estrogen, androgen, or thyroid pathways.

In 2009, EPA developed the Estrogen Receptor (ER) Expert System (ERES) to help prioritize candidate chemicals specific to an estrogen receptor (ER) mediated pathway for testing in the Tier 1 Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program. The ERES was initially developed for pesticide, food use inert ingredients and antimicrobial pesticides and predicts ER binding affinity based on data derived from two types of in vitro assays: ER binding and ER transcriptional assays. The FIFRA SAP reviewed the initial ERES approach including the transparency of the approach, biological endpoint definition, mechanistic interpretation, and model’s applicability domain (http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap/meetings/2009/08/minutes.pdf).

EPA incorporated the 2009 SAP’s recommendations and is expanding the ERES training set through the use of chemical read across techniques (i.e., using data from a tested chemical for a particular property or effect to a similar untested chemical) and in vitro assay data. This SAP review will seek comment on the expansion of the ERES training set to cover a larger chemical universe and the approach to interpreting the assay data to inform the ERES. The SAP will also be asked to comment on various aspects of the assay data including transparency of how the data were generated, processed, and analyzed.

While this SAP is focused on the estrogenic toxicity pathway, the recommendations may be more broadly applied for additional toxicity pathways (e.g., androgen and thyroid). In addition, this SAP review will establish a solid foundation upon which the agency seeks to build upon as we advance the use of these computational toxicology tools beyond EDSP chemical prioritization and into Tier 1 data replacement.

C. FIFRA SAP Documents and Meeting Minutes

EPA’s background paper, related supporting materials, charge/questions to FIFRA SAP, FIFRA SAP composition (i.e., members and ad hoc members for this meeting), and the meeting agenda will be available at least 15 days prior to the meeting. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, at http://www.regulations.gov and the FIFRA SAP homepage at http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap.

FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency approximately 90 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP Web site or may be obtained from the OPP Docket at http://www.regulations.gov.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pets.


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Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122 (i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (“CERCLA”), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the Agrifos Phosphoric Acid Release Superfund Site in Pasadena, Harris County, Texas.

The settlement requires the settling party to pay a total of $385,000 as payment of response costs to the Hazardous Substances Superfund. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue pursuant to Section 107 of CERCLA.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to this notice and will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency’s response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Robert Werner at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733 or by calling (214) 665–6724. Comments should reference the Agrifos Phosphoric Acid Release Site, Pasadena, Harris County, Texas and EPA Docket Number 06–01–13, and should be addressed to Robert Werner at the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Pletan, Assistant Regional Counsel, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733 or call (214) 665–8525.


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Acting Regional Administrator (6RA).

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice 2012–0541]

Application for Final Commitment for a Long-Term Loan or Financial Guarantee in Excess of $100 Million; 25 Day Comment Period

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of 25 day comment period regarding an application for final commitment for a long-term loan or financial guarantee in excess of $100 million.

Reason for Notice: This Notice is to inform the public, in accordance with Section 3(c)(10) of the Charter of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (“Ex-Im Bank”), that Ex-Im Bank has received an application for final commitment for a long-term loan or financial guarantee in excess of $100 million.

Purpose and Use: Brief description of the purpose of the transaction:

To support the export of U.S. services and equipment for the construction of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant in Australia.

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Purpose and Use: Brief description of the purpose of the transaction:

To support the export of U.S. services and equipment for the construction of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant in Australia.