

the Office of Research and Development to review an external review draft document titled, Carcinogenic Effects of Benzene: An Update (EPA/600/P-97/001A). EPA will consider comments and recommendations from the workshop and the public comment period in document revisions.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 60-day public review and comment period begins today and ends August 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor, is providing logistical support for the workshop. To attend the workshop, register by July 11 by calling ERG's registration line at 617-674-7374, or send a fax to 617-674-2906. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. There will be a limited time for comments from the public during the afternoon. Please let ERG know if you wish to make a brief statement not to exceed five minutes.

The document is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Center for Environmental Research Information, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268; telephone: 513-569-7562; fax: 513-569-7566. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title and number, Carcinogenic Effects of Benzene: An Update (EPA/600/P-97/001A). Copies also are available for inspection at EPA libraries. The EPA Headquarters Library is located at 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.; the library is open Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except for Federal holidays. Copies of the document are not available from ERG.

Comments may be mailed or delivered to the Technical Information Staff (8623), NCEA-W/OSG, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460 (telephone: 202-260-7345). Comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by the end of the comment period. Please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may

be sent to benzene.new@epamail.epa.gov.

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be placed in a public record. For that reason, commenters should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Bayliss, National Center for Environmental Assessment/Washington Office (8623), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: 202-260-5726; fax: 202-260-8719; e-mail: benzene.new@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This draft document is the result of a request from the Office of Mobile Sources, Office of Air and Radiation, for an update of the 1985 document titled, Interim Quantitative Cancer Unit Risk Estimates Due to Inhalation of Benzene. The draft report updates the scientific basis for selecting a cancer unit risk of benzene. Information on the toxicity, metabolism, epidemiology, and genotoxicity are considered together in the evaluation of the cancer unit risk estimate for the probability of developing cancer from low-dose exposure to benzene. After the workshop, EPA will consider the peer-panel and public comments before preparing a final report for the Office of Mobile Sources.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

Richard Hardesty,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed CERCLA Administrative Agreement; Commercial Decal, Inc. Superfund Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Agency's May 24, 1995, "Guidance on Agreements with Prospective Purchasers of Contaminated Property," notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement ("agreement") with the City of Mount Vernon, New York ("City") concerning

the parcel of real property which includes the Commercial Decal, Inc. Superfund Site in Mount Vernon, Westchester County, New York (the "property"). Under the agreement, the City will pay \$283,050.45 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund in exchange for a covenant not to sue pursuant to sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a), and in settlement of competing bankruptcy claims of the City and the Agency against the property. Following the effectiveness of this agreement, the City intends to make a bid for the property at a bankruptcy auction presently scheduled to be held in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on July 17, 1997. For fourteen (14) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the agreement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the agreement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, Office of Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The proposed agreement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, Office of Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866. A copy of the proposed agreement may be obtained from the individual listed below. Comments should reference the Commercial Decal, Inc. Superfund Site, Mount Vernon, New York and EPA Index No. II-CERCLA-97-0205, and should be addressed to the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl P. Garvey, Assistant Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866, Telephone: (212) 637-3181.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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