

the States to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads for impaired watersheds specifying point and nonpoint source load reductions necessary to protect sediment quality; (4) use the NSI to identify point sources of sediment contaminants for potential permit compliance tracking after further evaluation using program-specific criteria to confirm sediment quality problems; (5) ensure that discharges from CERCLA sites and RCRA facilities subject to NPDES permits comply with future NPDES permit requirements to protect sediment quality; and (6) use the NSI to identify watersheds where technical assistance and grants could effectively be used to reduce nonpoint source loads of sediment contaminants.

Remediation

OW, OERR, and OECA intend to use the NSI to help target sites for further study which may lead to enforcement action requiring contaminated sediment remediation. EPA plans to use standard sediment toxicity, bioaccumulation tests, and site-specific field-based methods to identify potential sites for remediation, to assist in determining clean-up goals for contaminated sites, and to monitor the effectiveness of remedial actions. RCRA Corrective Action sites are generally determined by facilities seeking a RCRA permit, not by the program identifying contaminated areas, except in enforcement under 7003 orders.

Dredged Material Management

Guidance provided in future updates of the Strategy will facilitate the coordination of dredged material management activities among Federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations.

Research

EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD), through its Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP), intends to continue to collect new chemical and biological data on sediment quality. These data would be included in the Agency's NSI. ORD is developing: new biological methods to assess the ecological and human health effects of sediment contaminants, chemical-specific sediment quality criteria, methods to conduct sediment toxicity identification evaluations and methods to identify bioaccumulative chemicals in sediment. ORD intends to develop dredged material disposal fate and transport models, sediment wasteload allocation models, and technologies for remediation of contaminated sediment.

Outreach

EPA plans to undertake a program of outreach and technology transfer to educate target audiences about contaminated sediment risk management. Target audiences would include: other Federal agencies, State and local agencies, the regulated community, the scientific community, environmental advocacy groups, the news media, and the general public. EPA plans to provide technical and nontechnical information to these audiences by developing a range of outreach products. Future updates to the Strategy will be reported in biennial updates of the National Sediment Quality Survey Report to Congress.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Carol M. Browner,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-44648; FRL-5788-9]

TSCA Chemical Testing; Receipt of Test Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of test data on alkyl glycidyl ether (CAS No. 120547-52-6) and tertiary amyl methyl ether (TAME) (CAS No. 994-05-8). These data were submitted pursuant to enforceable testing consent agreements/orders issued by EPA under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Publication of this notice is in compliance with section 4(d) of TSCA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-543B, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 40 CFR 790.60, all TSCA section 4 enforceable consent agreements/orders must contain a statement that results of testing conducted pursuant to testing enforceable consent agreements/orders will be announced to the public in accordance with procedures specified in section 4(d) of TSCA.

I. Test Data Submissions

Test data for alkyl glycidyl ether were submitted by the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. (SPI) Epoxy Resin Systems Alkyl Glycidyl Ether Task Force. The report was submitted pursuant to a TSCA section 4 enforceable testing consent agreement/order at 40 CFR 799.5000 and was received by EPA on March 18, 1998. The submission includes a final report entitled "In Vitro Mammalian Cell Gene Mutation Test with an Independent Repeat Assay." This chemical is used as an epoxy resin additive and as a modifier for other epoxides in flooring adhesives.

Test data for tertiary amyl methyl ether were submitted by the American Petroleum Institute (API), on behalf of the Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether (TAME) Consortium. The report was also submitted pursuant to a TSCA section 4 enforceable consent agreement/order at 40 CFR 799.5000. EPA received the report on March 27, 1998. The submission includes a final report entitled "Two-Generation Reproductive Toxicity Evaluation of Inhaled Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether (TAME) Vapor in CD (Sprague-Dawley) Rats." This chemical is widely seen as a possible additive to gasoline.

EPA has initiated its review and evaluation process for these data submissions. At this time, the Agency is unable to provide any determination as to the completeness of the submissions.

II. Public Record

EPA has established a public record for this TSCA section 4(d) receipt of data notice (docket number OPPTS-44648). This record includes copies of all studies reported in this notice. The record is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (also known as the TSCA Public Docket Office), Rm. B-607 Northeast Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Requests for documents should be sent in writing to: Environmental Protection Agency, TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (7407), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460 or fax: (202) 260-5069 or e-mail: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2603.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Test data.

Dated: April 27, 1998.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-51897; FRL-5786-2]

Certain Chemicals; Premanufacture Notices

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture or import a new chemical to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture or import of substances not on the TSCA Inventory. Section 5 of TSCA also requires EPA to publish receipt and status information in the **Federal Register** each month reporting premanufacture notices (PMN) and test marketing exemption (TME) application requests received, both pending and expired. The information in this document contains notices received from February 23, 1998 to February 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, identified by the document control number "[OPPTS-51897]" and the specific PMN number, if appropriate, should be sent to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. ETG-099 Washington, DC 20460.

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 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPPTS-51897]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION".

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this notice. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC, 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of TSCA, EPA is required to publish notice of receipt and status reports of chemicals subject to section 5 reporting requirements. The notice requirements are provided in TSCA sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3). Specifically, EPA is required to provide notice of receipt of PMNs and TME application requests received. EPA also is required to identify those chemical submissions for which data has been received, the uses or intended uses of such chemicals, and the nature of any test data which may have been developed. Lastly, EPA is required to provide periodic status reports of all chemical substances undergoing review and receipt of notices of commencement.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number "[OPPTS-51897]" (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 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (NCIC), Rm. NEM-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 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.

In the past, EPA has published individual notices reflecting the status of section 5 filings received, pending or expired, as well as notices reflecting receipt of notices of commencement. In an effort to become more responsive to the regulated community, the users of this information and the general public, to comply with the requirements of TSCA, to conserve EPA resources, and to streamline the process and make it more timely, EPA is consolidating these separate notices into one comprehensive notice that will be issued at regular intervals.

In this notice, EPA shall provide a consolidated report in the **Federal Register** reflecting the dates PMN requests were received, the projected notice end date, the manufacturer or importer identity, to the extent that such information is not claimed as confidential and chemical identity, either specific or generic depending on whether chemical identity has been claimed confidential. Additionally, in this same report, EPA shall provide a listing of receipt of new notices of commencement.

EPA believes the new format of the notice will be easier to understand by the interested public, and provides the information that is of greatest interest to the public users. Certain information provided in the earlier notices will not be provided under the new format. The status reports of substances under review, potential production volume, and summaries of health and safety data will not be provided in the new notices.

EPA is not providing production volume information in the consolidated notice since such information is generally claimed as confidential. For this reason, there is no substantive loss to the public in not publishing the data. Health and safety data are not summarized in the notice since it is recognized as impossible, given the format of this notice, as well as the previous style of notices, to provide meaningful information on the subject.