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II. What Actions Are the Agencies Taking?

A. CPSC

The CPSC received a petition from the Environmental Working Group (EWG) and the Healthy Building Network (HBN) requesting a ban on the use of CCA treated wood in playground equipment. The petitioners assert that a ban is necessary because "[r]ecent research has shown that arsenic is more carcinogenic than previously recognized, that arsenic is present at significant concentrations on CCA-treated wood and in underlying soil, that the health risks posed by this wood are greater than previously recognized, and that past risk assessments were incomplete."

The Commission docketed the request for a ban as a petition under provisions of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA), 15 U.S.C. 1261-1278. The EWG/HBN submission also requested that the Commission review the safety of CCA-treated wood for general use. That request was not docketed as part of the petition because it would not require rulemaking. The request for a review is being considered separately by the CPSC's Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction. The Commission published notice of docketing of the EWG/HBN petition in the **Federal Register** of July 13, 2001 (66 FR 36756). The public comment period on that notice closed on September 11, 2001.

As part of its response to the EWG/HBN petition, the CPSC, in cooperation with EPA, has developed the draft dislodgeable residues protocol that is the subject of this notice. CPSC will use the results of the study to be conducted under the protocol in its further evaluation of the potential exposure and any associated risks to children who come in contact with CCA-treated wood.

B. EPA

As part of the reregistration process for heavy duty wood preservatives (including pentachlorophenol, creosote, and CCA) under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the EPA is evaluating the human and environmental risks of CCA. Since CCA-treated wood can be used in both commercial and residential settings, EPA intends to evaluate all uses of CCA-treated wood. Because of specific concerns associated with use of CCA-treated wood in playground

equipment, the Agency is presently evaluating available exposure and hazards data in order to determine the risks to children who come in contact with CCA-treated wood and CCA-contaminated soil.

As part of the CCA-exposure evaluation, EPA, in cooperation with the CPSC, is developing a sampling regime that addresses potential soil residues of arsenic, chromium, and copper which may occur in soils below/adjacent to CCA-treated playground equipment. The draft protocol for that sampling regime is the subject of this notice.

List of Subjects

Consumer protection, Environmental protection, Arsenic, Chromated copper arsenate, Chromium, Copper, Hazardous substances, Pesticides and pests, Playgrounds, Soil.

Dated: September 13, 2001.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Acting Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Dated: September 14, 2001.

Frank Sanders,

Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group will meet in closed session on September 20, 2001. The committee was established to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on advancing a strong, secure, and persuasive U.S. force for freedom and progress in the world, and to do so at the lowest nuclear force level consistent with security requirements.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that the committee meeting concerns matters sensitive to the interest of national security, listed in 5 U.S.C.

552B(c)(1)(1982) and accordingly this meeting was closed to the public.

DATES: September 20, 2001, 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Pentagon, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Haber, OUSD (Policy), 703-697-0286.

Dated: September 13, 2001.

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Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group will meet in closed session on September 27, 2001. The committee was established to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on advancing a strong, secure, and persuasive U.S. force for freedom and progress in the world, and to do so at the lowest nuclear force level consistent with security requirements.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that the committee meeting concerns matters sensitive to the interest of national security, listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1)(1982) and accordingly this meeting was closed to the public.

DATES: September 27, 2001, 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Pentagon, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Haber, OUSD (Policy), 703-697-0286.

Dated: September 13, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Domestic Advisory Panel (DAP) on Early Intervention and Education for Infants, Toddlers, Preschool Children, and Children With Disabilities; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS).

ACTION: Notice.