

documents (see the website listed in Unit II.), and for general and background information on SAICM, see the website listed in Unit II. The United States is seeking comments to guide the U.S. Government work with other countries to develop SAICM which will promote the sound management of chemicals while facilitating the movement of chemicals and their products across borders without compromising human health or the environment. There are several inter-sessional working documents that will serve as a basis for the structural development of SAICM. This meeting will serve as an opportunity for stakeholders to share their views on these documents before they are finalized at the third and final session of the Preparatory Committee for the Development of SAICM (PrepComm 3) in September 2005.

DATES: Tuesday, May 17, 1–2:30 for industry and trade groups and 2:30–4:00 for non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: 1201 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 4225, EPA East (4th Floor), Washington, DC 20460.

Requests to participate in the meeting may be submitted to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Colby Litner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: John Shoaff, OPPT International Team Leader, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 564–0531; e-mail address: shoaff.john@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to industry, trade associations, and non-governmental organizations that deal with and are interested in international chemicals management. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a

particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket ID number OPPT–2005–0029. 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 Confidential Business Information (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, EDOCKET. You may use EDOCKET 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. Background

An agenda will be available two weeks prior to the meeting. Inter-sessional working documents are available at <http://www.chem.unep.ch/saicm/meeting/intsession/default.htm>. For general and background information on SAICM, see <http://www.chem.unep.ch/saicm/default.htm>. The meeting is open to the public.

III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, chemical management, toxic chemicals, chemical health and safety

Dated: May 2, 2005.

Wendy C. Hamnett,

Acting Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7908–7; E-Docket ID No. ORD–2005–0016]

External Review Draft, The Inventory of Sources and Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the U.S.: the Year 2000 Update, March 2005 (EPA/600/P–03/002A)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a 60-day public comment period for the external review draft document titled, The Inventory of Sources and Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the U.S.: the Year 2000 Update, March 2005 (EPA/600/P–03/002A) (Draft Dioxin Inventory Update). The document was prepared by the EPA’s National Center for Environmental Assessment within the Office of Research and Development. EPA will consider the public comment submissions in revising the document. An independent, external, peer-review panel will review the document at a workshop in the future. That workshop will be announced in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

DATES: The 60-day public comment period begins May 6, 2005, and ends July 5, 2005. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by July 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The Draft Dioxin Inventory Update is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment’s home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> under the Recent Additions and Data and

Publications menus. A limited number of CDs and paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff, NCEA-W; telephone: (202) 564-3261; facsimile: (202) 565-0050. If you are requesting a CD or paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, The Inventory of Sources and Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the U.S.: the Year 2000 Update, March 2005 (EPA/600/P-03/002A).

Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: (202) 566-1752; facsimile: (202) 566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

For technical information, contact David Cleverly, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8623N), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-3238; facsimile: (202) 565-2018; or e-mail: cleverly.david@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

About the Document

The purpose of the Draft Dioxin Inventory Update is to present an inventory of sources and environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds in the United States. This Draft is associated with three distinct reference years: 1987, 1995, and 2000. The presentation of information in this manner permits the ranking of sources by magnitude of annual release and allows for the evaluation of environmental trends over time.

The term "dioxin-like" includes congeners (chemical compounds) of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (CDDs), polychlorinated dibenzofurans (CDFs) having chlorine atoms in the 2,3,7,8 positions on the molecule, and certain coplanar-substituted polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). "Dioxin-like" refers to the fact that these compounds have similar chemical structure and physical-chemical properties and invoke a common battery of toxic responses. Because of their hydrophobic nature and resistance towards metabolism, these chemicals persist and bioaccumulate in fatty tissues of animals and humans. Consequently, the principal route of chronic population exposure is through the dietary consumption of animal fats, fish, shellfish, and dairy products. Dioxin-like compounds are persistent in

soils and sediments, with environmental half-lives ranging from years to several decades.

The Draft Dioxin Inventory Update is an update of a previous external review draft report entitled, The Inventory of Sources of Dioxin in the United States (EPA/600/P-98/002Aa), dated April 1998. The 1998 draft inventory presented annual estimates of environmental releases for reference years 1987 and 1995. A meeting of scientific and engineering experts was convened June 3-4, 1998, to review the scientific soundness of EPA's dioxin inventory. Overall, the reviewers found the inventory report to be comprehensive and well documented and the "emission factor approach" that was used to develop the inventory to be scientifically defensible. The review committee recommended that EPA (a) take a less conservative approach for including data on emissions of dioxin-like compounds from sources, especially data from foreign countries and those found in the nonpayer-reviewed literature; (b) adopt a qualitative ranking system that clearly indicates the relative amount of uncertainty behind the calculations of annual releases of dioxin-like compounds; (c) present the inventory of sources and environmental releases specific to the reference years, because technologies and emissions of dioxin from sources changes over time; and (d) present the dioxin inventory as a summary table of sources and estimated annual releases, including quantifiable as well as poorly understood sources. The Draft Dioxin Inventory Update reflects comments made by the review committee and also represents an update with the inclusion of a third reference year, 2000.

One of the preliminary conclusions in the Draft Dioxin Inventory Update is that, between 1987 and 2000, there was an approximately 89% reduction in the release of dioxin-like compounds to the circulating environment of the United States from all known sources combined. Annual emission estimates (TEQ_{DF}-WHO₉₈) of releases of CDDs/CDFs to air, water, and land from reasonably quantifiable sources are approximately 1,529 g in reference year 2000; 3,280 g in reference year 1995; and 13,962 g in reference year 1987. In 1987 and 1995, the leading sources of dioxin emissions to the U.S. environment were municipal waste combustors. The inventory also identifies bleached chlorine pulp and paper mills as a significant source of dioxin to the aquatic environment in 1987 but a minor source in 1995 and 2000. The Draft concludes that the

major source of dioxin in 2000 was the uncontrolled burning of refuse in backyard burn barrels in rural areas of the United States.

The reduction in environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds from 1987 to 2000 is attributable to source-specific regulations, improvements in source technology, advancements in the pollution control technologies specific to controlling dioxin discharges and releases, and the voluntary actions of U.S. industries to reduce or prevent dioxin releases.

How to Submit Comments to EPA's E-Docket

EPA has established an official public docket for information pertaining to the revision of the Draft Dioxin Inventory Update, Docket ID No. ORD-2005-0016. The official public docket is the collection of materials, excluding Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, that is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the Headquarters EPA Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752; facsimile: (202) 566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

An electronic version of the official public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, E-Docket. You may use E-Docket at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, to access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to view those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in E-Docket. Information claimed as CBI and other information with disclosure restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, also will not be available for public viewing in E-Docket. Copyrighted material will not be placed in E-Docket, but will be referenced there and available as printed material in the official public docket.

For people submitting public comments, please note that EPA's policy makes that information available for public viewing as received at the EPA Docket Center or in E-Docket. This

policy applies to information submitted electronically or in paper form, except where restricted by copyright, CBI, or statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment placed in EPA's electronic public docket; the entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to E-Docket. Physical objects will be photographed, where practical, and the photograph will be placed in E-Docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, include the appropriate docket identification number with your submission. Please adhere to the specified submitting period; public comments received or submitted past the closing date will be marked "late" and may only be considered if time permits.

If you submit public comments electronically, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include these contact details on the outside of any submitted disk or CD-ROM, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD-ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the person submitting the public comments and allows EPA to contact you in case the Agency cannot read your submission due to technical difficulties, or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of the comment will be included as part of the comment placed in the official public docket and made available in E-Docket. If EPA cannot read what you submit due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, it may delay or prohibit EPA's consideration of your comments.

Electronic submission of comments via E-Docket is the preferred method for receiving comments. To access EPA's electronic public docket from the EPA Internet Home Page, select "Information Sources," "Dockets," and "EPA Dockets." Once in the system, select "search," and key in Docket ID No. ORD-2005-0016. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact details

unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to *ORD.Docket@epa.gov*, Attention Docket ID No. ORD-2005-0016. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is *not* an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail directly to the docket without going through EPA's E-Docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address, and it becomes part of the information in the official public docket and is made available in E-Docket.

You may submit comments on a disk or CD-ROM mailed to the OEI Docket mailing address. Files will be accepted in WordPerfect, Word, or PDF file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

If you provide comments in writing, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the main text, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Dated: May 2, 2005.

George W. Alapas,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Announcing a Partially Open Meeting of the Board of Directors

Time and Date:

The open meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2005. The closed portion of the meeting will follow immediately the open portion of the meeting.

Place:

Board Room, Second Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

Status:

The first portion of the meeting will be open to the public. The final portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Matters to be Considered at the Open Portion of the Meeting:

2005 Designation of Federal Home Loan Bank Directorships.

Matter to be Considered at the Closed Portion of the Meeting:

Periodic Update of Examination Program Development and Supervisory Findings.

Contact Person for More Information:

Sheila Willis, Paralegal Specialist, Office of General Counsel, at (202) 408-2876 or *williss@fhfb.gov*.

Dated: May 3, 2005.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

General Counsel.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than May 20, 2005.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Terence P. Greenley and Francis S. Fleck*, both of Sigourney, Iowa; to acquire voting shares of Fountain View Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Keokuk County State Bank, both of Sigourney, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 2, 2005.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank