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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-199]

#### Availability of Draft Document on Proposed Interim Oral Guidance Values for 2,3,5,6-Tetrachloroterephthalic Acid

**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 a draft document on the proposed interim oral health guidance values for 2,3,5,6-tetrachloroterephthalic acid prepared by ATSDR for review and comment for a 30-day public comment period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Selene Chou, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop F32, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (770) 488-3357.

**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 requirements for ATSDR and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with regard to hazardous substances that are most commonly found at facilities on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL). Section 104(i)(4) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(4)), states that "The Administrator of the ATSDR shall provide consultations upon request on health issues relating to exposure to hazardous or toxic substances, on the basis of available information, to the Administrator of EPA, state officials and local officials. Such consultation to individuals may be provided by states under cooperative agreements established under the Act." In response to a request of a state under cooperative agreement to provide guidance on 2,3,5,6-tetrachloroterephthalic acid (TPA), ATSDR has developed interim oral

health guidance values for TPA. The information provided by ATSDR will enable the state to respond to a request it had received concerning groundwater contamination of TPA.

#### Availability

This notice announces the availability of the draft document on proposed interim oral health guidance values for 2,3,5,6-tetrachloroterephthalic acid (TPA). Although available key studies for TPA were considered during development of the draft document, this **Federal Register** notice seeks to solicit any additional studies, particularly unpublished data and ongoing studies, which will be evaluated for possible addition to the draft document. ATSDR remains committed to providing a public comment period as a means to best serve public health and our clients.

The draft document is available on the ATSDR Web site at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/publiccomment.html>. The document will be available in a pdf file. You may request a hard copy by telephone at (770) 488-3357 or e-mail at [cjc3@cdc.gov](mailto:cjc3@cdc.gov). ATSDR reserves the right to provide only one printed copy of the draft document, free of charge.

Written comments and other data submitted in response to this notice and the draft document should bear the docket control number ATSDR-199. Send one copy of all comments and three copies of all supporting documents to Dr. Selene Chou, ATSDR, Division of Toxicology, Mailstop F32, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333 by the end of the comment period, July 23, 2004. Because all public comments to ATSDR on the proposed draft interim guidance values for TPA are available for public inspection after the document is finalized, no confidential business information or other confidential information should be submitted in response to this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 04153]

#### Building National Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity in the Caribbean; Notice of Intent To Fund Single Eligibility Award

##### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the intent to fund fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for a cooperative agreement program to increase the capacity for National AIDS Programs (NAP) to implement an effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.941.

##### B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to the Caribbean Health Research Council (CHRC). CHRC is the most appropriate and qualified agency to conduct a specific set of activities supportive of CDC's M&E goals in the region because of CHRC's:

- Historical presence in the region for over 50 years.
- Support of key regional institutions to be the M&E technical lead in the region with support coming from:
  - Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)
  - Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC)
  - Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+)
  - United Nations Joint Program in AIDS (UNAIDS)
  - University of the West Indies (UWI)

**Note:** All partners listed to be in support of CHRC technical leadership are all currently working in collaboration and/or direct partnership with the CDC/GAP Caribbean Regional Office.

- Endorsement by the Caribbean Coalition of National AIDS Program Coordinators as technically leading the Monitoring & Evaluation Technical Working Group in collaboration with CAREC and UNAIDS.
- Experience in extending technical assistance for monitoring and evaluation in eight countries in the region.
- Publication of the "Caribbean Indicators and Measurement Tools for the Evaluation of National AIDS Programmes (CINT)". This was the product of two workshops that included persons involved in the NAP in a number of Caribbean countries, other key stakeholders and M&E consultants.