

(3) Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee—April 18, 1996

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, pending resolution of its FY 1996 appropriation, will hold an open meeting of the Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee on Thursday, April 18, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. EST until 5:00 p.m. EST. The Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee's workgroups will meet the preceding day, Wednesday, April 17, 1996 from 1:00 p.m. EST until 5:00 p.m., EST. The meetings will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, N.W., Washington, DC (telephone number 202-234-0700).

On April 18, 1996, the Petroleum Refining Subcommittee will convene to evaluate progress on the "One-Stop Reporting/Public Access" project and the proposed workplan for the "Fugitive Emissions" project. The group will also determine by consensus whether any recommendations unrelated to these two projects should be sent forward to the Common Sense Initiative Council.

For further information regarding this Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee Meeting, please contact either Meg Kelly at EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC. (703-308-8748), or Craig Weeks, EPA, Region VI at 214-665-7505.

INSPECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE

DOCUMENTS: Documents relating to the above Council and Sector Subcommittee announcements, will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with the official minutes for the meetings, will be available for public inspection in room 2821M of EPA Headquarters, Common Sense Initiative Staff, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone number 202-260-7417. Common Sense Initiative information can be accessed electronically through contacting Katherine Brown at brown.katherine@epamail.gov.

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[OPP-00423; FRL-4990-3]**Testing Guidelines; Notice of Availability**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA has established a unified library for Test Guidelines issued by the

Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), and is announcing the availability of testing guidelines for the following three series: Series 875—Occupational and Residential Exposure Test Guidelines, Series 880—Biochemicals Test Guidelines, and Series 885—Microbial Pesticide Test Guidelines. The guidelines in these three series have been minimally edited for re-publication, but have not been changed in any substantive way. Issuance of guidelines in these three series initiates the publication of the unified library of OPPTS Test Guidelines. This notice also describes the process of developing this unified library of OPPTS Test Guidelines. The Agency intends to issue Federal Register notices periodically as new test guidelines are added to the OPPTS unified library.

ADDRESSES: The guidelines are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 on *The Federal Bulletin Board*. By modem dial (202) 512-1387, telnet and ftp: fedbbs.access.gpo.gov (IP 162.140.64.19), or call (202) 512-1530 for disks or paper copies. The guidelines are also available electronically in ASCII and PDF (portable document format) from the EPA Public Access Gopher (gopher.epa.gov) under the heading "Environmental Test Methods and Guidelines."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information: By mail:

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) information: Contact the TSCA Hotline at: TAIS/7408, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (202) 554-1404; fax (202) 554-5603, e-mail: tsc hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) information: Contact the Communications Branch (7506C), Field Operations Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (703) 305-5017; fax is (703) 305-5558.

For technical information on series 875: Alan Nielsen, (703) 305-5242, e-mail: nielsen.alan@epamail.epa.gov.

For technical information on series 880 and series 885: William Schneider, (703) 308-8683, e-mail: schneider.william@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. EPA's Process for Developing a Unified Library of Test Guidelines

EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) is close

to completion of a multi-year project to harmonize and/or update test guidelines among the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The goals of the project include the formulation of harmonized OPP and OPPT guidelines for those in common between the two programs, the harmonization of OPPT and/or OPP guidelines with those of the OECD, as well as the updating of any guidelines unique to OPP or OPPT programs.

Testing guidelines that are changed substantively in the harmonization process or through other updating/amending activities, or which are new (e.g., for a previously unaddressed testing endpoint) will be made available for public comment by notice in the Federal Register. Additionally, EPA will submit these substantively revised and new test guidelines to peer review by expert scientific panels. Guidelines which are reformatted but not changed in any substantive way will not be made available for public comment or submitted to peer review. Because harmonization and updating is an ongoing task that will periodically result in modified guidelines, some guidelines being made available via GPO and Internet will be subject to revisions in the future. These efforts will ensure that industry is provided with testing guidelines that are current.

All final guidelines will be made available through the GPO Electronic Bulletin Board and the Internet on the EPA Public Access Gopher as a unified library of OPPTS Test Guidelines for use by either program office. Printed versions of the unified library of OPPTS test guidelines will also be available through the GPO. For purposes of this Federal Register notice, "publication" of the unified library of guidelines generally describes the availability of these guidelines with the GPO and Internet.

The test guidelines appearing in the unified library will be given numerical designations that are different from the designations provided at 40 CFR parts 158, 795, 796, 797, 798, and 799. OPPTS test guidelines will be published in 10 disciplinary series as follows:

Series 810—Product Performance Test Guidelines

Series 830—Product Properties Test Guidelines

Series 835—Fate, Transport and Transformation Test Guidelines

Series 840—Spray Drift Test Guidelines

- Series 850—Ecological Effects Test Guidelines
- Series 860—Residue Chemistry Test Guidelines
- Series 870—Health Effects Test Guidelines
- Series 875—Occupational and Residential Exposure Test Guidelines
- Series 880—Biochemicals Test Guidelines
- Series 885—Microbial Pesticide Test Guidelines

The Agency intends to issue Federal Register notices periodically as new test guidelines are added to the OPPTS unified library. As each set of guidelines is published, it will be accompanied by a Master List which cross references the new OPPTS guideline numbers to the original OPP and OPPT numbers.

II. Impact on OPP and OPPT

Currently, OPP makes its test guidelines available through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) as a series of twelve subdivisions. Explicit test requirements for pesticide registration are set out in 40 CFR part 158 which refers to specific guidelines by guideline number. EPA recommends that the test guidelines published through GPO and Internet be consulted instead of those test guidelines that were published through NTIS; studies initiated 45 days or more after final publication should be performed in accordance with the revised guidelines. As test guidelines are published, the Agency will inform industry and the general public by means of PR Notices as well as FR Notices. In addition, Data Call In letters to pesticide registrants will carry a dual numbering system in reference to test guidelines until all test guidelines have been published. Part 158, which is currently under revision, will also carry a dual numbering system for test

guidelines when it is proposed and finalized in the Federal Register.

In contrast, OPPT has been publishing its test guidelines in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 40 CFR parts 795 through 798 and are referenced on a chemical-specific basis in its TSCA section 4 test rules in 40 CFR part 799. Although OPPT is currently evaluating whether to continue to publish its test guidelines in the CFR, OPPT test guidelines and modifications to those test guidelines that have been incorporated by an existing test rule will be retained in the CFR until OPPT announces that it will no longer publish its test guidelines in the CFR. Therefore, to the extent that a manufacturer or processor became subject to a test rule prior to the adoption of a harmonized test guideline, that test rule still requires compliance with the test guideline that was referenced by the test rule and published in the CFR. However, if the manufacturer or processor subject to the test rule is interested in seeking a modification to the requirement to comply with the test guideline that appears in the CFR, and which is incorporated by reference in that test rule, EPA encourages that manufacturer or processor to consult the modification procedures outlined in 40 CFR part 790. EPA has removed, and will continue to remove from the CFR those test guidelines that are no longer incorporated by reference in an existing and applicable test rule.

III. Peer Review of Test Guidelines

The Agency has updated and harmonized test guidelines for Product Properties (830 series) and Residue Chemistry (860 series) (60 FR 44343, August 25, 1995) (FRL-4974-3). EPA submitted the revisions to those series to peer review by the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel on September 27, 1995. EPA also made these revisions available to the public for comment through the

EPA docket. They will be revised in response to all comments received and published as final guidelines early in 1996.

EPA is also announcing that it intends to make available for public comment prior to peer review meetings the revised test guidelines for Ecological Effects (850 series), Health Effects (870 series), and Fate and Transport (840 series) during 1996.

IV. Notice of Availability of Republished Test Guidelines

This notice announces the availability of OPP unique test guidelines in the 875, 880, and 885 series. The test guidelines in series 875, 880, and 885 have been minimally edited for publication with GPO and Internet, but have not been changed in any substantive way. Guideline Series 880 is drawn from Subdivision M of the Pesticide Assessment Guidelines and pertains to special testing approaches to biochemical pesticides. Only those guidelines from Subdivision M which are truly unique to biochemical pesticides are being published in series 880. The other non-unique tests for biochemical pesticides should be performed using the guidelines for chemical pesticides. Although the Agency is in the process of revising its test guidelines for Post-Application Exposure (875B), the current guidelines are still official and are being published as part of the unified library of OPPTS test guidelines. When EPA has completed the process for revising the Post-Application Exposure guidelines in 1997, the revised guidelines will replace the current guidelines. In the interim, registrants are advised to contact EPA's Occupational and Residential Exposure Branch, within the Office of Pesticide Programs, at (703) 305-6094.

The following is the complete list of guidelines being made available at this time.

SERIES 875—OCCUPATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL EXPOSURE TEST GUIDELINES

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
Group A—Applicator Exposure Monitoring Test Guidelines.					
875.1000	Background for application exposure monitoring test guidelines	none	230	none	96-261
875.1100	Dermal exposure—outdoor	none	231	none	96-262
875.1200	Dermal exposure—indoor	none	233	none	96-209
875.1300	Inhalation exposure—outdoor	none	232	none	96-263
875.1400	Inhalation exposure—indoor	none	234	none	96-213
875.1500	Biological monitoring	none	235	none	96-264
875.1600	Application exposure monitoring data reporting	none	236	none	96-265
Group B—Postapplication Exposure Monitoring Test Guidelines.					
875.2000	Background for postapplication exposure monitoring test guidelines	none	130, 131	none	96-266

SERIES 875—OCCUPATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL EXPOSURE TEST GUIDELINES—Continued

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
875.2100	Foliar dislodgeable residue dissipation	none	132-1	none	96-267
875.2200	Soil residue dissipation	none	132-1	none	96-243
875.2400	Dermal exposure	none	133-3	none	96-269
875.2500	Inhalation exposure	none	133-4	none	96-270
875.2600	Biological monitoring	none	235	none	96-271
875.2800	Descriptions of human activity	none	133-1	none	96-283
875.2900	Data reporting and calculations	none	134	none	96-272

SERIES 880—BIOCHEMICALS TEST GUIDELINES

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
	Group A—Product Analysis Test Guidelines.				
880.1100	Product identity and composition	none	151-10	none	96-273
880.1200	Description of starting materials, production and formulation process	none	151-11	none	96-274
880.1400	Discussion of formation of impurities	none	151-12	none	96-275
	Group B—Toxicology Test Guidelines.				
880.3550	Immunotoxicity	none	152-18	none	96-280
880.3800	Immune response	none	152-24	none	96-281
	Group C—Nontarget Organisms and Environmental Testing Test Guidelines.				
880.4350	Nontarget insect testing	none	154-11	none	96-285
880.4425	Dispenser water leaching	none	155-5	none	96-286

SERIES 885—MICROBIAL PESTICIDE TEST GUIDELINES

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
885.0001	Overview for microbial pest control agents	none	150A	none	96-290
	Group A—Product Analysis Test Guidelines.				
885.1100	Product identity	none	151A-10	none	96-292
885.1200	Manufacturing process	none	151A-11	none	96-293
885.1300	Discussion of formation of unintentional ingredients	none	151A-01	none	96-294
885.1400	Analysis of samples	none	151A-13	none	96-295
885.1500	Certification of limits	none	151A-15	none	96-296
	Group B—Residues Test Guidelines.				
885.2000	Background for residue analysis of microbial pest control agents	none	153A-1	none	96-299
885.2100	Chemical identity	none	153A-4	none	96-300
885.2200	Nature of the residue in plants	none	153A-6	none	96-302
885.2250	Nature of the residue in animals	none	153A-7	none	96-311
885.2300	Analytical methods—plants	none	153A-8a	none	96-301
885.2350	Analytical methods—animals	none	153A-8b	none	96-305
885.2400	Storage stability	none	153A-9	none	96-306
885.2500	Magnitude of residues in plants	none	153A-10	none	96-307
885.2550	Magnitude of residues in meat, milk, poultry, eggs	none	153A-11	none	96-308
885.2600	Magnitude of residues in potable water, fish, and irrigated crops	none	153A-01	none	96-309
	Group C—Toxicology Test Guidelines.				
885.3000	Background—mammalian toxicity/pathogenicity/infectivity	none	152A-1	none	96-314
885.3050	Acute oral toxicity/pathogenicity	none	152A-10	none	96-315
885.3100	Acute dermal toxicity/pathology	none	152A-11	none	96-316
885.3150	Acute pulmonary toxicity/pathogenicity	none	152A-12	none	96-317

SERIES 885—MICROBIAL PESTICIDE TEST GUIDELINES—Continued

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
885.3200	Acute injection toxicity/pathogenicity	none	152A-13	none	96-318
885.3400	Hypersensitivity incidents	none	152A-15	none	96-320
885.3500	Cell culture	none	152A-16	none	96-321
885.3550	Acute toxicology, Tier II	none	152A-20	none	96-322
885.3600	Subchronic toxicity/pathogenicity	none	152A-21	none	96-323
885.3650	Reproductive/fertility effects	none	152A-30	none	96-324
Group D—Nontarget Organism and Environmental Expression Test Guidelines.					
885.4000	Background for nontarget organism testing of microbial pest control agents	none	154A-1, 2, 3, 4, 5	none	96-328
885.4050	Avian oral, Tier I	none	154A-16	none	96-329
885.4100	Avian inhalation test, Tier I	none	154A-17	none	96-330
885.4150	Wild mammal testing, Tier I	none	154A-18	none	96-331
885.4200	Freshwater fish testing, Tier I	none	154A-19	none	96-332
885.4240	Freshwater aquatic invertebrate testing, Tier I	none	154A-20	none	96-333
885.4280	Estuarine and marine animal testing, Tier I	none	154A-21	none	96-334
885.4300	Nontarget plant studies, Tier I	none	154A-22	none	96-335
885.4340	Nontarget insect testing, Tier I	none	154A-23	none	96-336
885.4380	Honey bee testing, Tier I	none	154A-24	none	96-337
885.4600	Avian chronic pathogenicity and reproduction test, Tier III	none	154A-26	none	96-342
885.4650	Aquatic invertebrate range testing, Tier III	none	154A-27	none	96-343
885.4700	Fish life cycle studies, Tier III	none	154A-28	none	96-344
885.4750	Aquatic ecosystem test	none	154A-29	none	96-345
Group E—Environmental Expression Test Guidelines.					
885.5000	Background for microbial pesticides testing	none	155A-1, 2	none	96-056
885.5200	Expression in a terrestrial environment	none	155A-10	none	96-338
885.5300	Expression in a freshwater environment	none	155A-11	none	96-339
885.5400	Expression in a marine or estuarine environment	none	155A-12	none	96-340

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Test guidelines.

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Revision of Prenatal Developmental Toxicity Study and Reproduction and Fertility Effects Testing Guidelines Under FIFRA and TSCA; Notice of Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EPA is making available for public comment revised proposed guidelines for OPPTS 870.3700 Prenatal

Developmental Toxicity Study and OPPTS 870.3800 Reproduction and Fertility Effects. When final, these revised guidelines will replace OPP Guidelines 83-3 and 83-4 under 40 CFR 158.340 and OPPT Guidelines under 40 CFR 798.4700 and 798.4900.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 3, 1996. If circumstances warrant, EPA may reopen the comment period, by notice in the Federal Register, at a later date.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments in triplicate to: By mail: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person: bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: guidelines@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special

characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00413A." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" caption of this preamble.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket