

In October 1988, we held the Fourth Conference on Air Quality Modeling. Its purpose was to advise the public on new modeling techniques and to solicit comments to guide our consideration of any rulemaking needed to further revise the Guideline. We held the Fifth Conference on Air Quality Modeling in March 1991, which served as a public hearing for the proposed revisions to the *Guideline*. In August 1995, we held the sixth conference as a forum to update our available modeling tools with state-of-the-science techniques for airing these issues and for the public to offer new ideas.

The last conference held was the Seventh Conference on Air Quality Modeling in June 28 and 29, 2000, which served as a public hearing for the proposed changes to the recommended air quality models in Appendix W. Several presentations were made, including the development of an enhanced Gaussian dispersion model with boundary layer parameterization (AERMOD¹); the development of the CALPUFF modeling system by Earth Tech, Inc. through the Interagency Workgroup on Air Quality Modeling (IWAQM²); the development and testing of ISC-PRIME by the Electric Power Research Institute's building downwash program; and on revisions to the Emissions and Dispersion Modeling System (EDMS) by the Federal Aviation Administration. In addition, several presentations on models for consideration as "alternative models" were made and a panel of experts discussed meteorological data assimilation for the next generation of dispersion models. The proceedings are found in Docket No. A-99-05.

Public Participation

The Eighth Conference on Air Quality Modeling will be open to the public; no admission fee is charged and there is no formal registration. The conference will begin the first morning with introductory remarks by the presiding EPA official. The following topics will be presented:

- I. AERMOD implementation issues;
- II. CALPUFF implementation issues;
- III. Assimilated meteorological data for air dispersion models;

¹ AMS/EPA Regulatory Model; AERMOD is being developed by AERMIC: AMS/EPA Regulatory Model Improvement Committee.

² IWAQM was formed in 1991 to provide a focus for development of technically sound regional air quality models for regulatory assessments of pollutant source impacts on federal Class I areas. IWAQM is an interagency collaboration that includes efforts by EPA, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service.

- IV. New approach for updating (revising) models;
- V. Alternative approaches for selection of approved dispersion models; and,
- VI. Other presentations by the public.

Those wishing to speak at the conference, whether to volunteer a presentation on a special topic or to offer general comment on any of the modeling techniques scheduled for presentation, should contact us at the address given in the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section (note the cutoff date). Such persons should identify the organization (if any) on whose behalf they are speaking and the length of presentation. If a presentation of general comments is projected to be longer than 10 minutes, the presenter should also state why a longer period is needed. Persons failing to submit a written notice but desiring to speak at the conference should notify the presiding officer immediately before the conference and they will be scheduled on a time-available basis.

The conference will be conducted informally and chaired by an EPA official. There will be no sworn testimony or cross examination. A verbatim transcript of the conference proceedings will be produced and placed in the docket. Speakers should bring extra copies of their presentation for inclusion in the docket and for the convenience of the reporter. Speakers will be permitted to enter into the record any additional written comments that are not presented orally. Additional written statements or comments should be sent to the OAR Regulatory Docket (see **ADDRESSES** section). A transcript of the proceedings and a copy of all written comments will be maintained in Docket OAR-2005-0157 which will remain open until October 24, 2005 for the purpose of receiving additional comments.

Dated: August 17, 2005.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7957-2; E-Docket ID No. ORD-2005-0022]

Approaches for the Application of Physiologically-Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) Models and Supporting Data in Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the public comment period on the external review draft document titled, "Approaches for the Application of Physiologically-Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) Models and Supporting Data in Risk Assessment" (EPA/600/R-05/043A), by 45 days. On July 28, 2005, EPA published a **Federal Register** notice (70 FR 43692) announcing: (1) The public availability of the draft document; (2) the beginning of a 30-day public comment period; and (3) an anticipated external peer-review workshop. EPA is extending the public comment period to October 14, 2005, in response to requests for extension of the comment period. EPA intends to make comments received by the end of the extended public comment period (October 14, 2005) available to Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor for external scientific peer review, for the external peer review panelists prior to the anticipated workshop. The U.S. EPA will consider all comments received by October 14, 2005, in preparing a final report.

EPA still expects Versar, Inc., to convene a panel of experts and organize and conduct an external peer-review workshop. This workshop will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice, once EPA is notified by Versar, Inc., of the date and location for the workshop. The public comment period and the external peer-review workshop are separate processes that will provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. In preparing a final report, EPA will consider any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with this notice.

DATES: The 45-day extension of the public comment period begins August 30, 2005, and ends October 14, 2005. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by close of business October 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The draft document and EPA's peer-review charge are available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment; 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,

“Approaches for the Application of Physiologically-Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) Models and Supporting Data in Risk Assessment” (EPA/600/R-05/043A).

Comments may be submitted electronically via EPA’s E-Docket, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the OEI Docket; telephone: (202) 566-1752; facsimile: (202) 566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

If you have questions about the document, please contact the Technical Information Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-3261; facsimile: (202) 565-0050; or e-mail: NCEADC.Comment@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) models represent an important class of dosimetry models that are useful for predicting internal dose at target organs for risk assessment applications. Dose-response relationships that appear unclear or confusing at the administered dose level can become more understandable when expressed on the basis of internal dose of the chemical. To predict internal dose level, PBPK models use pharmacokinetic data to construct mathematical representations of biological processes associated with the absorption, distribution, metabolism, and elimination of compounds. With the appropriate data, these models can be used to extrapolate across species and exposure scenarios, and address various sources of uncertainty in risk assessments. This external review draft document addresses the following questions: (1) Why do risk assessors need PBPK models; (2) How can these models be used in risk assessments; and (3) What are the characteristics of acceptable PBPK models for use in risk assessment?

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to EPA’s E-Docket

EPA has established an official public docket for information pertaining to “Approaches for the Application of Physiologically-Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) Models and Supporting Data in Risk Assessment” (EPA/600/R-05/043A), Docket ID No. ORD-2005-0022.

The official public docket is the collection of materials available for public viewing and includes the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action, but excludes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the Headquarters EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West Building, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA’s electronic public docket and comment system, E-Docket. You may use E-Docket at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, to access the index of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in E-Docket. Information claimed as CBI and other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute will not be available for public viewing in the official public docket or in E-Docket. EPA’s policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA’s electronic public docket but will be referenced there and will be available as printed material in the official public docket.

If you intend to submit comments to EPA, please note that it is EPA policy to make public comments available for public viewing as received at the EPA Docket Center or in E-Docket. This policy applies to information submitted electronically or in paper form, except where restricted by copyright, CBI, or statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA’s electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the official public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or

delivered to the EPA Docket Center will be transferred to E-Docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the EPA Docket Center will be scanned and placed in E-Docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in E-Docket with a brief description written by the docket staff.

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, include the appropriate docket identification number with your submission. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked “late,” and may only be considered if time permits.

If you submit comments electronically, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any submitted disk or CD-ROM, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD-ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the person submitting the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case the Agency cannot read your submission due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in E-Docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, it may delay or preclude consideration of your comment.

Electronic submission of comments to E-Docket is EPA’s preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. To access EPA’s electronic public docket from the EPA Internet Home Page, select “Information Sources,” “Dockets,” and “EPA Dockets.” Once in the system, select “search,” and then key in Docket ID No. ORD-2005-0022. The system is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to ORD.Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. ORD-2005-0022. In contrast to EPA’s electronic public docket, EPA’s e-mail system is

not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the docket without going through EPA's E-Docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address, and it becomes part of the information in the official public docket and in E-Docket.

You may submit comments on a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to the OEI Docket mailing address. Files will be accepted in WordPerfect, Word, or PDF format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

If you provide comments in writing, 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.

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George Alapas,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Office of Environmental Information; Announcement of Availability and Comment Period for Institutional Controls Draft Data Standard

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of data availability & request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice of availability for a 45 day review and comment period is hereby given for the Draft Institutional Controls Data Standard.

The Draft Institutional Control (IC) Data Standard provides a structure for defining the elements required for describing IC information. It provides information about the implementation, monitoring, enforcement, and termination of instruments (via the IC Event) as well as the objectives they meet, associated locations, affiliates and their roles/responsibilities relevant to the IC, cleanup actions (via the IC Event), technologies, and the documentation related to each of the aforementioned subsets of data. States and U.S. EPA completed a technical review of this standard in the Fall of 2004.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dawn Banks-Waller; Environmental Protection Agency; 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, MC 2822T; Washington, DC 20460; Phone: (202) 566 0625; Fax: (202) 566 1624; e-mail: *Banks-Waller.Dawn@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This standard was developed by the Environmental Data Standards Council (EDSC). The EDSC is a partnership of among EPA, States, and Tribes which promotes the efficient sharing of environmental information through the cooperative development of data standards.

The standards are intended for use in environmental data exchanges among States, tribal entities and the U.S. EPA. They are not meant to dictate or to limit data an agency chooses to collect for its own internal purposes. Adoption of a data standard should not be interpreted to mean that revisions to databases or information systems are required. What the adoption does mean is that formats for sharing data with Exchange Network (EN) partners will change because the Exchange Network has adopted Shared Schema Components (SSCs) based on the data standards. The SSCs are available on the Exchange Network Web site at <http://www.exchangenetwork.net>.

The draft data standards documents can be found on EDSC's Web site at <http://www.envdatastandards.net/> and are available through the Docket system as indicated below.

I. General Information

A. How Can I Get Copies of These Documents and Other Related Information?

1. Docket. EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OEI-2005-0010. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the OEI Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.

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 electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA

Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically.

Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

Dated: August 10, 2005.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 15, 2005.