SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to solicit public comments on the proposed General Permits.

Public Comment Period: The public comment period is from November 4, 2010 to December 6, 2010. Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft General Permit to the EPA-Region I at the address listed below. Within the comment period, interested persons may also request, in writing, that EPA hold a public hearing pursuant to 40 CFR Section 124.12, concerning the draft General Permits. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the hearing. A public hearing may be held at least thirty days after public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that a request to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on this draft permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make responses available to the public at EPA’s Boston office. All comments and requests for public hearings must be postmarked or delivered before midnight December 6, 2010, the close of the public comment period. All public comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written comments on the draft General Permit may be hand delivered or mailed to Meredith Timony, EPA-Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection, OEP06–1, 5 Post Office Square-Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109–3912; or sent via e-mail to Timony.meridith@epa.gov. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Meredith Timony at 617–918–1533, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The draft General Permits are based on an administrative record available for public review at EPA-Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection, 5 Post Office Square-Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109–3912, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., excluding holidays. The draft General Permit and a Fact Sheet may also be viewed over the Internet via the EPA-Region I Web site at http://www.epa.gov/region1/nepdes/potw-gp.html. To obtain a paper copy of the documents, please contact Meredith Timony using the contact information provided above. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying requests.

Ira W. Leighton,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region 1.
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I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. You may be potentially affected by this action if you produce, manufacture, use, consume, work with, or import industrial or pesticide chemicals. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine section 408(p) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) (21 U.S.C. 346a(p)) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300–17). Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Chemical manufacturers, importers and processors (NAICS code 325), e.g., persons who manufacture, import, or process chemical substances.
- Pesticide, fertilizer, and other agricultural chemical manufacturers (NAICS code 3253), e.g., persons who manufacture, import or process pesticide, fertilizer, and agricultural chemicals.
- Scientific research and development services (NAICS code 5417), e.g., persons who conduct testing of chemical substances for endocrine effects.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. Submitting CBI. Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, 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 claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. Tips for preparing your comments. When submitting comments, remember to:

i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, Federal Register date and page number).

ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.
II. Background

A. What action is the agency taking?


This document was prepared to provide a transparent, scientific approach to set forth some general principles, criteria, and considerations EPA generally believes to be relevant using a WoE approach to evaluate data submitted as part of EPA’s EDSP involving a battery of validated Tier 1 screening assays as described in a notice published in the Federal Register issue of October 21, 2009 (74 FR 54415) (FRL–8432–6). The criteria discussed in this document are based, in part, on EPA’s experience in developing and applying risk assessment guidelines involving cancer, reproductive and developmental toxicity, and ecological toxicity. Important considerations include the use of expert judgment formed through the scientific process, current understanding of endocrine mechanisms of toxicity, and knowledge of other fields of toxicology (e.g., developmental, reproductive, neurological and immunological toxicology, and toxicokinetics). Principles articulated in this document are equally applicable to a WoE approach to take this action?

Section 408(p) of FFDCA requires EPA to “develop a screening program, using appropriate validated test systems and other scientifically relevant information, to determine whether certain substances may have an effect in humans that is similar to an effect produced by a naturally occurring estrogen, or such other endocrine effect [EPA] may designate.” (21 U.S.C. 346a(p)). The statute generally requires EPA to provide for testing of all pesticide chemicals. (21 U.S.C. 346a(p)(3)). “Pesticide chemical” is defined as “any substance that is a pesticide within the meaning of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), including all active and inert ingredients of such pesticide.” (21 U.S.C. 321(q)(1)).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Endocrine disruptors, Screening assays, Weight-of-evidence.

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Stephen A. Owens, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Local Government Advisory Committee Members

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announces that Administrator Lisa P. Jackson has appointed 29 local, State, and Tribal elected and appointed officials from across the country to serve on the EPA’s Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC). The Committee’s purpose will be to give advice and recommendations on a broad range of environmental issues affecting local governments. These new appointments include:

Mayors (Large Cities)

Phil Gordon, Mayor, Phoenix, Arizona.

John W. Hickenlooper, Mayor, Denver, Colorado.

Mayors (Moderate Sized Cities)

Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, Pleasanton, California.

Terry Bellamy, Mayor, Asheville, North Carolina.

Elizabeth Kautz, Mayor, Burnsville, Minnesota.

Teresa Coons, Mayor, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dana L. Redd, Mayor, Camden, New Jersey.

Mayors (Small Cities and Towns)

Bob Dixon, Mayor, Greensburg, Kansas.

Marilyn Murrell, Mayor, Arcadia, Oklahoma.

Ronald K. Davis, Mayor, Prichard, Alabama.

Adam Ortiz, Mayor, Edmonston, Maryland.

Heather McTeer Hudson, Mayor, Greenville, Mississippi.

Carolyn Peterson, Mayor, Ithaca, New York.

Lisa A. Wong, Mayor, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

David W. Smith, Mayor, Newark, California.

Tribal (Elected and Appointed)

Steve Ortiz, Chairman Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Kansas.

Aaron Miles, Manager at Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho.

Commonwealth

Evelyn Delereme Camacho, Mayor, Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

County Executive

Tom Hickner, County Executive, Bay County, Michigan.

County Commissioners

*Dave Somers, Councilor, Snohomish County, Washington.

Robert Cope, Commissioner, Lemhi County, Idaho.

Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, Santa Barbara County, California.

Conservation Districts

Jeffrey Tiberi, Director of Montana Association of Conservation Districts, Helena, Montana.

City Councilmember

Jill Duson, Councilor, Portland, Maine.