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### Benchmark Dose Peer Consultation Workshop

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA's Risk Assessment Forum is organizing a workshop on the use of the Benchmark Dose approach in cancer and noncancer risk assessments. A panel consisting of experts will discuss general principles related to the application of the Benchmark Dose approach as discussed in the EPA draft report Benchmark Dose Technical Guidance Document (EPA/600/P-96/002A). This draft guidance document is currently under development, but is being made available at this stage for a peer consultation workshop. Several experts in the areas of toxicology, statistics, and mathematical modeling have been asked to review the document and provide input at this early stage of development on several issues for which there is ongoing discussion within the Agency. The workshop will be open to members of the public as observers.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin on Tuesday, September 10, 1996, at 8:00 a.m. and end on Wednesday, September 11, 1996, at 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, is providing logistical support for the workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel: (617) 674-7474 by September 2, 1996. Space is limited so please register early.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning the workshop, please contact Dr. Carole Kimmel, U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., Telephone (202) 260-7331. To obtain a copy of the document, contact ORD Publications, Technology Transfer and Support Division, National Risk Management Laboratory, Cincinnati, OH; telephone 513-569-7562; fax: 513-569-7566. The document should be available on or about August 20, 1996.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The US EPA conducts risk assessments for an array of non-cancer health effects as well as for cancer. Historically, dose-response analysis has been done very differently, but with the recent publication of EPA's Proposed Guidance for Carcinogen Risk Assessment (61 FR 17960-18011), the dichotomy between quantitative approaches for cancer and noncancer risks will begin to breakdown. The EPA is exploring the use of the Benchmark Dose approach as a way of modeling effects data in the observable range and determining the point of departure that can be used as the basis for linear low-dose extrapolation, calculation of a margin of exposure (MOE), or application of uncertainty factors for calculating oral reference doses (RfDs), inhalation reference concentrations (RfCs), or other exposure estimates for human health risk assessment.

Issues to be discussed at the workshop include: the appropriate selection of studies and responses for benchmark dose analysis, use of biological significance or limit of detection for selection of the benchmark response, model selection and fitting, use of the lower confidence limit, and the default decision approach proposed in the document.

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Joseph Alexander,  
Acting Assistant Administrator for Research  
and Development.

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### Revised Hours for Public Access to the Headquarters Library and INFOTERRA

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that beginning September 3, 1996, the Headquarters Library and INFOTERRA will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. This constitutes an expansion in hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Irvin Weiss, Library Manager at 202-260-9388 or Emma McNamara, INFOTERRA Manager at 202-260-1522.

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Irvin Weiss,  
Library Manager.

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### 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 final testing guidelines for the following two series: Series 830-Product Properties Test Guidelines and Series 860-Residue Chemistry Test Guidelines. Guidelines in these series were peer reviewed on September 27, 1995, by the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) and have been revised in response to SAP and public comments. This notice also describes the unified library of OPPTS Test Guidelines. The Agency issues 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), internet: http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov, or call (202) 512-1532 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: tsca-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 questions on series 830: Robert Boethling, (202) 260-3912, e-mail: boethling.robert@epamail.epa.gov or Francis Griffith, (703) 305-5826, e-mail: griffith.francis@epamail.epa.gov.

For technical questions on series 860: Randolph Perfetti, (703) 305-5381, e-

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) has been engaged in 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 submits substantively revised and new test guidelines to peer review by expert scientific panels. Guidelines which are reformatted but not changed in any substantive way are not made available for public comment or submitted to peer review.

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 EPA program office. Printed versions of the unified library of OPPTS test guidelines will also be available to the public through the GPO. For purposes of this Federal Register notice, "publication" of the unified library of guidelines generally describes the availability of these final guidelines through the GPO and Internet. 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 revised in the future. These efforts will ensure that industry is provided with testing guidelines that are current.

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 issues Federal Register notices periodically announcing any new test guidelines 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. OPP and OPPT Procedures

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 available through GPO and Internet be consulted instead of those test guidelines that were published through NTIS. Once final guidelines are available through GPO and Internet earlier guidelines will be removed from 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 Pesticide Registration (PR) Notices as well as Federal Register Notices. In addition, Data Call In letters to pesticide registrants will carry a dual numbering system for test guidelines until all test guidelines have been published. Part 158, which is currently being revised, 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 (series 860) and submitted the revisions to these series to peer review by the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) on September 27, 1995. EPA also made these revised guidelines available to the public for comment through the EPA docket. Guidelines in these series have been revised in response to peer review and public comment. In the 830 series, a comprehensive background guideline (OPPTS 830.1000) was added to provide general guidance on test methods and data reporting and an overview of the use of this series of test guidelines for pesticides. Additional standard test methods as suggested by SAP and public comment were added to individual test guidelines. For the 860 series, the Agency responded to SAP comments by revising the appropriate guidelines. The table "Raw Agricultural and Processed Commodities and Livestock Feeds Derived from Field Crops" in OPPTS guideline 860.1000 was also revised as a result of workshops held during the revision process. These workshops involved experts from academia, government, and the pesticide and livestock production industries, thus ensuring that the table is the end product of extensive peer

involvement. Additional comments received from the public were mainly editorial in nature and the guidelines were revised as appropriate. Copies of the Agency's comment/response documentation are available through the Public Response and Program Resources Branch and also on the EPA Public Access Gopher. See "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this notice for the mailing address, telephone number, or public access gopher address.

The Agency has also updated and harmonized test guidelines for Health Effects (series 870). These guidelines were made available for public comment in June 1996 (61 FR 31522,

June 20, 1996) (FRL-5367-7) and will be peer reviewed in October 1996. Harmonized draft test guidelines for OPPTS in Ecological Effects (series 850) and OPPT guidelines in Fate, Transport and Transformation (series 835) were peer reviewed at a SAP meeting on May 29-30, 1996 (61 FR 16486, April 15, 1996) (FRL-5363-1). Final testing guidelines for the following three series: Occupational and Residential Exposure (series 875), Biochemicals (series 880), and Microbial Pesticides (series 885) were made available in March 1996 (61 FR 8279, March 4, 1996) (FRL-4990-3).

EPA is also announcing that later in 1996, it intends to make available

through GPO and the Internet the Spray Drift test guidelines (series 840) without any substantive changes. In addition, the revised test guidelines for Fate, Transport, and Transformation for application to pesticides (series 835) and Product Performance (series 810) will be made available for public comment during 1996.

#### IV. Notice of Availability of Final Test Guidelines

This notice announces the availability of final test guidelines in the 830 and 860 series. The following is the list of guidelines being made available at this time.

#### Series 830—Product Properties Test Guidelines

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
830.1000	Background for product properties test guidelines <b>Group A—Product Identity, Composition, and Analysis Test Guidelines.</b>	none	none	none	96-310
830.1550	Product identity and composition	none	158.155	none	96-006
830.1600	Description of materials used to produce the product	none	158.160	none	96-007
830.1620	Description of production process	none	158.162	none	96-008
830.1650	Description of formulation process	none	158.165	none	96-009
830.1670	Discussion of formation of impurities	none	158.167	none	96-010
830.1700	Preliminary analysis	none	158.170	none	96-011
830.1750	Certified limits	none	158.175	none	96-012
830.1800	Enforcement analytical method	none	158.180	none	96-013
830.1900	Submittal of samples	none	64-1	none	96-015
	<b>Group B—Physical/Chemical Properties Test Guidelines.</b>				
830.6302	Color	none	63-2	none	96-019
830.6303	Physical state	none	63-3	none	96-020
830.6304	Odor	none	63-4	none	96-021
830.6313	Stability to normal and elevated temperatures, metals, and metal ions	none	63-13	none	96-022
830.6314	Oxidation/reduction: chemical incompatibility	none	63-14	none	96-023
830.6315	Flammability	none	63-15	none	96-024
830.6316	Explosibility	none	63-16	none	96-025
830.6317	Storage stability	none	63-17	none	96-026
830.6319	Miscibility	none	63-19	none	96-027
830.6320	Corrosion characteristics	none	63-20	none	96-028
830.6321	Dielectric breakdown voltage	none	63-21	none	96-029
830.7000	pH	796.1450	63-12	none	96-030
830.7050	UV/Visible absorption	796.1050	none	101	96-031
830.7100	Viscosity	none	63-18	114	96-032
830.7200	Melting point/melting range	796.1300	63-5	102	96-033
830.7220	Boiling point/boiling range	796.1220	63-6	103	96-034
830.7300	Density/relative density/bulk density	796.1150	63-7	109	96-035
830.7370	Dissociation constants in water	796.1370	63-10	112	96-036
830.7520	Particle size, fiber length, and diameter distribution	796.1520	none	110	96-037
830.7550	Partition coefficient ( <i>n</i> -octanol/water), shake flask method	796.1550	63-11	107	96-038
830.7560	Partition coefficient ( <i>n</i> -octanol/water), generator column method	796.1720	63-11	none	96-039
830.7570	Partition coefficient ( <i>n</i> -octanol/water), estimation by liquid chromatography	796.1570	63-11	117	96-040
830.7840	Water solubility: Column elution method; shake flask method	796.1840	63-8	105	96-041
830.7860	Water solubility, generator column method	796.1860	63-8	none	96-042
830.7950	Vapor pressure	796.1950	63-9	104	96-043

## Series 860—Residue Chemistry Test Guidelines

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
860.1000	Background	none	170-1	none	95-169
860.1100	Chemical identity	none	171-2	none	95-170
860.1200	Directions for use	none	171-3	none	95-171
860.1300	Nature of the residue—plants, livestock	none	171-4a,b	none	95-172
860.1340	Residue analytical method	none	171-4c,d	none	95-174
860.1360	Multiresidue method	none	171-4m	none	95-176
860.1380	Storage stability data	none	171-4e	none	95-177
860.1400	Water, fish, and irrigated crops	none	171-4f,g,h,165-5	none	95-178
860.1460	Food handling	none	171-4i	none	95-181
860.1480	Meat/milk/poultry/eggs	none	171-4j	none	95-182
860.1500	Crop field trials	none	171-4k	none	95-183
860.1520	Processed food/feed	none	171-4l	none	95-184
860.1550	Proposed tolerances	none	171-6	none	95-186
860.1560	Reasonable grounds in support of the petition	none	171-7	none	95-187
860.1650	Submittal of analytical reference standards	none	171-13	none	95-016
860.1850	Confined accumulation in rotational crops	none	165-1	none	95-188
860.1900	Field accumulation in rotational crops	none	165-2	none	95-189

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Test guidelines.

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Assistant Administrator for Prevention,  
Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee; Steering Committee Meeting

**AGENCIES:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Reed E. Hundt, Chairman.

**ACTION:** Notice of the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the next meeting of the Steering Committee of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee. The NTIA and the FCC established a Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee, Subcommittees,

and Steering Committee to prepare a final report to advise the NTIA and the FCC on operational, technical and spectrum requirements of Federal, state and local Public Safety entities through the year 2010. All interested parties are invited to attend and to participate in the Steering Committee meeting.

**DATES:** September 16, 1996 (Monday).

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Commerce, Herbert Hoover Building—Auditorium 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Behlin at 202-418-0650 (phone), 202-418-2643 (fax), or dbehlin@fcc.gov (email). Information is also available from the Internet at the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee homepage (<http://pswac.ntia.doc.gov>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Steering Committee of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting as follows:

*September 16, 1996:* The Steering Committee will meet starting at 2:00 p.m.

The tentative agenda for the Steering Committee meeting is as follows:

1. Welcoming Remarks
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Administrative Matters
4. Discussion of Final Report
5. Other Business
6. Closing Remarks

It is expected that this will be the final meeting of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee.

The Co-Designated Federal Officials of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee are William Donald Speights, NTIA, and John J. Borkowski, FCC. For public inspection, a file designated WTB-1 is maintained in the Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 8010, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Robert H. McNamara,

Chief, Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).