

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-162]

Availability of Draft Toxicological Profiles

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), Section 104(i)(3) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(3)] directs the Administrator of ATSDR to prepare toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances and to revise and publish each updated toxicological profile as necessary. This notice announces the availability of the 14th set of toxicological profiles, which consists of seven updated drafts, prepared by ATSDR for review and comment.

DATES: In order to be considered, comments on these draft toxicological profiles must be received on or before February 23, 2001. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will be considered at the discretion of ATSDR based upon what is deemed to be in the best interest of the general public.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the draft toxicological profiles should be sent to the attention of Ms. Franchetta Stephens, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Comments regarding the draft toxicological profiles should be sent to the attention of Dr. Ganga Choudhary, Division of Toxicology, Agency for

Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Requests for the draft toxicological profiles must be in writing, and must specifically identify the hazardous substance(s) profile(s) you wish to receive. ATSDR reserves the right to provide only one copy of each profile requested, free of charge. In case of extended distribution delays, requestors will be notified.

Written comments and other data submitted in response to this notice and the draft toxicological profiles should bear the docket control number ATSDR-162. Send one copy of all comments and three copies of all supporting documents to Dr. Ganga Choudhary at the above stated address by the end of the comment period. Because all public comments regarding ATSDR toxicological profiles are available for public inspection, no confidential business or other confidential information should be submitted in response to this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Franchetta Stephens, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 1-(800)447-1544 or (404)639-6345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (Pub. L. 99-499) amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*) by establishing certain responsibilities for ATSDR and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with regard to hazardous substances which are most commonly found at facilities on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL). Among these responsibilities is that the Administrator of ATSDR prepare toxicological profiles for substances included on the priority lists of hazardous substances. These lists identified 275 hazardous

substances that ATSDR and EPA determined pose the most significant potential threat to human health. The availability of the revised priority list of 275 hazardous substances was announced in the **Federal Register** on October 21, 1999 (64 FR 56792). For prior versions of the list of substances see **Federal Register** notices dated April 17, 1987 (52 FR 12866); October 20, 1988 (53 FR 41280); October 26, 1989 (54 FR 43619); October 17, 1990 (55 FR 42067); October 17, 1991 (56 FR 52166); October 28, 1992 (57 FR 48801); February 28, 1994 (59 FR 9486); April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18744) and November 17, 1997 (62 FR 61332). [CERCLA also requires ATSDR to assure the initiation of a research program to fill data needs associated with the substances.]

Section 104(i)(3) of CERCLA [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(3)] outlines the content of these profiles. Each profile will include an examination, summary and interpretation of available toxicological information and epidemiologic evaluations. This information and these data are to be used to identify the levels of significant human exposure for the substance and the associated health effects. The profiles must also include a determination of whether adequate information on the health effects of each substance is available or in the process of development. When adequate information is not available, ATSDR, in cooperation with the National Toxicology Program (NTP), is required to assure the initiation of research to determine these health effects.

Although key studies for each of the substances were considered during the profile development process, this **Federal Register** notice seeks to solicit any additional studies, particularly unpublished data and ongoing studies, which will be evaluated for possible addition to the profiles now or in the future.

The following draft toxicological profiles will be made available to the public on or about October 17, 2000.

| Document | Hazardous substance | CAS No. |
|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | ALDRIN | 000060-57-1 |
| | DIELDRIN | 000309-00-2 |
| 2 | BERYLLIUM | 007440-41-7 |
| 3 | CREOSOTE | 008001-58-9 |
| | COAL TAR | 008007-45-2 |
| | COAL TAR PITCH | 065996-93-2 |
| 4 | DDT | 000050-29-3 |
| | DDD | 000072-54-8 |
| | DDE | 000072-55-9 |
| 5 | DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE | 000117-81-7 |
| 6 | HEXACHLOROBENZENE | 000118-74-1 |
| 7 | METHOXYCHLOR | 000072-43-5 |

All profiles issued as "Drafts for Public Comment" represent ATSDR's best efforts to provide important toxicological information on priority hazardous substances. We are seeking public comments and additional information which may be used to supplement these profiles. ATSDR remains committed to providing a public comment period for these documents as a means to best serve public health and our clients.

Dated: September 25, 2000.

Georgi Jones,

Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., October 24, 2000. 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., October 25, 2000.

Place: Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, telephone 703/418-1234.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 90 people.

Purpose: The Committee shall provide advice and guidance to the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Director, CDC, regarding new scientific knowledge and technological developments and their practical implications for childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts. The Committee shall also review and report regularly on childhood lead poisoning prevention practices and recommend improvements in national childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include: Update on Case Management of Children with Lead Poisoning issues, Medicaid issues, Educational, Environmental, Medical, Developmental, and Nutritional Management Policy Document updates, and Impact of Dissemination and Evaluation of Case Management Recommendations. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Opportunities will be provided during the meeting for oral comments. Depending on the

time available and the number of requests, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

This notice is published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to administrative delay.

Contact Person for More Information:

Becky Wright, Program Analyst, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S E-25, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-1789, fax 404/639-2570.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: October 4, 2000.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Subcommittee on Future Vaccines, Subcommittee on Immunization Coverage, and Subcommittee on Vaccine Safety and Communication Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following Federal advisory committee meetings.

This notice is published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to administrative delay.

Name: National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC).

Times and Dates: 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m., October 23, 2000. 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., October 24, 2000.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 505A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey Building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card should plan to arrive at the building each day either between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Entrance to the meeting at other times during the day cannot be assured.

Purpose: This committee advises and makes recommendations to the Director of the National Vaccine Program on matters related to the Program responsibilities.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include: a report from the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) and the Interagency Vaccine Workgroup; an update on the IOM Report, Vaccines for the 21st Century; an update on Pandemic Planning; a discussion of the IOM Report on Immunization Funding; NVAC Polio Containment Workgroup Report; Vaccine Safety and Communication Subcommittee Report; Immunization Coverage Subcommittee Report; Future Vaccines Subcommittee Report; update from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General; a report on Global Immunization Initiatives; discussions on Malaria Vaccine Initiative; a report on HIV Vaccine Status; Measles Eradication in the Americas; ACCV Annual Report; VRPBC Highlights; and ACIP Highlights.

Name: Subcommittee on Future Vaccines.
Time and Date: 2:15 p.m.-5 p.m., October 23, 2000.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 305A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: This subcommittee develops policy options and guides national activities that lead to accelerated development, licensure, and the best use of new vaccines in the simplest possible immunization schedules.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include discussions on a proposal to hold a Workshop on Oral Vaccines and an update on the Workshop on Cytomegalovirus Vaccine development.

Name: Subcommittee on Immunization Coverage.

Time and Date: 2:15 p.m.-5 p.m., October 23, 2000.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 505A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: This subcommittee will identify and propose solutions that provide a multifaceted and holistic approach to reducing barriers that result in low immunization coverage for children.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include discussions on adult immunization standards; the adult immunization action plan; school-based and other institutional immunization requirements; and unmet needs priorities.

Name: Subcommittee on Vaccine Safety and Communication.

Time and Date: 2:15 p.m.-5 p.m., October 23, 2000.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 325A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: This subcommittee reviews issues relevant to vaccine safety and adverse reactions to vaccines.

Matters to be Discussed: Update on vaccine-related activities; an update on the