

determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6946-7]

Transfer of Confidential Business Information to Contractors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of transfer of data and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will transfer Confidential Business Information (CBI) to its contractor, DPRA, Inc. These data pertain to the quantities of hazardous waste generated and managed, and the disposition of those wastes. These data have been or will be submitted to EPA pursuant to the Biennial Reporting requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), as amended. Some of the information may have a claim of business confidentiality. DPRA, Inc. is assisting EPA in assessing the quality of the Biennial Report data, establishing a national data bases on hazardous waste generation and management, and in developing "The National Biennial RCRA Hazardous Waste Report (Based on 1999 Data)."

DATES: Transfer of confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than March 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Regina Magbie, Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments should be identified as "Transfer of Confidential Data."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina Magbie, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-7909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Transfer of Confidential Business Information

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is using Biennial Report data to establish a national data base on hazardous waste generation and management. These data will be used to characterize the demographics of and trends in hazardous waste generation and management. Under EPA Contract No. GS-35F-0063K, DPRA, Inc. will assist the Information Management Branch, Communications, Information, and Resources Management Division, Office of Solid Waste, in assessing the quality of the 1999 Biennial Report data, establishing the National Biennial Report data base, and preparing the 1999 National Report based on those analyses. Some of the information being transferred may be claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). In accordance with 40 CFR 2.305(h), EPA has determined that DPRA, Inc. requires access to CBI submitted to EPA under the authority of RCRA to perform work satisfactory under the above noted contract. EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of CBI on their 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997 and 1999 Hazardous Waste Report Forms (EPA Form 8700-13 A/B), or State developed biennial report forms, that EPA may transfer to this firm, on a need-to-know basis, CBI collected under the authority of RCRA. Upon completing their review of materials submitted, DPRA, Inc. will return all material to EPA.

DPRA, Inc. has been authorized to have access to RCRA CBI under the EPA "Contractor Requirements for the Control and Security of RCRA Confidential Business Information Security Manual." EPA will approve the security plan of the contractor to ensure that their facility complies with security procedures outlined in the security manual prior to RCRA CBI being transmitted to the contractors. Contractor personnel will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to confidential information.

Dated: February 6, 2001.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6947-6]

Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Approval Decisions on Pennsylvania and Virginia Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Approve the Pennsylvania and Virginia Coastal Nonpoint Programs.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to fully approve the Pennsylvania and Virginia Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs (coastal nonpoint programs) and of the availability of the draft Approval Decisions on conditions for the Pennsylvania and Virginia coastal nonpoint programs. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. 1455b, requires states and territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs. Coastal states and territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995. NOAA and EPA conditionally approved the Pennsylvania coastal nonpoint program on October 3, 1997 and the Virginia coastal nonpoint program on February 23, 1998. NOAA and EPA have drafted approval decisions describing how Pennsylvania and Virginia have satisfied the conditions placed on their programs and therefore have fully approved coastal nonpoint programs.

NOAA and EPA are making the draft decisions for the Pennsylvania and Virginia coastal nonpoint programs available for 30-day public comment periods. If no comments are received, the Pennsylvania and Virginia programs will be approved. If comments are received, NOAA and EPA will consider whether such comments are significant enough to affect the decision to fully approve the programs.

Copies of the draft Approval Decisions can be found on the NOAA website at <http://>

www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/czm/6217/ or may be obtained upon request from: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, tel. 301-713-3155, extension 201, e-mail joseph.flanagan@noaa.gov.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the draft Approval Decisions should do so by March 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be made to John King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, tel. 301-713-3155 extension 195, e-mail john.king@noaa.gov or to Fred Suffian, EPA Region 3, 1650 Arch Street (3WP14), Philadelphia, PA 19104, tel. 215-814-5753, e-mail suffian.fred@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Pennsylvania, Neil Christerson, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, tel. 301-713-3155, extension 167, e-mail neil.christerson@noaa.gov; for Virginia, Elisabeth Morgan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, tel. 301-713-3155, extension 166, e-mail elisabeth.morgan@noaa.gov. (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration).

Dated: February 15, 2001.

Ted I. Lillestolen,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

Diane C. Regas,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6937-1]

Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); Announcement of 2001 Program; Request for Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; announcement of IRIS 2001 program and request for scientific information on health effects that may result from chronic exposure to chemical substances.

SUMMARY: The Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data base that contains EPA scientific consensus positions on human health effects that may result from chronic exposure to chemical substances in the environment. On January 12, 2000, EPA announced the 2000 IRIS agenda and solicited scientific information from the public for consideration in assessing health effects from specific chemical substances (65 FR 1863). A supplementary notice issued May 17, 2000 (65 FR 31309) added two additional substances to the agenda. Most of the health assessments listed in the two notices are in progress or near completion. Today, EPA is adding some additional health assessments to the IRIS agenda. This notice describes the Agency's plans, and solicits scientific data and evaluations for consideration in EPA's new assessments.

DATES: Please submit information in response to this notice by April 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please send relevant scientific information to the IRIS Submission Desk in accordance with the instructions provided under "Submission of Information" in this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information on the IRIS program, contact Amy Mills, National Center for Environmental Assessment (mail code 8601D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, or call (202) 564-3204, or send electronic mail inquiries to mills.amy@epa.gov. For general questions about access to IRIS, or the content of IRIS, please call the Risk Information Hotline at (513) 569-7254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

IRIS is an EPA data base containing Agency consensus scientific positions on potential adverse human health effects that may result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to chemical substances found in the environment. IRIS currently provides health effects information on over 500 specific chemical substances.

IRIS contains chemical-specific summaries of qualitative and quantitative health information in support of the first two steps of the risk assessment process, i.e., hazard

identification and dose-response evaluation. IRIS information includes the reference dose for non-cancer health effects resulting from oral exposure, the reference concentration for non-cancer health effects resulting from inhalation exposure, and the carcinogen assessment for both oral and inhalation exposure. Combined with specific situational exposure assessment information, the summary health hazard information in IRIS may be used as a source in evaluating potential public health risks from environmental contaminants.

The IRIS Program

EPA's process for developing IRIS consists of: (1) An annual **Federal Register** notice announcing EPA's IRIS agenda and call for scientific information from the public on the selected chemical substances, (2) a search of the current literature, (3) development of health assessments and draft IRIS summaries, (4) peer review within EPA, (5) peer review outside EPA, (6) EPA consensus review and management approval, (7) preparation of final IRIS summaries and supporting documents, and (8) entry of summaries and supporting documents into the IRIS data base.

Assessments Completed in FY 2000 and Early FY 2001

The following assessments were completed and entered into IRIS in FY 2000 and early FY 2001. These assessments were listed in the **Federal Register** of January 12, 2000. All health endpoints, cancer and non-cancer, were assessed unless otherwise noted. Where information was available, both qualitative and quantitative assessments were developed.

Name	CAS No.
Benzene (oral carcinogenicity)	71-43-2
Chloral hydrate	75-87-6
Chlorine dioxide	10049-04-4
Chlorite (sodium salts)	7758-19-2
1,3-Dichloropropene	542-75-6
Ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	111-76-2
Vinyl chloride	75-01-4

Assessments in Progress—Completion Planned for FY 2001 or FY 2002

The following assessments are underway or generally complete, and are planned for entry into IRIS in FY 2001 or FY 2002. These assessments were announced in the January 12, 2000, or May 17, 2000, **Federal Registers**. All health endpoints, cancer and non-cancer, are being assessed unless otherwise noted. Pesticides