*Requirements; Risk Management Programs Under the Clean Air Act Section 112(r)(7); Distribution of Off-Site Consequence Analysis Information.* CAA section 112(r)(7) required EPA to promulgate reasonable regulations and appropriate guidance to provide for the prevention and detection of accidental releases and for responses to such releases. The regulations include requirements for submittal of a risk management plan (RMP) to EPA. The RMP includes information on offsite consequence analyses (OCA) as well as other elements of the risk management program.

On August 5, 1999, the President signed the Chemical Safety Information, Site Security, and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act (CSISSFRRA). The Act required the President to promulgate regulations on the distribution of OCA information (CAA section 112(r)(7)(H)(ii)). The President delegated to EPA and the Department of Justice (DOJ) the responsibility to promulgate regulations to govern the dissemination of OCA information to the public. The final rule was published on August 4, 2000 (65 FR 48108). The regulations imposed minimal requirements on the public, state and local agencies that request OCA data from EPA. The state and local agencies who decide to obtain OCA information must send a written request on their official letterhead to EPA certifying that they are covered persons under Public Law 106–40, and that they will use the information for official use only. EPA will then provide paper copies of OCA data to those agencies as requested. The rule authorizes and encourages state and local agencies to set up reading rooms. The local reading rooms would provide read-only access to OCA information for all the sources in the LEPC's jurisdiction and for any source where the vulnerable zone extends into the LEPC's jurisdiction.

Members of the public requesting to view OCA information at federal reading rooms would be required to sign in and self certify. If asking for OCA information from federal reading rooms for the facilities in the area where they live or work, they would be required to provide proof that they live or work in that area. Members of the public are required to give their names, telephone number, and the names of the facilities for which OCA information is being requested, when they contact the central office to schedule an appointment to view OCA information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

*Burden Statement:* For this ICR period, EPA estimates a total of 3,270 hours (annually) for local agencies requesting OCA data from EPA and providing read-only access to the public. For the state agencies, the total annual burden for requesting OCA data from EPA and providing read-only access to the public, is 3,816 hours. For the public to display photo identification, sign a sign-in sheet, certify that the individual has not received access to OCA information for more than 10 stationary sources for that calendar month, and to request information from the vulnerable zone indicator system (VZIS), EPA estimates a total of 8,754 hours annually. The total burden for the members of the public, state and local agencies is 15,840 hours and $413,380 annually.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Individuals, and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,417.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 15,840 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* $414,380, which includes $1,000 of operations and maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* A decrease in burden of 83,678 hours from the previous ICR. This is due to using actual data of the state and local officials requesting OCA data. The previous ICR estimated that all 50 states plus U.S. territories and D.C. and at least 1,000 of the 1,500 active LEPCs will be requesting OCA data. However, only 9 LEPCs and 18 states have requested OCA data, therefore, EPA only assumed that 1% of the 1500 LEPCs (15 LEPCs) may request OCA data in the next three years covered by the ICR. Also, in this ICR, EPA assumed that only 18 more states may request OCA data from EPA. The public burden and costs have also decreased from the previous ICR, due to the actual number of people that have visited the federal reading rooms or made inquiries in the VZIS. The previous ICR estimated capital costs for 50 state agencies and 1500 LEPCs to be $125,000 for purchasing computer equipment to operate the VZIS. The cost was annualized assuming the equipment is depreciated over five years. Although we estimated that 50 states will take on the responsibility of making the OCA data available to the public, only 18 states and 9 LEPCs have requested OCA data from EPA. So, in this ICR, EPA made a conservative estimate that 18 more states and 15 more LEPCs may request OCA data. Since EPA did estimate capital cost for 50 states and 1,500 LEPCs in the previous ICR, this ICR does not include any additional capital cost. Therefore, the capital cost has decreased from previous ICR ($125,000) to zero.

Dated: September 11, 2003.

**Doreen Sterling,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[FRL–7563–2]**

## Guidance on Selecting the Appropriate Age Groups for Assessing Childhood Exposures to Environmental Contaminants (External Review Draft); Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 60-day public comment period for the draft document entitled *Guidance on Selecting the Appropriate Age Groups for Assessing Childhood Exposures to Environmental Contaminants.* The document is intended to provide guidance to EPA scientists on the appropriate age groups to consider when assessing childhood exposure and potential dose to environmental contaminants.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 21, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft is available via the Internet at *http://cfpub2.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=55887.* Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or in person, as described in the instructions under Supplementary Information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marilyn Brower, Risk Assessment Forum Staff (8601D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202–564–3363; fax: 202–565–0061; e-mail: *brower.marilyn@epa.gov*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Submission of Comments

Electronic comments are preferred and may be sent by e-mail to: *risk.forum@epa.gov.* Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA–W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: 202–564–3261; facsimile: 202–565–0050. In the case of paper comments, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Please note that all comments received in response to this notice will be placed in a public record. For that reason, comments should not contain personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright.

### II. Background

EPA has been investigating ways to improve Agency risk assessments for children in response to recent reports and regulatory initiatives including the 1993 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report ''Pesticides in the Diets of Infants and Children'', the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) and Executive Order 13045, ''Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risk''. One effort undertaken by a Risk Assessment Forum workgroup has been exploring children's exposure assessment issues. Children's behavior changes over time in ways that can have an important impact on exposure and potential dose. Further, children's physiology changes over time in ways that can affect potential dose, internal dose, and susceptibility to certain health effects. The workgroup has concluded that a major issue facing the Agency is how to consistently consider age-related changes in behavior and physiology when assessing early lifestage exposure and potential dose. A key issue is how to capture these changes in an assessment of risks from exposure to environmental contaminants. This issue is critical for scientists involved in preparing exposure assessments applicable to children and for use in evaluating integrated lifetime exposures.

The workgroup's draft guidance provides a recommended set of childhood age groups to promote cross-program consistency in Agency risk assessments for children. In addition, these age groups will guide future analyses of exposure factors data as well as new research and data collection efforts. The recommendations presented are based on discussions held during a July 2000 technical workshop on considering developmental changes when assessing exposures to children and a subsequent expert analysis of existing exposure factors data.

The document is undergoing peer review concurrent with the public comment period described in this notice. This guidance is not a regulation nor is it intended to substitute for federal regulations. It does not establish any substantive ''rules'' under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law and will have no binding effect on EPA or any regulated entity.

Dated: September 10, 2003.

**Peter W. Preuss,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[OPP–2003–0302; FRL–7327–2]**

## FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** There will be a 2–day consultation meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review issues concerned with ensuring data quality for *in vitro* tests used as alternatives to animal studies for regulatory purposes.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 28–29, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

*Comments.* For the deadline for the submission of requests to present oral comments and the submission of written comments, see Unit I.E. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

*Nominations.* Nominations of scientific experts to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for this meeting should be provided on or before October 2, 2003.

*Special seating.* Requests for special seating arrangements should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the Holiday Inn Hotel is (703) 807–2000.

*Comments.* Written comments may be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

*Nominations, requests to present oral comments, and special seating*: To submit nominations to serve as an ad hoc member of the FIFRA SAP for this meeting, or requests for special seating arrangements, or requests to present oral comments, notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket ID number OPP–2003–0302 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Myrta R. Christian, Designated Federal Official, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7201M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564–8450; fax number: (202) 564–8382; e-mail addresses:*christian.myrta@epa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. General Information

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), FIFRA, and the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). Since other entities may also be interested, 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 applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.