ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

OPPTS–00226; FRL–5749–6

Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) Projects; Open Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Three projects of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) will hold meetings open to the public at the time and place listed below in this notice. The Lead Project will not be meeting this session. The public is encouraged to attend the proceedings as observers. However, in the interest of time and efficiency, the meeting is structured to provide maximum opportunity for state, tribal, and EPA invited participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair of the project, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings.

DATES: The three projects will meet October 20, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a plenary session on Cutting Edge Initiatives in Pollution Prevention from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and on October 21, 1997, from 8 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darlene Harrod, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 260–6904, e-mail: harrod.darlene@epamail.epa.gov. Any observer wishing to speak should advise the DFO at the telephone number or e-mail address listed above no later than 4 p.m. on October 16, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FOSTTA, a group of state and tribal toxics environmental managers, is intended to foster the exchange of toxics-related program and enforcement information among the states/tribes and between the states/tribes and EPA’s Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). FOSTTA currently consists of the Coordinating Committee and four issue-specific projects. The projects are the: (1) Toxics Release Inventory Project; Pollution Prevention Project; (3) Chemical Management Project; and (4) Lead (Pb) Project.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: September 27, 1997.

Susan B. Hazen,
Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

FRL–5902–5

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative settlement and opportunity for comment.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to enter into an administrative settlement to resolve claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. The settlement is intended to recover all past response costs incurred by EPA at the Spruce Street Site in Anchorage, Alaska. Pursuant to section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9604, EPA undertook response actions at the Site, which was an inactive salvage yard of about two acres. The Agreement resolves EPA’s claims regarding liability under section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), for response costs incurred by EPA in connection with the Site. Subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice, the Agreement has been approved by the United States Department of Justice. The following are the parties who have executed the proposed Agreement: the Municipality of Anchorage, The State of Alaska, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Federal Aviation Administration; the United States Air Force, and the United States Army. EPA is entering into this Agreement under the authority of section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1).

EPA initiated a time critical removal action at the Site in October 1991, to stabilize the wastes located on-site. Hazardous wastes on-site included paints, electrical equipment containing PCBs, soils contaminated with heavy metals, soils contaminated with PCBs, chemicals, acids, and caustics. Due to inclement weather, removal activities by EPA were suspended and resumed in June 1992, when EPA sorted on-site debris and prepared hazardous materials for removal. In January 1993, hazardous materials including paints, electrical equipment containing PCBs, some contaminated soils and oils were transported off-site. Two nearby residences were supplied with bottled water because of elevated levels of arsenic in their wells. These two residences have since been hooked up to the city water supply. To restrict access to the Site, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation erected a fence around the Site and posted hazardous substance warning signs. In performing these response actions, EPA and the State of Alaska incurred response costs at the Site. The Agreement requires, inter alia, that the Municipality of Anchorage...
reimburse EPA's response costs in the amount of $302,276.63 plus interest from October 6, 1994, through December 31, 1996. The federal agencies are required under the Agreement to reimburse EPA's response costs in the amount of $2,022,928.23 plus interest from October 6, 1994, through December 31, 1996. Under the Agreement, EPA will be reimbursed for all of its past response costs at the Site. The Agreement provides to the Municipality of Anchorage and the federal agencies the contribution protection afforded by sections 113(f)(2) and 122(h)(4) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9613(f)(2) and 9622(h)(4). The Agreement contains a reopening section that permits the United States, in certain situations, to institute additional proceedings to require that these defendants perform further response actions or to reimburse the United States for additional costs of response.

EPA will receive written comments relating to this proposed Agreement for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication.

The proposed Agreement may be obtained in person or by mail from EPA's Region 10 Office of Regional Counsel, ORC--150, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101; the U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental & Natural Resources Division, 801 B Street, #504, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3657. The Administrative Record for the Spruce Street Site may be examined at EPA's Region 10, Hazardous Waste Division Records Center, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Washington, 98101, and at the Alaska Resources Library, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh, #36, Anchorage, Alaska.

Philip Millam,
Acting Regional Administrator.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
[OPPTS-44643; FRL-5747-3]
TSCA Chemical Testing; Receipt of Test Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of test data on Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether (TAME) (CAS No. 994-05-8). These data were submitted pursuant to an enforceable testing consent agreement/order issued by EPA under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Publication of this notice is in compliance with section 4(d) of TSCA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-543B, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 40 CFR 790.60, all TSCA section 4 enforceable consent agreements/orders must contain a statement that results of testing conducted pursuant to testing enforceable consent agreements/orders will be announced to the public in accordance with procedures specified in section 4(d) of TSCA.

I. Test Data Submissions

Test data for tertiary amyl methyl ether were submitted by The American Petroleum Institute pursuant to a TSCA section 4 enforceable testing consent agreement/order at 40 CFR 799.5000 and were received by EPA on September 3, 1997. The submission includes four final reports entitled (1) "Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether (TAME): Pilot Study (95063) for Metabolism, Distribution, and Pharmacokinetics in Male F-344 Rats After a Single Nose-Only Inhalation Exposure." (2) "Blood Pharmacokinetics of Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether in Male and Female F-344 Rats and CD-1 Mice After Nose-Only Inhalation Exposure." (3) "Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether (TAME): Metabolism and Distribution in Male and Female F-344 Rats and CD-1 Mice After Single or Repeated Inhalation or Gavage Exposures." and (4) "A 13-Week Inhalation Toxicity/Neurotoxicity Study of Tert-Amyl Methyl Ether (TAME) in the Rat and Mouse via Whole-Body Exposures with a 4-Week Recovery Period." This chemical is widely seen as a possible additive in gasoline. EPA has initiated its review and evaluation process for this data submission. At this time, the Agency is unable to provide any determination as to the completeness of the submission.

II. Public Record

EPA has established a public record for this TSCA section 4(d) receipt of data notice (docket number OPPTS-44643). This record includes copies of all studies reported in this notice. The record is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (also known as the TSCA Public Docket Office), Rm. B-607 Northeast Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Requests for documents should be sent in writing to: Environmental Protection Agency, TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (7407), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460 or fax: (202) 260-5069 or e-mail: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov.


List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Test data.


Charles M. Auer,
Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

September 26, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility, the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before December 2, 1997. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should...