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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970483, Draft EIS, FAA, FL, Miami International Airport Master Plan Update for the Proposed New Runway, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Miami-Dade County, FL, Due: February 20, 1998, Contact: Bart Vernace, P.E. (407) 812-6331.

EIS No. 970484, Draft Supplement, COE, CA, Napa River and Napa Creek Flood Protection Project, New Information, City of Napa, Napa County, CA, Due: February 06, 1998, Contact: Thomas Bonetti (916) 557-6727.

EIS No. 970485, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Cascade Point Access Road, Construction, Maintenance and Operation, Road Easement within National Forest System land in the vicinity of Echo Cove, EPA Permit, COE Sections 10 and 404 Permits, Juneau, AK, Due: February 06, 1998, Contact: Jennett de Leeuw (907) 586-8800.

EIS No. 970486, Final EIS, AFS, WI, Oconto River Seed Orchard Pest Management Plan, Implementation, Nicolet National Forest, Oconto County, WI, Due: January 22, 1998, Contact: Bill Sery (715) 276-7400.

EIS No. 970487, Draft EIS, COE, GA, Brunswick Harbor Deepening Federal Navigation Project, Improvements, Brunswick, Glynn County, GA, Due: February 06, 1998, Contact: William G. Bailey (912) 652-5781.

EIS No. 970488, Final EIS, USN, NY, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Calverton Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Towns of Riverhead and Brookhaven on Long Island, Suffolk County, NY, Due: January 22, 1998, Contact: Kurt C. Frederick (610) 595-0728.

EIS No. 970489, DRAFT EIS, DOE, KY, TN, OH, TN, Programmatic EIS—

Alternative Strategies for the Long-Term Management and Use of Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride, Paducah Site, McCracken County, KY; Portsmouth Site, Pike County, OH; and K-25 Site on the Oak Ridge Reservation, Anderson and Roane Counties, TN, Due: April 28, 1998, Contact: Charles E. Bradley (301) 903-4781.

EIS No. 970490, Final EIS, FHW, MO, MO-21 Corridor Transportation Improvement, between Otto to DeSoto, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit, Jefferson County, MO, Due: January 22, 1998, Contact: Don Newmann (573) 636-7104.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 970464, Draft EIS, COE, AZ, Rio Salado Environmental Restoration of two Sites along the Salt River; (1) Phoenix Reach and (2) Tempe Reach, Feasibility Report, in the Cities of Phoenix and Tempe, Maricopa County, AZ, Due: January 26, 1998, Contact: Alex Watt (213) 452-3860. Published FR-12-12-97—Correction to Telephone.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5941-2]

Technical Workshop on the Potential for Application of 2,3,7,8-TCDD Toxicity Equivalency Factors to Aquatic Life and Wildlife

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a workshop to evaluate the application of toxicity equivalency factors (TEFs) for 2,3,7,8-TCDD to the assessment of risks from polychlorinated dioxins, furans, and biphenyls to terrestrial and aquatic wildlife. The workshop will be open to members of the public as observers. The application of TEFs, which are based on different experimental systems and varying amounts of empirical data, will be studied in the context of representative case studies.

DATES: The workshop will begin on Tuesday, January 20, 1998, at 3 p.m. and end on Thursday, January 22, 1998, at 5 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Chicago Hilton and Towers, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605, Telephone (312) 922-4400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical inquiries, contact Cynthia Nolt, U.S. EPA Office of Science Policy (8104R), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460, Telephone (202) 564-6763. Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, is convening this workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Telephone (781) 674-7374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the workshop is to explore the application of additivity models for polychlorinated dioxins, furans, and biphenyls in problem formulations and effects characterizations of ecological risk assessments for aquatic life and avian and mammalian wildlife. In two previous workshops, convened by the World Health Organization in August 1996 and June 1997, scientific experts reached consensus on a scheme for prioritizing data sets and TEFs for aquatic life and wildlife. This third workshop will examine the use of a TEF approach in effects characterization in prospective risk assessments, as well as in retrospective risk assessments, where it may be applied as a diagnostic tool to assess relative risk.

The workshop will consist of three panels that are to address uncertainties, such as lack of knowledge and variability, associated with WHO consensus TEFs (and the data sets for aquatic, avian, and mammalian wildlife from which the TEFs were determined), in the context of two risk assessment case studies. The prospective case study involves a risk assessment for a hypothetical point source requiring a water quality permit with standards that will protect aquatic life and wildlife at the individual and population levels of biological organization. The retrospective case study focuses on a hypothetical freshwater ecosystem in which scientists have observed reproductive effects and have measured exposures in both biota and sediments. The panels will relate the exposure levels to a concentration of concern and a threshold for remediation.

To focus the workshop, the deliberations will address only compounds whose mode of action is elicited through the arylhydrocarbon receptor (AhR). The workshop will not address either chemicals with different modes of action or nonchemical stressors. In addition, the workshop deliberations will be restricted to the direct effects of AhR agonists, and will

not involve evaluations of indirect effects.

Each panel will be composed of experts from the public and private sector. They will use the two case studies to evaluate how the nature and extent of uncertainties associated with the TEF approach and with associated data sets can have varying implications in different types of risk assessments. The results of the workshop will be compiled and summarized by Eastern Research Group in a workshop report. The availability of this workshop report will be announced in a future **Federal Register** document.

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William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5941-1]

Technical Workshop on Drake Site Incinerator Risk Issues

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a workshop convened by Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, for scientific peer review of the EPA draft risk assessment for the Drake Chemical Superfund Site Incinerator full-scale operation in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The workshop will be held in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and will be open to members of the public as observers. The peer review, to be conducted by scientists from outside EPA, is being organized to assist in completing the risk assessment.

DATES: The workshop will begin on Thursday, January 15, 1998 at 12 Noon and end on Friday, January 16, 1998 at 12:30 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Genetti Hotel & Conference Center, 200 West 4th Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701. Since seating capacity is limited, please contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel.: (781) 674-7374, by January 9, 1998 to attend the workshop as an observer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical inquiries, contact Mr. Gregg Crystall, U.S. EPA Region III, 841 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Tel.: (215) 566-3207. Copies of

the draft risk assessment will be available for inspection in the EPA Region III Library, Philadelphia, PA, and the EPA Headquarters Information Resources Center, Washington DC. In addition, the draft risk assessment will be available for inspection in: the Ross Public Library, West Main Street, Lock Haven, PA, 17745; the Stevenson Library, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven PA, 17745; and the Lock Haven City Hall, 20 East Church Street, Lock Haven, PA, 17745. Inquiries concerning additional opportunities for document review should be directed to Mr. Crystall.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: While operational, the Drake Chemical Company in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania was sited numerous times by State and Federal agencies for violating environmental and health and safety regulations. In 1982 as a response to the Company's noncompliance with environmental regulations, EPA Region III undertook emergency removal actions. These actions included removal and disposal of surface drums, surface sludges, and liquids contained in process and storage tanks, and placement of fences around the property. Additional remediation actions have been conducted in several phases since then. Phase I remedial activities included the remediation of a leachate stream draining into Bald Eagle Creek. Phase II included drainage and removal of materials from two lined Lagoons, and demolition and removal of the on-site buildings. Subsequent studies conducted at the site indicated that the remaining contamination in soils presented a serious threat to the environment and human health. The 1988 Record of Decision concluded that the remaining site wastes, approximately 200,000 cubic yards of contaminated site soils, sediments, and sludges from the on-site lagoons, should be excavated and treated on-site in a high temperature incinerator. The excavated soils would be stockpiled temporarily, remediated in an on-site rotary kiln incinerator, then returned to the site. After all the contaminated soil had been remediated, the incinerator would be dismantled and removed from the site.

Prior to full-scale operation, a trial burn process was conducted to ensure incinerator equipment functioned according to operational and safety specifications. Prior to conducting this evaluation, EPA Region III prepared a trial burn process risk assessment (June, 1996). The trial burn process risk assessment was developed using approximated data drawn from site soil

samples, anticipated soil feed rates, incinerator design parameters, and emissions data from other incinerators. Results of the trial burn risk assessment were presented during a public meeting held in September 1996. The trial burn process was conducted in January and February 1997.

Most recently, EPA Region III developed a full-scale operation risk assessment by utilizing actual data collected during the trial burn process. The resulting Draft Drake Chemical Site Incinerator Full-Scale Operation Risk Assessment (November 1997) is the subject of the current peer review.

For the current review, EPA is inviting a panel of 14 independent scientists from the fields of toxicology, environmental fate and transport, combustion engineering, atmospheric modeling, exposure assessment, and ecological assessment. These scientists will focus on the scientific data, methods, and analyses, along with the assumptions and uncertainties that are associated with full-scale operation risk estimates. Following the workshop, EPA will consider the scientist's individual recommendations in completing the risk assessment. The risk assessment documents undergoing review relate only to scientific issues. Although the completed risk assessment will be one of the factors considered in making future decisions for the Drake Chemical site, these decisions and other risk management issues will not be a part of the peer review process.

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Notice of Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board on February 10-11, 1998

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold an open meeting of the full Board on February 10-11, 1998. The meeting will be held at the National Press Club, 13th Floor in the Holeman Lounge, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC. The February 10 session will run from 9 am to 5 pm, while the February 11 session will run from 8:15 am to 11 am.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA