- Environmental fate data base.
- New meteorological files.
- Turf umbrella.
- WARP model.

4. Major Topics

- EFED water quality priorities for FY 2003 - themes for 2003.
- European Union activities: FOCUS ground water and surface water assessment methods, mitigation measures and processes for refining risk assessments.
- Prospective ground water data base - data reporting and formatting issues.
- USDA research service - efforts to address needs of regulators in their pesticide mitigation and modeling research, results of recent workshop.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: December 10, 2002.

Steven Bradbury,

Director, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT–2002–0072; FRL–7284–9]

Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from November 2, 2002 to November 19, 2002, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

DATES: Comments identified by the docket ID number OPPT– 2002–0072 and the specific PMN number or TME number, must be received on or before January 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Cunningham, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; e-mail address: *TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitter of the premanufacture notices addressed in the action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

B. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT–2002–0072. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566–1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566–0280.

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 submit or 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.1. Once in the system, select ''search,'' then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. 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.1. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by 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 public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

C. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number and specific PMN number or TME number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked ''late.'' EPA is not required to consider these late comments. If you wish to submit CBI or information that is otherwise protected by statute, please follow the instructions in Unit I.D. Do not use EPA Dockets or e- mail to submit CBI or information protected by statute.

1. *Electronically*. If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed in this unit, 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 disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that 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 EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets*. Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically 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. Once in the system, select'' search,'' and then key in docket ID number— OPPT–2002–0072. 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.

ii. *E-mail*. Comments may be sent by e-mail to *oppt.ncic@epa.gov*, Attention: Docket ID Number OPPT–2002–0072 and PMN Number or TME Number. 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 electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM*. You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail*. Send your comments to: Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001.

3. *By hand delivery or courier*. Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in EPA East Building Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention: Docket ID Number OPPT–2002–0072 and PMN Number or TME Number. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564–8930.

D. How Should I Submit CBI To the Agency?

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action and the specific PMN number you are commenting on in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Why is EPA Taking this Action?

Section 5 of TSCA requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a PMN or an application for a TME and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which

covers the period from November 2, 2002, to November 19, 2002, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

III. Receipt and Status Report for PMNs

This status report identifies the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period. If you are interested in information that is not included in the following tables, you may contact EPA as described in Unit II. to access additional non-CBI information that may be available.

In Table I of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as CBI) on the PMNs received by EPA during this period: the EPA case number assigned to the PMN; the date the PMN was received by EPA; the projected end date for EPA's review of the PMN; the submitting manufacturer; the potential uses identified by the manufacturer in the PMN; and the chemical identity.

I. 37 PREMANUFACTURE NOTICES RECEIVED FROM: 11/02/02 TO 11/19/02

Case No.	Received Date	Projected Notice End Date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P–03–0044	10/18/02*	01/16/03	Lambent Technologies	(S) Dispersant	(S) Glycerides, soya mono- and di-phosphates
P–03–0045	10/18/02*	01/16/03	Lambent Technologies	(S) Lubricant; mold release agent; emulsifier	(S) Glycerides, soya mono- and di, phosphates, sodium salts
P–03–0092	11/04/02	02/02/03	CBI	(G) Flame/fire retardant-open, non-dispersive use	(G) Phosphoric acid monoamine salt
P–03–0093	11/04/02	02/02/03	CBI	(G) Epoxy polymer for coatings and composites	(G) Polyglycidyl ether of (p-hydroxy styrene) novolak
P–03–0094	11/04/02	02/02/03	CBI	(G) Colorant for plastics	(G) Co-poly-2-methyl-1,5-pentane isophthalimide
P–03–0095	11/05/02	02/03/03	CBI	(G) Viscosity index improver	(G) Alkyl methacrylate copolymer
P–03–0096	11/05/02	02/03/03	Henkel Loctite Corporation	(S) A component of adhesive formulations for general industrial bonding applications	(S) Poly[oxy(methyl-1,2-ethanediyl)], alpha,alpha'-[1,3-phenylenebis[(1-methylethylidene) iminocarbonyl]]bis[.omega.-[[[[3-(trimethoxysilyl)propyl] amino]carbonyl]oxy]-
P–03–0097	11/05/02	02/03/03	CBI	(G) Viscosity index improver and pour point depressant	(G) Alkyl methacrylate copolymer
P–03–0098	11/04/02	02/02/03	The Dow Chemical Company	(S) Polymer used in foams and adhesives manufacture	(G) Blocked, isocyanate terminated urethane prepolymer
P–03–0099	11/05/02	02/03/03	CBI	(S) Industrial coatings	(S) 2-propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, butyl ester, polymer with butyl 2-propenoate, ethenylbenzene and 2,5-furandione
P–03–0100	11/04/02	02/02/03	CBI	(G) Reactant in thermoset coating degree of containment -- (c) open, non-dispersive use	(G) Amine polymer
P–03–0101	11/05/02	02/03/03	CBI	(G) Rheology modifying component of funtional fluid	(G) Aliphatic ester
P–03–0102	11/05/02	02/03/03	CBI	(G) Rheology modifying component of functional fluid	(G) Aliphatic esters
P–03–0103	11/05/02	02/03/03	CBI	(G) Synthetic industrial lubricant for contained use	(G) Pentaerythritol and dipentaerythritol mixed esters of branched and linear fatty acids
P–03–0104	11/06/02	02/04/03	CBI	(G) Agricultural inert	(G) Tristyryl phenol alkoxylate salt
P–03–0105	11/07/02	02/05/03	CBI	(G) Carrier oil component	(G) Hydrotreated petroleum distillate extract
P–03–0106	11/08/02	02/06/03	CBI	(G) Surface treatment agent	(G) Fluoropolyether derivative fluoronated payurethane resin
P–03–0107	11/08/02	02/06/03	Epson EL Paso, Inc.	(G) Binder resin for ink	(S) 2-propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, polymer with butyl 2-propenoate and ethenylbenzene, sodium salt
P–03–0108	11/12/02	02/10/03	CBI	(G) Textile colorant	(G) Substituted cyan acetic acid pentyl ester
P–03–0109	11/14/02	02/12/03	Morflex Inc.	(S) Coating (radiation curable); inks (radiation curable); adhesives (radiation curable)	(G) Vinyl ether terminated polyester polymer
P–03–0110	11/14/02	02/12/03	Estron Chemical, Inc.	(G) Additive for coatings industry.	(G) Optsa/epoxy resin
P–03–0111	11/18/02	02/16/03	CBI	(G) Material for coating agent	(G) Modified polyvinylalcohol
P–03–0112	11/18/02	02/16/03	CBI	(S) Luminescent pigment used in safetymarking tape, signs, toys, novelties	(G) Alkaline earth aluminate, rare earth doped

I. 37 PREMANUFACTURE NOTICES RECEIVED FROM: 11/02/02 TO 11/19/02—Continued

Case No.	Received Date	Projected Notice End Date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P–03–0113	11/18/02	02/16/03	CBI	(G) Use as a component of food packaging and other industrial uses.	(G) Modified evoh polymer
P–03–0114	11/18/02	02/16/03	CBI	(G) Use as a component of food packaging and other industrial uses.	(G) Modified evoh polymer
P–03–0115	11/18/02	02/16/03	CBI	(G) Use as a component of food packaging and other industrial uses	(G) Modified evoh polymer
P–03–0116	11/19/02	02/17/03	Reterra	(S) Intermediate for polyester resins	(G) Polyester polyol
P–03–0117	11/19/02	02/17/03	CBI	(G) Pastic additive	(G) Silicate
P–03–0118	11/19/02	02/17/03	Solutia Inc	(S) Binder for industrial coatings	(G) Epoxy modified alkyd resin
P–03–0119	11/19/02	02/17/03	Solutia Inc	(S) Binder for industrial coatings	(G) Polyurethane resin
P–03–0120	11/19/02	02/17/03	Johnson Polymer	(G) Open, non-dispersive use	(G) Acrylic emulsion
P–03–0121	11/19/02	02/17/03	Johnson Polymer	(G) Open, non-dispersive use	(G) Acrylic emulsion
P–03–0122	11/19/02	02/17/03	Johnson Polymer	(G) Open, non-dispersive use	(G) Acrylic emulsion
P–03–0123	11/19/02	02/17/03	Johnson Polymer	(G) Open, non-dispersive use	(G) Acrylic emulsion
P–03–0124	11/19/02	02/17/03	Johnson Polymer	(G) Open, non-dispersive use	(G) Acrylic emulsion
P–03–0125	11/19/02	02/17/03	Johnson Polymer	(G) Open, non-dispersive use	(G) Acrylic emulsion
P–03–0126	11/18/02	02/16/03	Scotia Ventures	(S) Paper coating additive; wet-end paper additive	(S) Ethanaminium, n,n,n-trimethyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)oxy]-, chloride, polymers with hydrolyzed poly(vinyl acetate)

*Entry left over from the October 2002 report.

In Table II of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as CBI) on the Notices of Commencement to manufacture received:

II. 22 NOTICES OF COMMENCEMENT FROM: 11/02/02 TO 11/19/02

Case No.	Received Date	Commencement/Import Date	Chemical
P–00–0899	11/13/02	11/01/02	(G) Urea alkoxy silane
P–00–1130	11/07/02	10/21/02	(G) Acetylenic alcohol
P–00–1131	11/07/02	10/15/02	(G) Alkynyl acetate
P–01–0173	11/13/02	11/06/02	(G) Silated urethane polymer
P–01–0529	11/13/02	11/04/02	(G) Organo aluminium complex
P–02–0207	11/07/02	10/30/02	(G) Quaternary salt
P–02–0234	11/04/02	10/26/02	(G) Sulphonated azo/hydrazo dye
P–02–0235	11/04/02	10/26/02	(G) Sulphonated azo/hydrazo dye
P–02–0515	11/19/02	11/13/02	(G) Silated urethane resin
P–02–0573	11/12/02	10/23/02	(G) Cycloaliphatic amine adducts
P–02–0613	11/06/02	10/20/02	(G) Polyacrylate resin
P–02–0623	11/19/02	10/14/02	(G) Substituted cyan acetic acid butylester and butoxyethylester
P–02–0624	11/19/02	10/14/02	(G) Substituted cyan acetic acid butylester and butoxyethylester
P–02–0716	11/04/02	10/23/02	(G) Butyl acrylate, polymer with styrene and methylamino chloride compounds, nitrate
P–02–0739	11/07/02	10/07/02	(G) Amine salt
P–02–0814	11/08/02	10/30/02	(G) Aliphatic unsaturated ketone
P–02–0827	11/15/02	11/10/02	(G) Bisacylphosphinoxide
P–02–0838	11/04/02	10/22/02	(G) Dipentaerythritol ester of branched and linear fatty acids
P–02–0874	11/14/02	10/28/02	(S) Hexanedioic acid, polymer with 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediol, 1,2-ethanediamine, 1,6-hexanediol, 3-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid and 1,1'-methylenebis[4-isocyanatocyclohexane], compound with nu,nu-diethylethanamine
P–94–1901	11/15/02	10/25/02	(G) Blocked aliphatic polyisocyanate
P–96–1499	11/07/02	10/09/02	(G) Aminoslkylmodified silicone fluid
P–97–0074	11/14/02	11/08/02	(S) 1,2 ethanediamine, monohydrochloride

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Premanufacturer notices.

Dated:December 9, 2002.

Sandra R. Wilkins,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–2002–0325; FRL–7282–3]

Revised Final Health Effects Test Guidelines; Acute Toxicity Testing–Background and Acute Oral Toxicity; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has established a unified library for test guidelines issued by the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) for use in testing chemical substances to develop data for submission to EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). These test guidelines represent an Agency effort that began in 1991 to harmonize the test guidelines within OPPTS, as well as to harmonize the OPPTS test guidelines with those of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The process for developing and amending these test guidelines includes public participation and the extensive involvement of the scientific community, including peer review by the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP), the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) and other expert scientific organizations. Guidelines are also reviewed, when appropriate, by the Interagency Coordinating Committee for Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) for determination of validation status. With this notice, EPA is announcing the availability of the revised final test guidelines for Series 870–Health Effects Test Guidelines, OPPTS 870.1000 Acute Toxicity Testing–Background and OPPTS 870.1100 Acute Oral Toxicity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For general information contact*: TSCA information contact: TSCA Hotline at TAIS/7408, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; e-mail address: *TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov*.

FIFRA information contact: Communications Services Branch (7506C), Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–5017; fax number: (703) 305–5558.

For FIFRA technical information contact: Deborah McCall, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–7109; e-mail address: *mccall.deborah@epa.gov*.

For TSCA technical information on OPPTS 870.1100 contact: Elizabeth Margosches, Risk Assessment Division (7403M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 564–7636; e-mail address: *margosches.elizabeth@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under TSCA, FFDCA, or FIFRA, 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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

A. Docket

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP–2002–0325. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

B. 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/*.You may also obtain copies of test guidelines from the EPA Internet Home Page at *http://www.epa.gov/opptsfrs/home/guidelin.htm*.

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 submit or 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 II.A. Once in the system, select ''search,'' then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

III. What Action is EPA Taking?

EPA is announcing the availability of the revised final test guideline for Series 870–Health Effects Test Guidelines, OPPTS 870.1100 Acute Oral Toxicity. An improved Up-and-Down Procedure (UDP) protocol for acute oral toxicity testing was developed, by a team of regulatory and industry scientists, that is better able to provide the types of testing data needed for U.S. agencies to make regulatory decisions. The revised protocol includes a primary test, a limit test, and determination of the confidence intervals for the LD50. A software program to assist laboratory users in the conduct of the test was also developed. The revised final test guideline was reviewed by EPA's SAP in a public meeting on December 12, 2001, which was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 15, 2001 (66 FR 57438) (FRL–6811–1), and recommendations of the SAP were incorporated into the test protocol. The ICCVAM reviewed the protocol at an open meeting on July 25, 2000, and again in a public teleconference meeting held on July 21, 2001, where changes recommended in the earlier meeting were reviewed and accepted. The improved UDP was adopted as test guideline 425 by OECD in December 2001. The UDP in this guideline is of value in reducing the number of animals required to determine the acute oral toxicity of a chemical. In addition to the estimation of LD50 and confidence