

nondiscriminatory discipline. If an employer/owner/operator provides employees with appropriate PPE, training and supervision per the specifications of the WPS, there should not arise an occasion on which the employer/owner/operator would be subject to a WPS/PPE enforcement action due to the individual decision of an agricultural employee not to use the PPE.

Enforcement officials will consider the facts of a case before determining how to respond to any WPS violation, consistent with the 10 factors identified in the Agency's February 1995 summary WPS enforcement guidance. EPA recommends that accountability for compliance be decided on a common sense basis, and that the totality of the circumstances be considered in each case, including enforcement actions in response to PPE violations.

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### The Use of the Benchmark Dose Approach in Health Risk Assessment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a report titled The Use of the Benchmark Dose Approach in Health Risk Assessment (EPA/630/R-94/007). This report was developed to serve as a background document for discussing benchmark dose applications to noncancer risk assessment.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a single copy of the report, interested parties should contact the ORD Publications Office, CERI, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268, Tel: (513) 569-7562, Fax: (513) 569-7566. Please provide your name and mailing address, and request the document by the title and EPA number (EPA/630/R-94/007).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clare Stine, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (8101), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 260-6743.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For almost 10 years, scientists have been studying the benchmark dose (BMD) as a promising technique for the quantitative

assessment of noncancer health effects. The information presented in this report is one step in developing the basis for an EPA consensus on the role of benchmark methods in the quantitative assessment of noncancer health risk. The report presents a basic overview of the benchmark method, which may provide an additional quantitative approach to current EPA practice.

The document focuses especially on critical decisions that must be made in deriving a BMD and applying the BMD in risk assessment. Major decisions in using the BMD are explained, and the sensitivity of the final result to each assumption is evaluated. The document also identifies many unresolved issues in benchmark dose application and identifies research that may help resolve some of these issues.

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### Report on the Technical Review Workshop on the Reference Dose for Aroclor 1016

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a report titled Technical Review Workshop on the Reference Dose for Aroclor 1016 (EPA/630/R-94/006). This report compiles discussions from a technical review workshop on the reference dose for Aroclor 1016, which was held in Washington, DC, on May 24-25, 1994.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a single copy of the report, interested parties should contact the ORD Publications Office, CERI, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268, Tel: (513) 569-7562, Fax: (513) 569-7566. Please provide your name and mailing address, and request the document by the title and EPA number (EPA/630/R-94/006).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clare Stine, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (8101), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 260-6743.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This report includes information and materials from a technical review workshop organized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Risk

Assessment Forum for the Agency's Reference Dose/Reference Concentration (RfD/RfC) Work Group. The meeting was held in Washington, DC, at the Barcelo Washington Hotel on May 24-25, 1994 (59 FR 23202).

EPA convened a balanced panel of experts from the fields of qualitative and quantitative effects of PCBs in humans and animals, perinatal toxicity, neurobehavioral effects, and hazard and risk evaluation for data on health effects other than cancer. EPA sought comments from these experts on the IRIS entry and related scientific sources. Reviewers at the workshop were asked to evaluate whether the reference dose fully considered available data and if scientifically responsible data analyses were clearly articulated in the IRIS data base entry. Reviewers approved some features of the IRIS entry, and recommended additional review and analysis for others.

This report collects workshop papers, including summary statements prepared by the chairperson for each workshop topic. Workshop participants contributed useful recommendations for the Agency's Reference Dose/Reference Concentration Work Group to consider in re-evaluating the RfD entry on IRIS.

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### Report on the Workshop on Cancer Risk Assessment Guidelines Issues

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a report titled *Report on the Workshop on Cancer Risk Assessment Guidelines Issues* (EPA/630/R-94/005a). This report compiles discussions from a technical review workshop on the draft document titled *Draft Revisions to the Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment* (External Review Draft; EPA/600/BP-92/003). Highlights of reviewers' pre-meeting comments on the draft document are included in the workshop report; copies of reviewers' comments in their entirety are available from the National Technical Information Service.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a single copy of the workshop report, interested parties should contact the ORD Publications Office, CERI, U.S. Environmental