

# Information Products Bulletin

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## Significant Information Products Released/Completed Since the Last Publication of the Information Products Bulletin – April 2008, v. 21

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The products described below have been completed and released since the publication of the Interim Information Products Bulletin.

### Cross-Media

#### **Guidance for Assessing Chemical Contaminant Data for Use in Fish Advisories, Vol 4: Risk Communication, 2nd Edition**

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This document is one of a series of national guidance documents that provides states, tribes and others with cost-effective, scientifically sound methods and protocols for developing and managing local fish consumption advisories caused by the occurrence of bioaccumulative pollutants in noncommercial fish and wildlife. The guidance is developed cooperatively with state and tribal advisory programs and is used by local governmental health and environment agencies issuing fish consumption advisories.

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**How to Access Draft Product:** [www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/](http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/)

#### **Sixth Annual Performance Track Progress Report**

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Sixth Annual Performance Track Progress Report is primarily an update of environmental results achieved by members since the last progress report published (2008). Updated information on member locations, the program structure, criteria, and achievements is also included. The purpose of this publication is to demonstrate how Performance Track members achieve not only the strategic goals across media but also those that extend above and

beyond what can be accomplished through regulation.

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## The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures Survey (PACE)

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures (PACE) Survey collects data on the overall costs of complying with environmental regulations for U.S. manufacturing facilities. More specifically, the PACE survey collects data on the costs of pollution treatment (i.e., end-of-pipe controls), pollution prevention (i.e., production process enhancements to reduce pollution), disposal, and recycling. The PACE survey was conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau from 1973-1994 (except 1987) on a sample of approximately 20,000 manufacturing establishments. EPA funded the collection of the 1999 PACE data and has recently completed the redevelopment of the survey instrument to be administered by the Census Bureau in 2006 to collect 2005 data. Aggregate statistics for 2005 PACE Survey will be reported by two to six digit NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) codes, by abatement method (treatment versus prevention), media (air, water, solid waste), type of cost (capital versus operating), and state.

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## Enforcement and Compliance

### Environmental Laws Applicable to Construction and Operation of Ethanol Plants

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This compliance assistance manual serves as a road map of information on federal environmental programs and federal and state agency roles. Air, water, hazardous waste, accident prevention and release reporting are examples of requirements that might apply. This manual, like a road map, does not contain all the details of the federal and state statutes and regulations. Ethanol facility operators need to review the applicable statutes and regulations. There are many federal environmental requirements that apply to ethanol production facilities. State environmental agencies may take the lead in implementing federal environmental programs and may have state requirements in addition to federal environmental requirements. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state environmental agencies work in partnership and are available to answer questions about applicability of environmental requirements to individual ethanol production facilities. Our goal is to work with ethanol facility operators to ensure that human health and the environment are protected as ethanol production continues to increase in EPA's Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska).

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[www.epa.gov/region07/priorities/agriculture/ethanol\\_plants\\_manual.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region07/priorities/agriculture/ethanol_plants_manual.pdf)

## Pesticides

### Model Development for FQPA Drinking Water Exposure Assessment

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** In October 2000, EPA, U.S. Geological Survey, and the Department of Agriculture formed an Inter-Governmental Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Drinking Water Steering Committee to oversee the development and validation of reliable models that can be used to more accurately predict the concentrations of pesticides at individual drinking water intakes. CropLife America, representing regulated industry, and the American Water Works Association also sit on the committee as observers. In this five-year initiative, the three federal agencies will design and conduct water monitoring studies throughout the United States and use the information from these studies to validate drinking water models at the water utility level. After the validated models are in place, the Agency will use them in acute, chronic and cancer aggregate and cumulative human health risk assessments for pesticides and in risk management decision-making. A one year phase 1 monitoring study at 5 selected sites was completed in 2003. The sampling for a phase 2 monitoring study at 6 more sites started on April 19, 2004 and has also been completed. The data from these monitoring studies will be used to validate the WARP model.

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