

cancer through a two-step mechanism in which the chemical causes an intervening pathological change, and this pathological change is the direct cause of the cancer, but this does not mean that the chemical is not known or reasonably anticipated to cause cancer. It is therefore reasonable for EPA to consider such effects in light of the broad statutory purpose to inform the public about releases to the environment. Were EPA to exclude indirect effects from consideration, it would dilute the purpose of the statute by precluding public access to information about chemicals that cause a wide range of adverse health and environmental effects.

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VII. Administrative Record

The record supporting this decision is contained in docket control number OPPTS-400119. All documents, including the references listed in Unit VI. of this document and an index of the docket, are available to the public in the TSCA Non-Confidential Information Center (NCIC), also known as the Public Docket Office, from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The TSCA NCIC is located at EPA Headquarters, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Community right-to-know, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Toxic chemicals.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Export-Import Bank).

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee was established by Public Law 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

TIME AND PLACE: Tuesday, April 14, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Export-Import Bank in room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20571.

AGENDA: The meeting will include a discussion of the following: the capacity of commercial banks to step up to some

risk in the medium term in order to set the stage for the use of delegated authority; the availability of information from the exporter community on the net employment impact of a change in the foreign content policy; the ability of financial intermediaries in project finance cases to take on operational and risk-sharing roles that neutralize the administrative and program budget implications of offering pre-completion comprehensive cover; and the adequacy of short- and medium-term export credit availability for small and medium sized exporters and what additional delivery mechanisms might expand the availability of such support.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. In order to permit the Export-Import Bank to arrange suitable accommodations, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting should notify Megan Becher, Room 1284, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3507, no later than April 6, 1998. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to April 6, 1998, Megan Becher Room 1284, Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3955 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, contact Megan Becher, Room 1284, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3507.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

March 23, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, 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 information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 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