

Submit comments in duplicate and identify the commenter's name, address, telephone number, and the commenter's interest in the matter and affiliation, if any, to the owners and operators of the unit covered by the exemption.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Cecilia Mijares, (312) 886-0968.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If no significant, adverse comments are timely received, no further activity is contemplated in relation to the draft written exemptions and the exemptions will be issued as direct final actions in the notice of written exemptions published elsewhere in today's Federal Register and will automatically become final on the date specified in that notice. If significant, adverse comments are timely received on an exemption, that exemption in the notice of written exemptions will be withdrawn. Because the Agency will not institute a second comment period on this notice of draft written exemptions, any parties interested in commenting should do so during this comment period.

For further information and a detailed description of the exemptions, see the information provided in the notice of written exemptions elsewhere in today's Federal Register.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Brian J. McLean,  
*Director, Acid Rain Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.*

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### **Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment, A Methodology and Resource Guide; Notice of Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the availability of a document entitled "Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment: A Methodology and Resources Guide." This document is a guide for conducting comparative substitute assessments examining performance, cost, human health and environmental risk and conservation. The approach described is used by the Design for the Environment (DfE) Program's Industry Projects.

**ADDRESSES:** The complete report is available by document number EPA (744-R-95-002). For a limited time, free copies can be obtained by contacting EPA's Pollution Prevention Information

Clearing House (PPIC), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., (3404), Washington, DC 20460. Telephone (202) 260-1023; Fax (202) 260-0178, e-mail:

ppic@epamail.epa.gov. The guide will also be available on the DfE home page at <http://es.inel.gov/dfe>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jed Meline, Economics, Exposure, and Technology Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, (7401), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-1678, e-mail: meline.jed@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program is working with several industries to identify cost-effective pollution prevention strategies that reduce risks to workers and the environment. The DfE Program has projects on-going with the flexography, lithography, printed wiring board and screen-printing industries evaluating cleaner products, processes and technologies. This publication presents the methods and resources needed to conduct a Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment, a methodology for evaluating the comparative risk, performance, cost and conservation of alternatives to chemicals currently used by specific industry sectors. The overall goal of these projects is to encourage industry to incorporate environmental concerns into the traditional business decision-making process of cost and performance. With this notice, EPA is announcing the availability of the draft document entitled "Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment: A Methodology and Resources Guide," detailing the methods and resources used to conduct substitute assessments by EPA's DfE Program.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: January 21, 1997.

Mary Ellen Weber,

*Director, Economics, Exposure and Technology Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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### **Self-Certification of Product Chemistry and Acute Toxicity Data; Notice of Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is soliciting comments on a proposed product chemistry self-certification program. The proposal is available in a draft Pesticide Regulation (PR) Notice entitled "Self-Certification of Product Chemistry Data" which is available upon request. Interested parties may request a copy of the Agency's proposed policy as set forth in the ADDRESSES unit of this notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments identified by the docket control number OPP-00461 by mail to: Public Response Section, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments directly to the OPP docket which is located in Rm. 1132 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The PR Notice is available by contacting the person whose name appears under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form or encryption. Comments will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00461." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION unit of this document.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning product chemistry data: By mail: Sami Malak (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 4th Floor, CS-1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8392, e-mail: malak.sami@epamail.epa.gov.

For information concerning acute toxicity: By mail: Tina Levine (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 6th Floor, CS-1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8393, e-mail: levine.tina@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Product Chemistry Data**

The proposed program entails self-certification of certain product chemistry data of manufacturing-use products and end-use products produced by a non-integrated formulation system. Products eligible for self-certification are formulated from registered sources. This program is voluntary and is intended to simplify and accelerate the processing of applications for registration and reregistration while maintaining protection of public health and the environment.

Under the self-certification program, applicants will submit a one-page summary of the product's physical/chemical characteristics, a self-certification statement, and a Good Laboratory Practices statement, but will no longer be required to submit the supporting data for those studies. However, registrants must retain in their possession studies conducted in substantial conformity with Agency guidelines and must submit such studies if requested by EPA. The requirements pertaining to the physical/chemical characteristics for chemical pesticides are outlined in a table under 40 CFR 158.190.

This Federal Register notice announces the availability of the draft PR Notice and solicits comment on the proposed policy. If, after reviewing any comments, EPA determines that changes to the Notice are warranted, the Agency will revise the draft PR Notice prior to release.

**II. Acute Toxicity Data**

In May 1996, EPA proposed a program whereby industry would self-certify the results of acute toxicity studies and product labeling for

products in Category III and IV [Notice of Availability (61 FR 26178, May 24, 1996) and Draft PR Notice entitled "Self-Certification of Acute Toxicity Studies" (May 15, 1996)]. Originally, EPA expected to implement the program this fall. However, comments received from industry, environmental groups, and others regarding this proposed program expressed concerns with the program. The environmental groups and others felt it would compromise the Agency's oversight role in this area and was a gateway to further erosion of Agency oversight. The industry believed that the proposed penalties were too severe. In addition, when the acute toxicity self-certification program was first considered, there were over 500 acute toxicity packages pending in the Agency. There was often a 2-year wait for these reviews. Due to many reinvention and process improvements which have been adopted, this is no longer the case. Currently, there are fewer than 90 active acute toxicity packages pending; fewer than 10 packages have been in review more than EPA's target review time of 90 days. As a result of these considerations, EPA has further evaluated the role of self-certification of acute toxicity data in OPP and has concluded that it is not necessary to implement this program. Rather, the Agency will continue to reinvent and improve its internal review processes to assure that acute toxicity reviews are performed and completed in a timely manner.

**III. Public Record**

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-00461" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form.

Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Stephen L. Johnson,

*Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**Notice of Modification to 1994 Publicker Site Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that on December 19, 1996, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") made effective a Modification to the 1994 purchaser agreement concerning the Publicker Industries Inc. Superfund Site located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purchaser agreement, which was executed on June 23, 1994, became effective on December 5, 1994 after a public comment period. The Modification, which was also executed by Delaware Avenue Enterprises, Inc., Cresmont Limited Partnership, Holt Cargo Systems, Inc. (collectively, the "Purchasers") and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("PADEP"), essentially approves the petition of the Purchasers to perform, with EPA oversight, the final, site-wide CERCLA remedy as selected by EPA in the December 28, 1995 Record of Decision (the "ROD" for Operable Unit 3, or "OU3 ROD"). The original purchaser agreement provided for this petition process, which enables the Purchasers to conduct an EPA-approved CERCLA remediation in an expeditious and cost-efficient manner.

Briefly, the OU3 ROD selected the abandonment of on-site ground water wells; the removal, treatment, and off-