

**ACTION:** Notice of an external peer review panel meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing an external peer review panel meeting to review the inhalation cancer assessment and selected text in the external review draft document entitled, "Toxicological Review of Naphthalene: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (NCEA-S-1707). The document was prepared by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) of the Office of Research and Development. EPA will use comments and recommendations from the expert panel meeting to finalize the draft document.

**DATES:** The one-day meeting will be held on July 30, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers.

**ADDRESSES:** The external peer review panel meeting will be held at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Headquarters, 2000 Florida Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20009. Under an Interagency Agreement with EPA and the Department of Energy, the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education (ORISE) is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer review panel meeting. To attend the meeting, register by July 23, 2004, by visiting the ORISE Web site: <http://www.ornl.gov/naphthalene>. Interested parties may also register by contacting Leslie Shapard (ORISE) at (865) 241-5784. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding registration and logistics should be directed to Leslie Shapard, ORISE, PO Box 117, MS 17, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, (865) 241-5784 (telephone), (865) 241-3168 (facsimile) or [ShapardL@ornl.gov](mailto:ShapardL@ornl.gov) (e-mail). If you have questions about the document (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below regarding access to the document), contact Lynn Flowers, IRIS Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., MS-8601D, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-1537 (telephone), (202) 565-0075 (facsimile) or [flowers.lynn@epa.gov](mailto:flowers.lynn@epa.gov) (e-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** IRIS is a data base that contains Agency scientific positions on potential adverse human health effects that may result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to specific chemical substances found in the environment. The data base (available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/>

*iris*) contains qualitative and quantitative health effects information for more than 500 chemical substances that may be used to support the first two steps (hazard identification and dose-response evaluation) of the risk assessment process. When supported by available data, the data base provides risk estimates for chronic noncancer health effects and carcinogenic effects. Combined with specific exposure information, government and private entities use IRIS to help characterize public health risks of chemical substances in a site-specific situation and thereby support risk management decisions designed to protect public health.

Naphthalene (CASRN 91-20-3) is a bicyclic aromatic hydrocarbon produced by distillation and fractionation of either petroleum or coal tar. Naphthalene's principal use is as an intermediate in the production of phthalic anhydride, which is important in the manufacturing of plasticizers, resins, dyes, and insect repellants. It has been used as a moth repellent and as a deodorizer for diaper pails and toilets and has been detected in soil and water at hazardous waste sites and in smoke from wood and cigarettes. The current IRIS assessment for naphthalene was placed on the data base in 1998 and contains quantitative risk estimates for noncancer effects, both from oral and inhalation exposure, and a cancer assessment. A reassessment of potential human carcinogenicity from inhalation exposure has been undertaken in response to newer studies that have become available. The assessment does not contain a reevaluation of noncancer effects or oral cancer assessment.

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0007. The official public docket consists of the document referenced in this notice and a list of charge questions that have been submitted to the external peer reviewers. Both the document and the charge are available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>. Once in the system, select "advanced search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number [ORD-2004-0007]. A limited number of paper copies are available by contacting the IRIS Hotline at (202) 566-1676 or (202) 566-1749 (facsimile). If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title and number, "Draft Toxicological Review of Naphthalene: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (NCEA-S-1707). Copies are not available from ORISE.

You may also find a copy of the document at the EPA Docket Center Reading Room. The address of the Public Reading Room is EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Room B102, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001. Visitation is between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744.

Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7783-1]

### Consultation Workshop on a Preliminary Draft of the Framework for Metals Risk Assessment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the convening of a scientific peer consultation to seek expert opinion on a preliminary draft of a Framework for Metals Risk Assessment (Framework, EPA/630-P/04-068a). The meeting is being organized and convened by Versar, Inc., a contractor to EPA's Risk Assessment Forum. Meeting participants invited by Versar, Inc., will be provided with the draft Framework, covering areas such as environmental chemistry, exposure, health and ecological effects, and the bioavailability and bioaccumulation of metals. EPA and other government experts will also participate in the meeting discussions. Participants will be asked to suggest improvements to the document. EPA intends to revise the preliminary document based on the meeting discussions and then make it available for EPA Science Advisory Board peer review, interagency review, and public comment in Fall 2004.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2004 and Wednesday, July 28, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers, and

there will be a limited time for comments from the public. The Framework will be available to the public on or about July 7, 2004, from the Risk Assessment Forum Web site.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, will convene the workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, register by July 23, 2004, by visiting [www.versar.com/epa/metalriskworkshop.htm](http://www.versar.com/epa/metalriskworkshop.htm) or send an e-mail to Ms. Traci Brody of Versar at [tbrody@versar.com](mailto:tbrody@versar.com). You can also call Ms. Brody at (703) 750-3000 extension 449, or send a facsimile to (703) 642-6954. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time for comments from the public during the workshop. If you wish to make a statement during the observer comment period of the workshop, please check the appropriate box when you register at the Web site ([www.versar.com/epa/metalriskworkshop.htm](http://www.versar.com/epa/metalriskworkshop.htm)) or in your e-mail to Ms. Brody. Also provide Versar with one written copy of comments prior to the start of the meeting. Note that all technical comments received will be public information. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. The draft Framework for Metals Risk Assessment is available primarily via the Internet at <http://cfpub1.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=56752>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title, draft Framework for Metals Risk Assessment (EPA/630/P-04/068a). Copies are not available from Versar.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical inquiries concerning the draft Framework for Metals Risk Assessment, please contact Dr. William Wood, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development, Risk Assessment Forum (8601-D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-3361; facsimile (202) 565-0062; e-mail [forum.risk@epa.gov](mailto:forum.risk@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Development of the Framework to assess the risks of metals to humans or the environment was initiated by the Agency's Science Policy Council. An Agency Action Plan was previously

reviewed by EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) in September 2002. The SAB emphasized the importance of focusing on the unique properties of metals as they relate to environmental chemistry, bioavailability, bioaccumulation, exposure, and toxicity. To inform these considerations, and to engage the external scientific community, the Agency commissioned external experts to lead the development of a series of issue papers. Drafts of these papers were made available for public comment in September 2003. Currently, the papers are being finalized. Publication of the issue papers is anticipated in Fall 2004. The peer consultation announced today continues to engage the external scientific community as part of the Agency preparation for SAB review. The interagency review and public comment period, which will be held concurrent to the SAB review, will continue to extend opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement.

The Framework is a science-based document that focuses on the special attributes and behaviors of metals and metal compounds affecting human health and ecological risk assessments. The framework document will not be a prescriptive guide on how any particular type of assessment should be conducted within a U.S. EPA program office. Rather, it is intended to make recommendations and foster the consistent application of methods and data to metals risk assessment in consideration of the unique properties of metals.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Desmedipham and Phenmedipham; Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by the Bayer CropScience, to voluntarily cancel

certain pesticide registrations, containing Desmedipham and Phenmedipham

**DATES:** Unless a request is withdrawn by August 6, 2004, for EPA Registration Numbers: 264-628 and 264-629, orders will be issued canceling these registrations. The Agency will consider withdrawal requests postmarked no later than August 6, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Demson Fuller, Information Resources Services Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8062; e-mail address: [fuller.demson@epa.gov](mailto:fuller.demson@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2004-0127. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's