

Dated: May 28, 1998.

**Joseph Retzer,**

*Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6107-2]

**Carcinogenic Effects of Benzene: An Update**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a final report titled, Carcinogenic Effects of Benzene: An Update (EPA/600/P-97/001F), which was prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) of the Office of Research and Development (ORD).

**DATES:** This document will be available on or about June 15, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies will be available from the Center for Environmental Research Information, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268; telephone: 513-569-7562; fax: 513-569-7566. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title and number, Carcinogenic Effects of Benzene: An Update (EPA/600/P-97/001F).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Bayliss, National Center for Environmental Assessment/Washington Office (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: 202-564-3294; fax: 202-565-0078; e-mail: [benzene.new@epa.gov](mailto:benzene.new@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This report was developed at the request of the Office of Mobile Sources, Office of Air and Radiation, to update the current Agency cancer inhalation risk characterization shown on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) and in the 1985 assessment, Interim Quantitative Cancer Unit Risk Estimates Due to Inhalation of Benzene. The major issue addressed in this report involves the magnitude of the risk of cancer to humans exposed to low levels of benzene. Occupational studies of workers exposed to benzene continue to

provide the bulk of evidence of benzene's carcinogenicity. Workers are exposed at much higher levels than is the general public. This document reaffirms that benzene is a "known" human carcinogen by all routes of exposure. This finding is supported by evidence from epidemiologic studies, animal data, and an improved understanding of mechanism(s) of action. Human epidemiologic studies of highly exposed occupational cohorts have demonstrated that exposure to benzene can cause acute nonlymphocytic leukemia and other blood disorders. Additionally, changes in blood and bone marrow consistent with hematotoxicity are recognized in humans and experimental animals. Currently, there is insufficient evidence to reject a linear dose-response curve for extrapolation of risk to low exposure levels and so use of a linear extrapolation is still recommended. In its earlier assessment, and in IRIS, EPA uses a single risk estimate for benzene of 26 per thousand per ppm of lifetime inhalation exposure. This update assessment recommends a range of risk estimates, that is, 7.1-25 per thousand per ppm.

A draft of this document underwent public comment during July and August 1997 and external peer-panel review on July 16, 1997 (62 FR 35172-35173). These review comments were considered in preparing the final document.

Dated: May 21, 1998.

**William H. Farland,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**

**Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants**

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

Freight and Export Management  
Expeditors International, 12818  
Skyknoll Lane, Houston, TX 77082,

Officers: Angel Ortiz, Partner; Juan Garza, Partner  
OverOceans, Inc., 2902 Airfreight Road, Houston, TX 77032, Officers: George J. Smith, CEO; Kahne D. Smith, President  
Reto Shipping Corporation d/b/a Reto Services, 8364 N.W. 66 Street, Miami, FL 33166, Officers: Angel Gonzalez, President; Loraine V. Gonzalez, Vice President.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

**Joseph C. Polking,**

*Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Agency information collection activities: Announcement of Board approval under delegated authority and submission to OMB**

**SUMMARY**

**Background**

Notice is hereby given of the final approval of a proposed information collection by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. A copy of the OMB 83-I and supporting statement and an approved collection of information instrument is placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**CONTACT:** Chief, Financial Reports Section--Mary M. McLaughlin--Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202-452-3829)

OMB Desk Officer--Alexander T. Hunt--Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503 (202-395-7860)

Final approval under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, with revision, of the following report:

1. *Report title:* Annual Report of Bank Holding Companies  
*Agency form number:* FR Y-6

OMB control number: 7100-0124  
 Frequency: annual  
 Reporters: bank holding companies  
 Annual reporting hours: 22,552  
 Estimated average hours per response: 4.0

Number of respondents: 5,638  
 Small businesses are affected.

**General description of report:** This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 1844(b) and (c)). Confidential treatment is not routinely given to the information in this report. However, confidential treatment for the report information can be requested, in whole or part, in accordance with the instructions to the form.

**Abstract:** The annual FR Y-6 report provides structure information that includes an organizational chart and information about shareholders that meet certain criteria as well as information on the identity, percentage ownership, and business interests of principal shareholders, directors, and executive officers. The report enables the Federal Reserve to monitor bank holding company operations and to ensure that the operations are conducted in a safe and sound manner and are in compliance with the provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act and Regulation Y (12 C.F.R. 225).

On March 2, 1998, the Board issued for public comment proposed revisions to the FR Y-6 report (63 FR 10224). The comment period expired on May 1, 1998. The Board proposed to revise the reporting requirements of the item providing information on directors and officers (report item 4) to eliminate the reporting of the number of voting securities owned, controlled or held with the power to vote by principal shareholders, officers, directors or other individuals in the bank holding company exercising similar functions. Respondents would still be required to disclose the percentage of each class of voting securities owned, controlled or held with the power to vote by such individuals. Board staff also propose to add lines to the report cover page and the supplemental cover page to disclose holding company physical locations, and to add an appendix to provide an example of an accurately completed FR Y-6 to assist respondents in completing this free-form report.

The Board received comment letters from five consulting firms. Each commenter objected to the proposed revision to eliminate the reporting of the number of voting securities owned, controlled or held with the power to vote by principal shareholders, officers, directors or other individuals in the bank holding companies exercising

similar functions. The commenters generally stated that this information provides a measure of an officer or a director's commitment to the safety and soundness of the holding company.

Board staff contacted commenters and discovered that they did not realize that respondents will still be required to disclose the percentage of each class of voting securities owned, controlled or held with the power to vote by such individuals. The commenters indicated that continued collection of this item addresses their concerns. The Board believes that the requirement to only provide the percentage of voting shares held will still provide the Federal Reserve with adequate regulatory information. The Board approved the information collection as initially proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 29, 1998.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### **Federal Supply Service; Elimination of Move Management Services Provisions From, and Revisions to the General Transportation Provisions of, the General Services Administration's (GSA's) Centralized Household Goods Traffic Management Program (CHAMP)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Supply Service, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed program changes for comment.

**SUMMARY:** On December 4, 1997, GSA published for comment in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 64225) a notice of proposed changes to the 1997 Household Goods Tender of Service (HTOS) providing for licensed broker and direct move management services provider participation in CHAMP. After having carefully considered the comments provided and weighed potential ramifications of the new provisions, we have decided not to implement the provisions published on December 4th. Instead, we are eliminating move management services provisions from the HTOS and including under its general transportation provisions those activities currently defined as move management services that are inherent in a carrier's daily operations. The HTOS will be revised accordingly and published for comment in a forthcoming **Federal Register** notice with a planned

effective date coinciding with expiration of the current rates on October 31, 1998.

Federal agencies will have the opportunity to obtain broker services through the Governmentwide Employee Relocation Services Schedule. Under this proposed procurement approach, brokers will be restricted to using carriers participating in GSA's HTOS program. To ensure that a carrier which transports a brokered shipment is fairly compensated for its services, we are proposing that carriers have the opportunity to file a brokered shipment rate in addition to the general transportation rate under GSA's next Request For Offers.

**DATES:** Please submit your comments by August 3, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail comments to the Travel and Transportation Management Division (FBX), General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20406, Attn: **Federal Register** Notice. GSA will consider your comments prior to finalizing the revised HTOS provisions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Tucker, Senior Program Expert, Travel and Transportation Management Division, FSS/GSA, 703-305-5745.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

**Janice Sandwen,**

*Director, Travel and Transportation Management Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### **Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Notice Inviting Applications for the New Award for Fiscal Year 1998, Correction**

**AGENCY:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), Office of the Secretary (OS).

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** In the **Federal Register** of May 21, 1998, The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) published a Notice Inviting Applications for Grants to determine the status of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients after they leave the TANF caseload, eligible families who are diverted before being enrolled, or eligible families who fail to enroll. The document contained an ambiguous description of Eligible Applicants.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Snow, 202-690-6888.