

Burden Hours: 1,632.

Abstract: The success to date of the charter schools movement has resulted from the opportunities the schools provide for site-based management free of many regulations, and for instructional and other innovations, parent choice, specialized services to specific populations, and public accountability. This data collection will allow the Department of Education to assemble information on the reasons parents are enrolling students with disabilities in charter schools, the services provided by the schools, the schools' outcome goals, the student outcome measures the schools employ, and the students' success in the schools. Subjects will include educators, parents, and students.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: A Study of Charter Schools.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:

Responses: 4,611.

Burden Hours: 2,365.

Abstract: This four-year study of charter schools will examine the impact of charter schools on student achievement, on education reform, and on an array of other issues. The study includes an annual survey of the universe of charter schools and intensive site visits at a sample of charter schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-610-000]

Northern States Power Company (Minnesota Company); Notice of Filing

December 1, 1997.

Take notice that on November 10, 1997, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) (NSP), tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement and a Short-Term Firm Transmission Service Agreement between NSP and Continental Energy Services, L.L.C.

NSP requests that the Commission accept both the agreements effective October 15, 1997, and requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements in order for the agreements to be

accepted for filing on the date requested.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before December 10, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-4680-000]

Starghill Alternative Energy Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 2, 1997.

Starghill Alternative Energy Corporation (Starghill) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Starghill will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Starghill also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Starghill requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Starghill.

On November 24, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Starghill should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Starghill is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interest will be adversely affected by continued approval of Starghill's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 24, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00514; FRL-5758-6]

Nominations to the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the names, addresses, professional affiliations, and selected biographical data of persons nominated to serve on the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) established under section 25(d) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The Panel was created on November 28, 1975, and made a statutory Panel by amendment to the FIFRA, dated October 25, 1988. Public comment on the nominations is invited, as these comments will be used to assist the agency in selecting nominees to the Panel.

DATES: Comments should be postmarked no later than January 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132,

Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, telephone: (703) 305-5805.

Comments and data also may 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 of encryption. Comments and data also will be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number, "OPP-00514." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Larry C. Dorsey, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 819B, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, telephone: (703) 305-5369/7351; e-mail: dorsey.larry@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Amendments to the FIFRA enacted November 28, 1975, include a requirement under section 25(d) that notices of intent to cancel or reclassify pesticide regulations pursuant to section 6(b)(2), as well as proposed and final forms of rulemaking pursuant to section 25(a), be submitted to a Scientific Advisory Panel prior to being made public or issued to a registrant. In accordance with section 25(d), the Scientific Advisory Panel is to have an opportunity to comment on the health and environmental impact of such actions. The Panel shall also make comments, evaluations, and recommendations for operating guidelines to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by agency scientists.

II. Charter

A Charter for the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel has been issued (dated October 2, 1996) in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770 (5 U.S.C. appI). The qualifications of members as provided by the Charter follow.

A. Qualifications of Members

Members are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications,

including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments as to the impact on health and the environment of regulatory actions under sections 6(b) and 25(a) of FIFRA. No persons shall be ineligible to serve on the Panel by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal department or agency or their employment by a Federal department or agency (except the EPA). The Deputy Administrator appoints individuals to serve on the Panel for staggered terms of 4 years. Panel members are subject to the provisions of 40 CFR part 3, subpart F, Standards of Conduct for Special Government Employees, which include rules regarding conflicts of interest. Each nominee selected by the Deputy Administrator, before being formally appointed, is required to submit a Confidential Statement of Employment and Financial Interests, which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the nominee's sources of research support, if any.

In accordance with section 25(d) of FIFRA, the Deputy Administrator shall require all nominees to the Panel to furnish information concerning their professional qualifications, educational background, employment history, and scientific publications. The Agency is required to publish in the **Federal Register** the name, address, and professional affiliations of each nominee and to seek public comment on the nominees.

B. Applicability of Existing Regulations

With respect to the requirements of section 25(d) that the Administrator promulgate regulations regarding conflicts of interest, the Charter provides that EPA's existing regulations applicable to special government employees, which include advisory committee members, will apply to the members of the Scientific Advisory Panel. These regulations appear at 40 CFR part 3, subpart F. In addition, the Charter provides for open meetings with opportunities for public participation.

C. Process of Obtaining Nominees

In accordance with the provisions of section 25(d), EPA, in March 1997, requested the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) to nominate scientists to fill three vacancies occurring on the Panel. The Agency requested nomination of experts in the fields of pediatric medicine, environmental fate and transport, and human health risk assessment methods. In addition, nominees should have a general background in planning, conducting, or evaluating environmental toxicology,

exposure, or epidemiology studies in animals and/or in humans (particularly children and infants). NIH responded by letter dated April 18, 1997, enclosing a list of 20 nominees; NSF responded by letter dated May 7, 1997, with a list of 8 nominees.

III. Nominees

The following are the names, addresses, professional affiliations, and selected biographical data on nominees being considered for membership on the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel to fill three vacancies occurring during the calendar year, 1998.

Nominees for the Field of Pediatric Medicine

1. Cynthia Bearer, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Rainbow Babies and Childrens Hospital, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Expertise: Neonatology, biochemistry, pediatric environmental health.

Education: B.A. (Mathematics), Smith College, Northampton, MA, 1972; Ph.D. (Biochemistry), Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, 1977; M.D. (Pediatrics), Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, (1982).

Professional experience: Assistant in Pediatrics, Children's Hospital, Barnes Hospital, and Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, 1987-1989; Director, Division of Pediatric Environmental Health, Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute, Oakland, CA; Director, Divisions of Neonatology and Pediatric Environmental Health, Tod Children's Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio, 1992-1994; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology, Rainbow Babies and Childrens Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, 1994 to present.

Concurrent positions: Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosciences, Case Western Reserve University, 1994 to present.

Research: Pulmonary hypertension and maternal smoking, fetal alcohol syndrome, apoptosis and NCAM expression in reaggregating cultures.

2. Archie Bleyer, Head, Division of Pediatrics, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas.

Expertise: Pediatric medicine.

Education: B.S. (Life Sciences) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 1965; M.D., University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, 1969; Postgraduate training in Pediatrics, University of Washington and Children's Hospital, Seattle, 1971; Pediatric Oncology, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, 1974; Hematology/ Oncology, University of

Washington and Children's Hospital, Seattle, 1975.

Professional experience: Staff Physician, Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Seattle, WA, 1975-1990; University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, 1990 to present.

Concurrent positions: Professor of Hematology and Head, Division of Hematology/Oncology, University of Texas School of Medicine at Houston, 1990 to present.

Research: Pediatric oncology.

3. Phillip Landrigan, M.D., Chair, Department of Community Medicine and Director of Environmental and Occupational Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York.

Expertise: Toxicology, Epidemiology, Pediatrics.

Education: B.A., Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1959; M.D., Harvard, Cambridge, MA, 1967; M.S. (Occupational Medicine), University of London, England, 1977.

Professional experience: Instructor, Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA, 1969-1970; Chief, Environmental Hazards Activity, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA, 1970-1979; Visiting Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, England, 1976-1977; Assistant Clinical Professor of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, 1981-1986; Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, 1985 to present.

Research: Heavy metal poisoning, pesticide intoxication, solvent neuropathy, chronic lung disease, chemically induced renal disease, and occupational carcinogenesis.

4. Gary Meyers, Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, NY.

Expertise: Pediatrics, neurology, toxicology.

Education: M.D., University of Kansas School of Medicine, Lawrence, KS 1966.

Professional experience: Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics, University of Alabama School of Medicine and Dentistry, Tuscaloosa, AL, 1978-1990; Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, NY, 1990 to present.

Research: Health hazards of methylmercury, mental retardation, education of the handicapped.

5. Herbert Needleman, Lead Research Group, Bellefield Towers, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Expertise: Pediatrics, child psychiatry, toxicology.

Education: B.S., Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA; M.D., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Professional experience: Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 1971-1980; Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA, 1980-1981, Professor of Child Psychiatry and Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA, 1981 to present.

Research: lead poisoning, effects of lead during pregnancy on infant development, learning disabilities.

6. Leslie Robison, Director, Division of Pediatric Epidemiology and Clinical Research, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Expertise: Epidemiology.

Education: B.S. (Public Health), University of California, Los Angeles, CA, 1976; MPH and Ph.D. (Public Health and Epidemiology), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1979 and 1982, respectively.

Professional experience: Joined Division of Epidemiology, University of Minnesota School of Public Health in 1982; served in a number of teaching and administrative positions through the present.

Research: Investigations relating to cause and development of cancer in children, with a particular interest in childhood leukemia. Also involved in evaluation of childhood cancer survivors to identify treatment-related late effects.

7. Mary S. Wolff, Professor of Community Medicine, Division of Environmental and Occupational Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York.

Expertise: Pediatrics.

Education: B.A. (Chemistry), Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA, 1965; M. Phil (Organic Chemistry) and Ph.D. (Organic Chemistry), Yale University, New Haven, CN, 1969 and 1970, respectively.

Professional experience: Involved in numerous studies of persons exposed both occupationally and through the ambient environment to organochlorine pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls.

Research: Interests center around application of biological markers to determine exposures of humans to chemicals that occur in the environment (air pollutants, lead, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, solvents, pesticides, and halogenated hydrocarbons.) Currently focusing on breast cancer risks associated with environmental exposures and the genetic determinants of these risks, on genetic and environmental influences on

reproductive development, and on dietary modulation of environmental exposures.

Nominees for the Field of Environmental Fate and Transport:

1. May Berenbaum, Department of Entomology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.

Expertise: Plant biology, entomology.
Education: B.S. (Biology) Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1974; Ph.D. (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 1980.

Professional experience: Professor, Departments of Entomology and Plant Biology and Department of Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, 1980 to present.

Research: Phototoxicity of plant secondary metabolites--insect and mammalian perspectives, plant-insect interactions.

2. Louis Guillette, Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

Expertise: Reproductive biology, endocrinology.

Education: B.S. (Biology) New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM, 1976; M.A. and Ph.D. (Biology), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, 1979 and 1981, respectively.

Professional experience: Teaching positions at University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO (1980); Wichita State University, Wichita, KS (1981-1985); University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 1985 to present; Adjunct Professor, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand (1994 to present); Director and Scientific Director of the Biotechnologies for the Ecological, Evolutionary, and Conservation Sciences (BEECS) Program and the BEECS Reproductive Analysis Laboratory, University of Florida (1992-1994).

Research: Evolution of viviparity in the different vertebrate classes; structure, function, and evolution of vertebrate oviduct, extraembryonic membranes and placentae; environmental contaminants as hormones; environmental contaminant influences on reproductive activity and embryonic development; biology of the corpus luteum; hormonal control of birth and gestation length; stress and reproduction; reproductive biology of high elevation vertebrates; comparative reproductive anatomy and physiology; and comparative endocrinology.

3. Ernest Hodgson, Head, Department of Toxicology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

Expertise: Toxicology.

Education: B.S. (Zoology and Physiology), University of Durham, England, 1955; Ph.D. (Entomology and Biochemistry), Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, 1960.

Professional experience: Assistant, Salmon migration studies, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, England, 1954-1955; teaching and administrative positions, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 1961 to present.

Research: Biochemical toxicology, particularly the mammalian FAD-containing microsomal monooxygenase, the cytochrome P450 dependent monooxygenase system, resistance to toxicants, and comparative aspects of xenobiotic metabolism.

4. Fumio Matsumura, Chair, Department of Environmental Toxicology, University of California, Davis, CA.

Expertise: Toxicology.

Education: B.A. (Toxicology), University of Tokyo, Japan, 1957; M.S. (Toxicology), University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, 1959; Ph.D. (Toxicology of Pesticides and Related Chemicals), University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, 1961.

Professional experience: Professor, Entomology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1964-1977; Professor of Entomology, Director of Pesticide Research Center, and Coordinator of Laboratory for Pesticide Biotechnology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 1977-1987; Professor, Departments of Entomology and Environmental Toxicology, Associate Director of Toxic Substances Program and Center for Ecological Health Research (EPA Supported), and Director of Center for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS supported), University of California, Davis, CA, 1987 to present.

Research: Biochemical toxicology of chlorinated organic pollutants.

5. Beth Mileson, Senior Scientist, International Life Sciences Institute, Washington, DC.

Expertise: Toxicology, air quality.

Education: B.A. (Biology), George Washington University, Washington, DC, 1981; M.S. (Biology/Zoology), George Washington University, 1984; Ph.D. (Toxicology), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 1989.

Professional experience: Research Associate, Duke University Medical Center for the Study of the Aging, Durham, NC, 1989-1991; Toxicologist, North Carolina Division of Air Quality, 1992-1996; Senior Scientist, ILSI Risk Science Institute, Washington, DC, 1996 to present.

Research: Common mechanisms of toxicity, methods for evaluation of

peripheral nervous system acetylcholinesterase activity.

6. Arnold Schecter, Professor of Preventive Medicine, State University of New York Health Science Center, Binghamton, NY, and College of Medicine, Syracuse, NY, and College of Medicine, Binghamton, NY. Also Visiting Scientist at National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC.

Expertise: Chlorinated dioxins and related chemicals in human breast milk, environmental health.

Education: B.S. (Physiology/Neurophysiology), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 1957; M.D., Howard University Medical School, Washington, DC, 1962; MPH, Columbia University School of Public Health, New York, NY, 1976.

Professional experience: Clinical Associate Professor, New Jersey Medical School, 1975-1979; Commissioner of Health, Broome County, Binghamton, New York, 1979-1981; Professor, State University of New York, Health Science Center, Syracuse, and College of Medicine, Binghamton, New York, 1979 to present.

Research: Dioxins, Agent Orange, drug and alcohol dependence.

7. John J. Stegeman, Senior Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, M.A. (background material unavailable).

8. Frederick vom Saal, Professor of Biology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

Expertise: Neurobiology, sociobiology, biology of reproduction, behavioral ecology, pharmacology, endocrinology.

Education: B.A. (Psychobiology) New York University, Washington Square College, New York; M.S. and Ph.D. (Neurobiology), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 1974 and 1976, respectively.

Professional experience: Biology teacher, Peace Corps, Somalia and Kenya, 1969-1970; Biology Teacher, Marymount International School, Paris, France, 1970-1972; Researcher, Institute of Reproductive Biology, University of Texas, Austin, TX, 1976-1979; Visiting Professor, Center for Human Reproduction, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, NY, 1990-1991; Professor, Biological Sciences, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 1979 to present.

Research: Long-term consequences of exposure during embryonic life of the brain and reproductive organs to natural hormones and man-made endocrine-disrupting chemicals.

9. Christopher Wilkinson, Technology Services Group, Inc., Washington, DC.

Expertise: Toxicology.

Education: B.S., University of Reading, England, 1961; Ph.D. (Entomology), University of California, Riverside, CA, 1961.

Professional experience: Associate Professor, Pest Infestation Lab, Agricultural Research Council, England, 1965-1966; Professor of Insect Toxicology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 1978-1984; Managing Toxicologist, Versar, Inc., Springfield, VA, 1985-1992; Toxicologist, Technology Services Group, Inc., Washington, DC, 1993 to present.

Research: Structure-activity relationships and mode of action of synergists; biochemistry, comparative biochemistry of microsomal drug metabolism.

Nominees for the Field of Human Health Risk Assessment Methods

1. Ronald Atlas, Department of Biology, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

Expertise: Microbiology, genetics.

Education: B.S. (Biology), State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1968; M.S. (Microbiology) and Ph.D. (Microbiology), Rutgers the State University, New Brunswick, NJ, 1970 and 1972, respectively.

Professional experience: Research/Teaching Assistant and Fellow, Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ, 1968-1972; Resident Research Associate, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA, 1972-1973; Professor of Biology, Associate Dean, and Acting Chairman, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, 1973 to present.

Research: Oil pollution, interactions of petroleum and microorganisms.

2. Michael Bowers, Professor and Director, Blandy Experimental Farm, Orland E. White Arboretum, University of Virginia, Boyce, VA.

Expertise: Ecology, habitat/population modeling.

Education: B.S. (Zoology and Botany) and M.S. (Zoology), Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 1978 and 1979, respectively; Ph.D. (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 1984.

Professional experience: Research Professor, Division of Environmental Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, 1984-1985; Professor and Researcher, Department of Environmental Sciences and Blandy Experimental Farm, University of Virginia, 1985 to present.

Research: Conservation ecology, environmental risk management.

3. Edward J. Calabrese, Professor of Toxicology and Director of Northeast

Regional Environmental Public Health Center, Amherst, MA.

Expertise: Human Health Risk Assessment Methods.

Education: B.A. and M.A. (Biology), State College, Bridgewater, MA, 1968 and 1972, respectively; Ph.D. (Physiology/Toxicology) and EdD (Science Education), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, 1973 and 1974, respectively.

Professional experience: Environmental Research Director, Massachusetts Public Interest Group, 1973-1974; Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and Assistant Director, Environmental Health Resource Center, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL 1974-1976; Professor, Environmental Toxicology, and Director of Northeast Regional Environmental Public Health Center, Amherst, MA, 1976 to present.

Research: Air, soil, and water pollution.

4. Damstra Terri, International Programme on Chemical Safety, World Health Organization, Research Triangle Park, NC.

Expertise: Women's Health, Environmental Chemicals and Nervous System Toxicology.

Education: B.A. (Biology), Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, 1964; Ph.D. (Biology), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 1969.

Professional experience: Associate Professor in Biochemistry, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 1976-1996; Special Assistant to the Director, Center for Bioenvironmental Research, Tulane/Xavier Universities, New Orleans, LA, 1996-1997; Associate Director for International Programs, Associate Director for Science Coordination, Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 1981 to present.

Research: Pollutants in breast milk, hazardous wastes, environmental mutagens and carcinogens, and sustainable development.

5. Elaine Faustman, Department of Environmental Health, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Expertise: Animal Toxicology.

Education: B.A., Hope College, Holland MI, 1976; Ph.D. (Pharmacology/Toxicology), Michigan State University, Lansing, MI, 1981; Postdoctoral (Toxicology), University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 1981-1983.

Professional experience: Professor of Environmental Health, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 1983 to present.

Research: Developmental toxicity of direct acting alkylating agents in rodent embryos, short-term tests for teratogens.

6. Tyrone Hayes, Assistant Professor, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley, CA.

Expertise: Reproductive Biology, Endocrinology.

Education: B.A. and M.A. (Biology), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1988 and 1989, respectively; Ph.D. (Integrative Biology), University of California, Berkeley, CA, 1993.

Professional experience: Consultant, Biosystems, Tiburon, CA, 1990 to present; Adjunct Postdoctoral Fellow, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, M.D., 1994; research and teaching positions, University of California Berkeley, CA, 1994 to present.

Research: The role of steroids in growth and development of amphibians.

7. Michael Gallo, Environmental and Occupational Health Science Institute, Piscataway, NJ.

Expertise: Human Health Risk Assessment Methods (additional background material unavailable).

8. Carol Litchfield, Associate Professor, Department of Biology, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Expertise: Microbiology, bioremediation.

Education: B.S. and M.S. (Biology), University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, 1958 and 1960, respectively.

Professional experience: Professor, Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey, Marine Microbial Ecology Research Program and Center for Coastal and Environmental Studies, New Brunswick, NJ, 1971-1979; Supervisory Research Microbiologist, Aquatic Toxicology, Microbiological Fouling and Control, E.I. duPont de Nemours Co., Haskell Laboratory, Newark, DE, 1981-1986; Supervisory Research Microbiologist and Senior Scientific Consultant, environmental remediation consulting firms, 1986-1993, Associate Professor, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 1993 to present.

Research: Biodegradation, hazardous wastes.

9. Christopher Portier, Head, Toxicokinetics Faculty, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC; Adjunct Professor of Biostatistics, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC.

Expertise: Human health risk assessment methods

Education: B.S. (Mathematics), Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA, 1977; M.S. and Ph.D. (Biostatistics), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 1979 and 1981, respectively.

Professional experience: Head, Risk Methodology Section, Division of

Biometry and Risk Assessment, and Head, Toxicokinetics Faculty, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC, 1979 to present.

Research: Risk assessment methodology.

10. Gary Saylor, Director, Center for Environmental Biotechnology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Expertise: Microbiology, bioremediation, molecular biology.

Education: B.S. (Bacteriology), North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, 1971; Ph.D. (Bacteriology/Biochemistry), University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, 1974.

Professional experience: Researcher, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC, 1980-1985; Research and teaching positions, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, 1988 to present.

Research: Managing biodegradable microbial communities, molecular environmental diagnostic applications in hazardous waste bioremediation.

11. Ana Soto, Associate Professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Tufts University of Medicine, Boston, MA.

Expertise: Endocrinology.

Education: B.S. (Biology) Colegio Elizalde, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1967; M.D., University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1970.

Professional experience: Instructor, Departments of Physiology and Biological Chemistry, University of Buenos Aires School of Sciences, Argentina, 1971-1973; Research Associate, Tufts Cancer Center, Boston, MA, 1973-1976; Fellow, Foundation de L'Industrie Pharmaceutique, Hospital Debrousse, Lyon, France; Professor, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Tufts University of Medicine, Boston, MA, 1977 to present.

Research: Breast cancer, effects of pesticides on human estrogen-sensitive cells.

12. Thomas Webster, Boston University School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health, Boston, MA.

Expertise: Human health risk assessment. (Additional background material unavailable.)

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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