

element of the LDRs enacted in the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984. HSWA requires EPA to implement the LDR provisions as they apply to mixed waste until the authorized States receive approval from EPA to implement the LDR provision in lieu of the Agency. EPA therefore implements the LDRs, and this policy applies, in the States with authorized RCRA mixed waste programs, until the States have also been authorized for their LDR programs.

As of March 15, 1996, 30 States and one Territory with mixed waste programs had received final authorization to implement LDRs covering solvents and dioxins, and 22 States and one Territory have also received final authorization for or have adopted EPA's LDR rules through the Third Third. The 30 States and one Territory are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Kansas, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming. These States' approved LDR authorities include State law counterparts to the RCRA section 3004(j) storage prohibition. As these States and Territories have independent authority to enforce the LDRs and section 3004(j), EPA's enforcement policy is not binding on them. Therefore, facility owners and operators should consult with the responsible officials in these States for clarification on these States' policy with respect to storage of LDR prohibited mixed waste.

During the term of this policy, additional States may receive authorization for mixed waste or LDR programs. Facility owners and operators should track the authorization status of their State programs in order to ascertain whether they are covered by this policy, or whether other restrictions based on State law might apply to mixed waste storage.

#### IV. Highlights of Extended Enforcement Policy

In order to demonstrate that they are pursuing environmentally responsible management of their mixed wastes (and therefore should be accorded a reduced civil enforcement priority for sec. 3004(j) violations), facility owner/operators generating mixed wastes should be undertaking at least the following steps.

#### A. Inventory and Compliance Assessment of Storage Areas

Records should be maintained identifying each physical location or unit where mixed waste is stored, and identifying the method of storage [i.e., container or tank, see 40 CFR 264.73(b) or 265.73(b)]. An inspection of these storage areas for compliance with applicable RCRA standards for storage methods, including an assessment of compliance with the storage facility standards of 40 CFR Part 264 or Part 265 (interim status), Subparts I-J and DD, or the State counterparts to these standards should be performed regularly (see 40 CFR 264.15 or 265.15). The facility records should contain the results of the inspections as required by 40 CFR 264.73(b)(5) or 265.73(b)(5). EPA encourages facility owner/operators to take action promptly to correct any deficiencies, since EPA expects to focus its enforcement efforts regarding section 3004(j) violations on those situations where an inspection or other information reveals significant RCRA violation(s), or a pattern of violations that indicate a disregard for compliance with the RCRA Subtitle C requirements.

#### B. Identification of Mixed Wastes

Facility owner/operators should maintain sufficient information to identify their mixed wastes. The identification should include the RCRA waste codes for the hazardous components, the source of the hazardous constituents and discussion of how the waste was generated (if known), the generation rate and volumes of mixed wastes in storage, and any process information relied upon to identify mixed wastes or make determinations that wastes are prohibited by the LDRs (See 40 CFR 264.73 or 265.73).

#### C. Waste Minimization Plans

EPA understands that many mixed waste generators and facility owner/operators are undertaking active measures to avoid the generation of mixed wastes. Each mixed waste generator and facility owner/operator should develop a waste minimization plan (See 58 FR 31114, May 28, 1993, for guidance), and retain the plan at the facility. The plan should address process changes that can be made to reduce or eliminate mixed wastes, methods to minimize the volume of regulated wastes through better segregation of materials, and substitution of non-hazardous materials. The plan should include a schedule for implementation, projections of volume reductions to be achieved, and

assumptions that are critical to the accomplishment of the projected reductions.

#### D. Good Faith Efforts

This policy is limited in scope to those LDR-prohibited mixed wastes for which no treatment technology or disposal capacity is available. As stated earlier, EPA recognizes that commercial treatment technology and disposal capacity do not exist for some types of mixed waste. However, since additional treatment technology or disposal capacity may become available in the future, facility owner/operators should be prepared to demonstrate that good faith efforts have been undertaken to ascertain whether treatment technology and disposal capacity is available for each of their mixed wastes and to utilize such treatment technology and disposal capacity.

Dated: April 19, 1996.

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#### Gulf of Mexico Program Issue Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Co-Chairs Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting of the Issue Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Co-Chairs of the Gulf of Mexico Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Program's Issue Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Co-Chairs will hold a meeting at the Naval Research Laboratory Main Conference Room, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James D. Giattina, Director, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, John C. Stennis Space Center, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000, at (601) 688-3726.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A meeting of the Issue Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Co-Chairs of the Gulf of Mexico Program will be held May 15-16, 1996, at the Naval Research Laboratory Main Conference Room,

Stennis Space Center, Mississippi. The committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 15 and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 16. Agenda items will include: Program Status (Update), Director's Perspective (Overview), Co-Chairs Perspective, and Program Priorities. The meeting is open to the public.

James D. Giattina,

*Director, Gulf of Mexico Program.*

Draft Agenda— IC/TAC Co-Chair Workshop, May 15–16, 1996

*Wednesday, May 15*

- Welcome & Introduction of Participants 10:00 am
- Program Status (Update)
- Director's Perspective (Overview)
  - Director's Vision
  - Observed Program Strengths and Weaknesses
  - Lessons Learned (Past Ecosystem Management Experiences)
  - Practical Future Concepts/Challenges/Solutions
- Co-Chairs Perspective (Roundtable Discussion)
  - Observed Program Strengths and Weaknesses
  - Reaction to Future Concepts/Challenges/Solutions
  - Appropriate Future Role of the Committees
- Adjourn for the day—4:30 pm
- Director's Social—6:00 pm  
(A sampling of the Gulf's sustainable resources!)

*Thursday, May 16*

- Program Priorities—8:30 am
  - Review of Goals and Objectives
  - Establish Consensus on Future Committee Roles & Responsibilities
- Workshop Summary (Director Facilitated)—2:00 pm
  - Summarize Workshop Agreements
  - Establish Follow-up Steps/Actions
- Workshop Adjourned—3:00 pm

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### Standard Operating Procedure for Measuring Cholinesterases in Laboratory Rats and Dogs Exposed to Non-Reversible Cholinesterase Inhibitors

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is making available for public comment Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for measuring cholinesterases. This SOP specifies the details of a clinical methodology for performing cholinesterase enzyme

assays in tissues taken from laboratory rats and dogs. This SOP is limited in scope to the measurement of cholinesterase levels in control animals and in animals exposed to a non-reversible cholinesterase inhibitor. This method is essentially the Ellman procedure (1961), with the stipulation that specific parameters be tightly controlled (e.g. pH, wavelength, substrate concentration, etc.).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 28, 1996..

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments in triplicate to: 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, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@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–00432." Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION."

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 without prior notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Robert B. Jaeger, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 819B, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA (703) 305–5369 or 305–7351; e-mail: jaeger.bruce@epamail.epa.gov.

Copies of the SOP may be obtained by contacting: By mail: Public Docket and Freedom of Information Section, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or for courier pick-up: Office location and telephone number: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305–5805 or 305–5454. By internet: e-mail requests to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. The SOP is also electronically available on EPA's gopher server (gopher://gopher.epa.gov) and the world wide web (www) (<http://www.epa.gov>) under the heading "Rules, Regulations and Legislation".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A public record has been established for this notice under docket number "OPP–00432" (FRL–5364–5) (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132, Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov  
Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: April 18, 1996.

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Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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