPDWR for radon. EPA is required to (1) withdraw the 1991 proposed MCLG and NPDWR for radon-222; (2) arrange for the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct an independent risk assessment for radon in drinking water and an independent assessment of risk reduction benefits from various

mitigation measures to reduce radon in indoor air; (3) publish a radon health risk reduction and cost analysis for possible radon Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for public comment by February, 1999; (4) propose an MCLG and NPDWR for radon by August, 1999; and (5) publish a final MCLG and NPDWR for radon by August, 2000.

If the MCL is "more stringent than necessary to reduce the contribution to radon in indoor air from drinking water to a concentration that is equivalent to the national average concentration of radon in outdoor air," EPA is also required to promulgate an alternative MCL and publish guidelines for state multimedia mitigation programs to mitigate radon levels in indoor air. The alternative MCL would "result in a contribution of radon from drinking water to radon levels in indoor air equivalent to the national average concentration of radon in outdoor air." States may develop and submit to EPA for approval a multimedia mitigation program to mitigate radon levels in indoor air. EPA shall approve State multimedia mitigation programs if they are expected to achieve equivalent or greater health risk reduction benefits than compliance with the MCL. If EPA approves a State multimedia mitigation program, public water supply systems within the State may comply with the alternative MCL. If EPA does not approve a State program, or the State does not propose a program, public water supply systems may propose multimedia mitigation programs to EPA, under the same procedures outlined for States.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA intends for the proposed NPDWR for radon to incorporate the best available science, treatment technologies, occurrence data, cost/benefit analyses, and stakeholder input on technical and implementation issues. EPA has evaluated comments on the 1991 proposed NPDWR for radon and will be considering those comments in developing the regulation.

The meeting will cover a broad range of issues including: (1) Radon in drinking water MCL development (treatment technologies, occurrence, analytical methods); (2) multimedia mitigation program; and (3) stakeholder involvement processes. Background materials on radon in drinking water issues will be sent to all registered participants in advance of the meeting. Issues for discussion and stakeholder input will be based on the materials provided and include (but may not be limited to) the following:

(1) Any new information or data;

(2) Issues and concerns related to rule development;

(3) Issues and concerns related to implementing a multimedia mitigation program from the perspective of your state, water systems, public health and safety organizations, environmental and public interest groups, and the public; and

(4) Recommendations on the most beneficial points in the process for stakeholder input and preferred approaches for stakeholder input.

EPA has announced this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on EPA's plans for activities to develop a NPDWR for radon. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above and other issues related to the radon in drinking water regulation during the September 2, 1997 meeting or in writing by September 16, 1997. EPA is in the process of planning another stakeholders meeting in the New England region in the Fall of 1997.

Dated: July 30, 1997.

Elizabeth Fellows,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5868-9]

Notice of Meeting, Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Subcommittee Review of National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors Subcommittee will meet to review the National Risk Management Research Laboratory, August 18-19, 1997, at the Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Room 120-126 and will start at 8:00 a.m. and recess at 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 1997. On August 19, 1997, a writing session will start at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. All times are eastern time. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make comments at the meeting should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal

Official, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to three minutes. Anyone desiring a draft BOSC agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton, (202) 564-2444.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, NCERQA(MC8701R), 401 M Street, SW, Washington D.C. 20460, (202) 564-6853.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

J.K. Alexander,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-44642; FRL-5734-3]

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 acetone (CAS No. 67-64-1) and ethyl acetate (CAS No. 141-786). These data were submitted pursuant to enforceable testing consent agreements/orders 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 by EPA in accordance with procedures specified in section 4(d) of TSCA.

I. Test Data Submissions

Test data for acetone were submitted by the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) pursuant to a TSCA

section 4 enforceable testing consent agreement/order at 40 CFR 799.5000. The submission includes a final report entitled "Subchronic Operant Behavior Study of Acetone by Inhalation in Rats." Also received in conjunction with this submission is a report entitled "Schedule-Controlled Operant Behavior: Positive Control Study of Amphetamine and Chlorpromazine." EPA received both reports on June 20, 1997. Acetone is an organic solvent used in the production of methacrylic acid and ester, methyl isobutyl ketone, bisphenol A, and as a solvent for industrial coatings.

Test data for ethyl acetate were submitted by the Chemical Manufacturers Association Oxo Process Panel pursuant to a TSCA section 4 enforceable testing consent agreement/order at 40 CFR 799.5000. This submission includes final reports entitled: (1) "Subchronic Operant Behavior Study of Ethyl Acetate by Inhalation in Rats," and (2) "Subchronic Inhalation Neurotoxicity Study of Ethyl Acetate in Rats." Also received in conjunction with this submission is a report entitled "Schedule-Controlled Operant Behavior: Positive Control Study of Amphetamine and Chlorpromazine." EPA received this data submission on July 7, 1997. Ethyl acetate is used as a solvent for lacquers and enamel coatings, as a solvent for inks, as a plastics solvent, and in chemical synthesis.

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. Public Record

EPA has established a public record for this TSCA section 4(d) receipt of data notice (docket number OPPTS-44642). This record includes copies of all 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.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2603.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Test data.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority 5 CFR 1320 Authority, Comments Requested

July 30, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments October 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commissions, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 3060-0347.