Notice:
In accordance with Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to make its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies public.
Historically, EPA has met this mandate by publishing weekly notices of availability of EPA comments, which includes a brief summary of EPA’s comment letters, in the Federal Register.
Since February 2008, EPA has been including its comment letters on EISs on its Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html. Including the entire EIS comment letters on the Web site satisfies the Section 309(a) requirement to make EPA’s comments on EISs available to the public. Accordingly, on March 31, 2010, EPA discontinued the publication of the notice of availability of EPA comments in the Federal Register.


EIS No. 20100312, Draft EIS, NRC, TX, Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4, Application for Combined Licenses (COLs) for Construction Permits and Operating Licenses, (NUREG–1943), Hood and Somervell Counties, TX, Comment Period Ends: 10/26/2010, Contact: Michael H. Willingham, 301–415–3924.


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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Nanomaterial Case Study: Nanoscale Silver in Disinfectant Spray

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a 45-day public comment period for the draft document “Nanomaterial Case Study: Nanoscale Silver in Disinfectant Spray” (EPA/600/R–10/081). The document is being issued by the National Center for Environmental Assessment within EPA’s Office of Research and Development. The draft is intended to serve as part of a process to help identify and prioritize scientific and technical information that could be used in conducting comprehensive environmental assessments of selected nanomaterials. It does not attempt to draw conclusions regarding potential environmental risks of nanoscale silver; rather, it aims to identify what is known and unknown about nanoscale silver to support future assessment efforts.

When finalizing the draft document, EPA intends to consider any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with this notice.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

The draft document is available via the Internet on the NCEA home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at http://www.epa.gov/ncea.

DATES: The 45-day public comment period begins August 13, 2010, and ends September 27, 2010. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by September 27, 2010.
evaluate them in the abstract or with nanomaterials make it difficult to impacts, of nanomaterials. The draft information, but given the nascent state of nanotechnology, much remains to be learned about the characteristics and effects of nanomaterials. The draft document “Nanomaterial Case Study: Nanoscale Silver in Disinfectant Spray” is intended to highlight what is known and unknown about nanoscale silver (nano-Ag) as part of a process to identify and prioritize information gaps relevant to assessing the broad environmental implications, including potential ecological as well as human health impacts, of nanomaterials. The complex properties of various nanomaterials make it difficult to evaluate them in the abstract or with generalizations. Thus, this document focuses on a specific example of nano-Ag in disinfectant spray products. This “case study” does not represent a completed or even a preliminary assessment; rather, it uses an assessment framework known as comprehensive environmental assessment (CEA), which starts with the product life cycle but encompasses fate and transport processes in various environmental media, exposure-dose characterization, and ecological and health effects, as well as other direct and indirect ramifications of both primary and secondary substances or stressors associated with a nanomaterial. The CEA approach is both a framework and a process; the latter aspect employs a collective judgment process that will be the subject of a future announcement.


II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at http://www.regulations.gov

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2010–0658, by one of the following methods:

• http://www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
• E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.
• Fax: 202–566–1753.

Hand Delivery: The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, Room 3334 EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center’s 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. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket’s normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2010–0658. 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. It is EPA’s policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through http://www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The http://www.regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through http://www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD–ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA’s public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.

Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in http://www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.
I. General Information

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to create a Privacy Act system of records to document the Agency’s decisions on applications filed requesting certification to apply restricted use pesticides (RUPs) under certification plans administered by EPA regional offices or the Office of Pesticide Programs. The types of information in the system include: (1) Contact information (e.g., name, address, telephone number, e-mail address); (2) identification information (e.g., birth date, proof of identification (e.g., driver’s license no.), physical description (e.g., height, weight, gender, race)) (3) certification information (e.g., EPA certified applicator number, certification type (private or commercial), certification categories (e.g., aerial, aquatic, fumigation), certification issuance and expiration dates, and (4) information regarding qualifications (e.g., scores from EPA certification examinations; records of training and continuing education; state, tribal or other federal agency certification number(s), types, categories, issuance and expiration dates; records of compliance with federal, state and tribal pesticide laws).

Some of this information is provided by the pesticide applicators applying for EPA certification, and some is generated during the certification process. The above information will be contained in one or more databases (such as Lotus Notes) that reside on servers in EPA offices. The database(s) may be specific to one particular pesticide applicator certification plan, or may encompass several EPA pesticide applicator certification plans. Records maintained in the database will include applications, certifications, Agency decisions and correspondence related to applicants seeking and maintaining EPA certifications.

Records protected under the Privacy Act are subject to Agency-wide security requirements governing all database systems at EPA. Privacy is maintained by limiting access to database systems containing personal information. Access to any such database system is limited to system administrators, individuals responsible for evaluating the applications and issuing the EPA certification, and program personnel responsible for data entry. Physical access to the area where certifications are processed is limited to EPA employees with building key cards. Paper applications are stored in a locked cabinet when not in use. System administrators will routinely disclose certain personal information (e.g.,