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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

**National Toxicology Program, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction; Announces an Expert Panel Review of Phthalates, August 17-19, 1999 in Alexandria, VA**

### Background

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences have established the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (63 FR 68782, No 239). The purpose of the Center is to provide timely and unbiased, scientifically sound evaluations of human and experimental evidence for adverse effects on reproduction, including development, caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. The evaluations produced through the Center will be published as monographs in Environmental Health Perspectives; a special effort will be made to summarize the reports in terms that can be understood by those who are not scientifically trained.

### Expert Panel Review of Phthalates

Seven phthalate esters will be evaluated by an expert panel under the auspices of the NTP Center (64 FR 18921-18922, No 73). These were selected based on their high production volume, extent of human exposures, use in children's products, or published evidence of reproductive or developmental toxicity. The chemicals to be evaluated are listed below with their Chemical Abstract Service registry numbers.

butyl benzyl phthalate (85-68-7)  
di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (117-81-7)  
di-isodecyl phthalate (26761-40-0,  
68515-49-1)  
di-isononyl phthalate (28553-12-0,  
68515-48-0)  
di-n-butyl phthalate (84-74-2)  
di-n-hexyl phthalate (84-75-3)  
di-n-octyl phthalate (117-84-0)

### Review Panel and Charge to Panel

To date, a panel of 14 scientists have been selected for their expertise in various aspects of reproductive

toxicology and other relevant areas to conduct the review. The roster of these experts follows:

### Phthalates Expert Panel

#### *Name and Affiliation*

Kim Boekelheide, MD, PhD—Brown University, Providence, RI  
Bob Chapin, PhD—NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, NC  
Mike Cunningham, PhD—NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, NC  
Elaine Faustman, PhD—University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
Paul Foster, PhD—Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology, Research Triangle Park, NC  
Mari Golub, PhD—Cal/EPA, Davis, CA  
Rogene Henderson, PhD—Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute, Albuquerque, NM  
Irwin Hinberg, PhD—Health Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
Bob Kavlock, PhD—EPA/ORD, Research Triangle Park, NC  
Jennifer Seed, PhD—EPA/OPPT, Washington, DC  
Katherine Shea, MD—North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
Shelly Tyl, PhD—Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, NC  
Paige Williams, PhD—Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Tim Zacharewski, PhD—Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

### Charge to Expert Panel

Rigorously evaluate all relevant data and reach a conclusion regarding the strength of scientific evidence that exposure to a chemical may or may not present a risk to human reproduction or development.

1. Evaluate all reproductive and developmental toxicity studies—in humans and animals—for quality, completeness, and sufficiency. Determine consistency of reported effects within and among species. Briefly summarize relevant individual studies.

2. Review and summarize related studies paying particular attention to studies of general toxicity, pharmacokinetics, genetic toxicity, and mechanisms of toxicity, within and across species. Both *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies will be included.

3. Determine, to the extent possible, patterns of use (such as timing, duration) and exposure (such as dose, route) to humans.

4. Integrate this information, using a weight of evidence approach. Determine how human, animal and other data can reasonably be used to predict reproductive or developmental effects in humans under particular exposure conditions.

5. Provide judgments, including qualitative statements of the certainty of the judgments, that an agent presents a potential risk to human reproduction and/or development.

Describe the major factors that contributed to these judgments. State the exposure circumstances under which such risk might be expected to exist.

6. Identify specific areas of uncertainty (such as inadequate pharmacokinetic data in a given species) that would prevent a more definitive assessment of human risk.

7. Identify research and testing needs that, if met, would significantly reduce the uncertainty inherent in the stated judgments of risk.

### Meeting Open to the Public

The preliminary agenda for the panel meeting follows:

#### *August 17 (Beginning at 8:30 a.m.)*

Opening remarks by Dr. Michael Shelby, NIEHS and Director of the Center, Dr. George Lucier, Director of the NIEHS' Environmental Toxicology Program, and Dr. Robert Kavlock, EPA, and Chair of the Expert Panel.

Panel members will present summaries of the literature they will have individually reviewed in advance of the meeting.

The Phthalate Esters Panel of the Chemical Manufacturers Association, Health Care Without Harm, and the American Council on Science and Health will summarize the deliberations of their recent literature reviews of the possible reproductive and developmental health risks of phthalate exposures.

Panel discussion will follow to identify areas where there is broad panel agreement as well as issues requiring further discussion by workgroups of the panel.

Time will be available to members of the public for comment.

#### *August 17 (PM)—18-19*

The remainder of the meeting will be an iterative series of workgroup discussions and plenary sessions. Significant conclusions and judgments reached by the panel workgroups will be presented, discussed, and agreed to by the entire expert panel in plenary sessions. Definitive judgments will be made for each of the seven phthalates.

#### *August 19, 11:00 a.m. (Tentatively)*

Closing plenary session, review of panel conclusions.

The review will take place from August 17-19 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria,

VA with some workgroup sessions at Sciences, International, Inc., 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA (limited seating availability). The meeting will commence at 8:30 AM on August 17 in the Virginia Ballroom of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The review will be open to the public with an opportunity scheduled for oral public comment. Attendance will be limited only by the availability of space. For registration information please contact: Ms. Peggy Sheren, CERHR, 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314-2808, Phone: (703) 838-9440.

Dated: July 28, 1999.

**Samuel H. Wilson,**

*Deputy Director, NIEHS.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

[PRT-15453]

*Applicant:* Oakhill Center for Rare & Endangered Species, Luther, OK.

The applicant requests a permit to export 2 captive born white tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to Itozu Zoological Park, Japan, for the purpose of propagation and public display.

[PRT-15452]

*Applicant:* Oakhill Center for Rare & Endangered Species, Luther, OK.

The applicant requests a permit to export 1 captive born white tiger (*Panthera tigris*) to Shirotori Zoological Gardens, Japan, for the purpose of propagation and public display.

[PRT-14251]

*Applicant:* Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, Nebraska.

The applicant requests a permit to import DNA samples collected from wild geometric tortoises (*Psammobates geometricus*) from South Africa, for the purpose of scientific research.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203,

and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

[PRT-015311]

*Applicant:* Larry Smith, West Harrison, IN.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: July 30, 1999.

**Kristen Nelson,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On April 16, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 73, Page 18926, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Joseph Jerry Wright for a permit (PRT-009689) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an

application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Dan S. Meske for a permit (PRT-010369) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 28, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Normand Berube for a permit (PRT-010432) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Raymond N. Berube for a permit (PRT-010433) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Donald D. Meske for a permit (PRT-010367) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish