

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-7330-7]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Abt Associates**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its prime contractor Abt Associates (Abt) of Cambridge, MA and its subcontractors Eastern Research Group, of Lexington, MA, and Syracuse Research Corporation, of Arlington, VA, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information***A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under TSCA. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2003-0004. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading

Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under Contract Number 68-W02-077, Abt Associates, of 55 Wheeler St, Cambridge, MA and 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 400, Bethesda, MD; Eastern Research Group of 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA and Avion Lakeside Drive D, 14555 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, VA; and Syracuse Research Corporation, of SRC Arlington, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 405, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, will assist EPA in economic and regulatory impact analysis to support all aspects of EPA decision-making. These analyses will largely be of the costs, economic impacts, benefits, and regulatory impacts of actual or potential EPA actions taken under TSCA.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under Contract Number 68-W02-077, Abt, ERG, and SRC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA, to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract.

Abt, ERG, and SRC personnel were given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA, that the Agency may provide Abt, ERG, and SRC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know

basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and Abt's sites located at 55 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, MA and 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 400, Bethesda, MD; ERG's sites located at 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA and Avion Lakeside Drive D, 14555 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, VA; and SRC's site located at SRC Arlington, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 405, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Abt, ERG, and SRC personnel will adhere to all provisions of EPA's *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under Contract Number 68-W02-077 may continue until September 30, 2007.

Abt, ERG, and SRC personnel were required to sign nondisclosure agreements and were briefed on appropriate security procedures before they were permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Confidential business information.

Dated: October 9, 2003.

Brian Cook,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 04, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J61104-CO Rating EC2, Copper Mountain Resort Trails and Facilities Improvements, Implementation, Special Use Permit, White River National Forest, Dillon Ranger District, Summit County, CO.