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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform—Cancellation

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the *cancellation* of a public meeting of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform that was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This meeting will be rescheduled for a later date. Information about dates, times, and locations for the meeting will be posted in the **Federal Register** and on the Committee Web site at [www.regreform.hhs.gov](http://www.regreform.hhs.gov) once the event has been rescheduled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Margaret P. Sparr, Executive Coordinator, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344G, Washington, DC, 20201, (202) 401-5182.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 8, 2001, HHS Secretary Thompson announced a Department-wide initiative to reduce regulatory burdens in health care, to improve patient care, and to respond to the concerns of health care providers and industry, State and local Governments, and individual Americans who are affected by HHS rules. Common sense approaches and careful balancing of needs can help improve patient care. As part of this initiative, the Department established the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform to provide findings and recommendations regarding potential regulatory changes. These changes would enable HHS programs to reduce burdens and costs associated with departmental regulations and paperwork, while at the same time maintaining or enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and access of HHS programs.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-185]

#### Availability of Draft Interaction Profiles

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of three draft interaction profiles prepared by ATSDR for review and comment.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments on these draft documents must be received on or before November 30, 2002. 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 interaction 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.

Requests for the draft interaction profiles must be in writing, and must specifically identify the interaction profile(s) that you wish to receive. The documents will be primarily available in pdf files. If you do not have a computer, you can ask for a hard copy. 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.

Interaction profiles will also be available on ATSDR's Web site at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov>.

Written comments and other data submitted in response to this notice and the draft interaction profiles should bear the docket control number ATSDR-185. Send one copy of all comments and three copies of all supporting documents to Dr. Hana Pohl, ATSDR, Division of Toxicology, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia

30333 by the end of the comment period. Because all public comments regarding ATSDR interaction profiles are available for public inspection after the documents are published in final, no confidential business information 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 (888)422-8737 or (404)498-0720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These interaction profiles were developed by ATSDR for hazardous substances at Department of Energy (DOE) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) waste sites under section 104(i)(3) and (5) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). This public law mandates that ATSDR shall assess whether adequate information on health effects is available for the priority hazardous substances. Where such information is not available or under development, ATSDR shall, in cooperation with the National Toxicology Program, initiate a program of research to determine these health effects. The Act further directs that where feasible, ATSDR shall develop methods to determine the health effects of substances in combination with other substances with which they are commonly found. The Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996 requires that factors to be considered in establishing, modifying, or revoking tolerances for pesticide chemical residues shall include the available information concerning the cumulative effects of substances that have a common mechanism of toxicity, and combined exposure levels to the substance and other related substances. The FQPA requires that the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency consult with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (which includes ATSDR) in implementing some of the provisions of the act.

To carry out these legislative mandates, ATSDR has developed a chemical mixtures program. As part of the mixtures program, ATSDR developed a guidance manual that outlines the latest methods for mixtures health assessment. In addition, a series of documents called interaction profiles are being developed for certain priority mixtures that are of special concern to