

regulatory requirements, plus provide comments on any experience or knowledge concerning: (a) Problems with installing, maintaining, and/or using the candidate equipment on applicable engines; and, (b) whether the equipment is compatible with affected vehicles.

The date of this notice initiates a 45 day period during which the Agency will accept written comments relevant to whether or not the equipment described in the ECS notification of intent to certify should be certified pursuant to the urban bus retrofit/rebuild regulations. Interested parties are encouraged to review the notification of intent to certify and provide comment during the 45 day period. Please send separate copies of your comments to each of the above two addresses.

The Agency will review this notification of intent to certify, along with comments received from interested parties, and attempt to resolve or clarify issues as necessary. During the review process, the Agency may add additional documents to the docket as a result of the review process. These documents will also be available for public review and comment within the 45 day period.

Dated: August 1, 1996.

Mary D. Nichols,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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[FRL-5549-6]

Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC); Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) will hold its Executive Committee Meeting, August 20-21, 1996, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. and recess at 5:15 p.m. on August 20, 1996, and start at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on August 21, 1996. All times noted are eastern time. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make comments at the meeting, should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Official,

Office of Research and Development (8701), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 260-0468. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of 3 minutes. Anyone desiring a draft BOSC agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton, (202) 260-0929.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Official, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, NCERQA (MC8701), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, 202-260-0468.

Dated: August 2, 1996.

Robert J. Huggett,

Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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[OPPTS-42052S; FRL-5384-2]

Urea-formaldehyde Pressed Wood; Notice of Availability of Final Report on Formaldehyde Exposure Testing Pilot Study; Plans for Peer Review

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the final report of a pilot study addressing exposure testing of indoor emissions of formaldehyde gas from urea-formaldehyde pressed wood building materials. Such materials are used in the construction of conventionally-built and manufactured housing, cabinets and furniture. In September, 1996, the Agency will submit this report for peer review by experts on residential indoor air. The peer review will assist EPA in determining the future course of its formaldehyde exposure testing efforts and its ongoing regulatory investigation of formaldehyde emissions from pressed wood building materials used in building homes, cabinets and furniture.

DATES: Any person having comments on the final report should submit such comments to EPA by September 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the pilot study final report should be sent in triplicate, to: Document Control Office (7407), Room G-099, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Written comments must be identified by the docket number OPPTS-42052S.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppt.ncic@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 OPPTS-42052S. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Library. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of "Residential Indoor Air Formaldehyde Testing Program: Pilot Study Final Report" contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; Telephone (202) 554-1404; TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov. By internet: e-mail requests to:

oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. The report is also available on EPA's gopher server ([gopher://gopher.epa.gov](http://gopher.epa.gov)) and the world wide web ([www](http://www.epa.gov)) (<http://www.epa.gov>) under the heading "Rules, Regulations and Legislation."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is concerned about formaldehyde that is emitted by urea-formaldehyde (UF) pressed wood products. UF pressed wood products include particleboard, hardwood plywood and medium density fiberboard. They are used as interior building materials and as components of doors, cabinets and furniture. Formaldehyde emissions from these products can elevate the concentrations of this gas in homes and other indoor settings where such products are used and may irritate the eyes, nose and respiratory systems of the large number of persons so exposed.

In the Federal Register of December 23, 1992 (57 FR 61240) (FRL-4178-1), EPA published its 1992 Master Testing List which set forth the Agency's chemical testing agenda under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Among other priorities, the list identified a need for testing that would better characterize formaldehyde levels in conventional and manufactured housing when these houses are new and over a period of time. Contemporary exposure data in

new housing, in light of formaldehyde's known health hazards, would help EPA to determine if there is a need for further reduction in formaldehyde emissions from UF pressed wood.

On January 28, 1993, EPA held a public meeting to discuss a draft indoor formaldehyde exposure testing program. The proposed testing program was designed to obtain data that would both address the aforementioned exposure information needs and aid in the evaluation of the accuracy of computer models which are used by the Agency to estimate residential formaldehyde exposure arising from pressed wood emissions.

Soon after the meeting, the National Particleboard Association (NPA) proposed to the Agency an alternative approach for collecting indoor formaldehyde exposure data and indicated NPA's interest in performing laboratory and field testing on a voluntary basis. Although NPA had offered a different methodological approach to that presented by EPA for collecting data, the testing objectives were similar. Building on the strengths of NPA's proposal and improving its study design parameters, EPA modified the design of EPA's original testing program plan to incorporate key elements of the NPA proposal. (The testing program document, which resulted from these modifications is entitled "Proposed Residential Indoor Air Formaldehyde Testing Program" and is available to interested parties upon request from the same source identified under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" for obtaining the pilot study final report.) However, the modifications to the study design of the testing program were based on new and yet untested experimental methods. Accordingly, a research-oriented pilot study was also developed that would test and possibly yield refinements in the new methods before they were applied in a testing program that would have a much larger scope and entail greater cost.

By September, 1993, NPA had agreed, in principle, to conduct pilot study testing voluntarily. Noting EPA's expertise in the areas of indoor air monitoring and research, NPA asked EPA if, for purposes of executing the pilot study, it would be willing to share the Agency's expertise under the terms of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRDA) authorized by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1988. In the interest of expediting the pilot study so that the testing program could proceed, EPA agreed to pursue such an arrangement. In September, 1994, the Agency and

NPA signed a CRDA which provided that pilot study research would be conducted under EPA administration with NPA providing funds (\$460,000) which were then estimated as being sufficient to defray pilot study costs, products used in the pilot study (UF pressed wood building material, cabinets, etc.) and product emission testing services. In addition, EPA agreed to fund the development of a Quality Assurance Project Plan that would govern data collection under the pilot study. That plan was finalized in October, 1994, and pilot study research began soon thereafter. In March, 1996, EPA received the final report on the pilot study.

EPA believes that it is appropriate and helpful to obtain peer review of technical documents that contain new information or interpretations that may likely have importance for decisionmaking on future data collection activities or other regulatory purposes under TSCA. The final report of the indoor formaldehyde pilot study appears to justify such review. Accordingly, EPA intends to conduct a peer review of the final report, in the context of the formaldehyde exposure testing program proposal, utilizing recognized experts in residential indoor air quality and monitoring. Peer review is scheduled to commence in September, 1996. The results of peer review will be placed in the public record that has been established for Formaldehyde Exposure Testing.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number "OPPTS-42052S" (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 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
 oppt.ncic@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 notice record which will also

include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official notice record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: July 29, 1996.

Lynn R. Goldman,

*Assistant Administrator for Prevention,
Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collections Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

August 2, 1996.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commissions burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before September 9, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal