

and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the revisions by an immediate final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the immediate final rule because we believe this action is not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose it. We have explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. Unless we receive written comments that oppose this authorization during the comment period, the immediate final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. However, if we receive comments that oppose this action, we will withdraw the relevant amendments, section or paragraph of the immediate final rule, and they will not take effect. We will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Send your written comments by June 9, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by [EPA-R03-RCRA-2006-0381] by one of the following methods:

1. Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. E-mail: [ellerbe.lillie@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:ellerbe.lillie@epamail.epa.gov).

3. Mail: Lillie Ellerbe, Mailcode 3WC21, RCRA State Programs Branch, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.

4. Hand Delivery: At the previously-listed EPA Region III address. Such deliveries are only accepted during normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

You may inspect and copy Virginia’s application from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following addresses: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Program Coordination, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, Phone number: (804) 698-4213, attn: Robert Wickline, and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, West Central Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24015, Phone number: (540) 562-6872, attn: Aziz Farahmand, and EPA Region III, Library, 2nd Floor, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, Phone number: (215) 814-5254.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to [EPA-R03-RCRA-2006-0381]. EPA’s policy is that all comments received

will be included in the public file without change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The federal [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public file and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillie Ellerbe, Mailcode 3WC21, RCRA State Programs Branch, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, Phone Number: (215) 814-5454.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 13, 2006.

**Donald S. Welsh,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 721

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2005-0015; FRL-8068-8]

RIN 2070-AJ18

### Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonates; Proposed Significant New Use Rule; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the public comment period for the proposed Significant New Use Rule for certain Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonates issued under the authority of section 5(a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) that was published in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 2006 (71 FR 12311) (FRL-7740-6). On April 10, 2006 (71 FR 18055) (FRL-7779-7), EPA extended the end of the public comment period from April 10, 2006 to May 10, 2006. In this action, EPA is further extending the end of the comment period from May 10, 2006 to August 8, 2006.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 8, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Follow the detailed instructions as provided under **ADDRESSES** in the **Federal Register** document of March 10, 2006 (71 FR 12311).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information contact:* Colby Lintner, 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](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

*For technical information contact:* Amy Breedlove, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-9823; e-mail address: [breedlove.amy@epa.gov](mailto:breedlove.amy@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

The Agency included in the proposed rule a list of those who may be potentially affected by this action. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### II. What Action is EPA Taking?

This document extends the public comment period for the proposed SNUR for certain perfluoroalkyl sulfonates issued under the authority of section 5(a)(2) of TSCA that was published in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 2006 (71 FR 12311). On April 10, 2006 (71 FR 18055), EPA extended the end of the public comment period from April 10, 2006 to May 10, 2006. In today’s action,

EPA is further extending the end of the comment period from May 10, 2006, to August 8, 2006. The Agency is taking this action because EPA has received a request from certain stakeholders in the semiconductor industry to extend the comment period on the proposed SNUR, citing that 90 days is the minimum extension period they would require to provide EPA with the necessary information it needs to finalize the SNUR. Without this extension, the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) and Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI) believe they would not have an adequate opportunity to comment on the proposed SNUR.

### III. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 5(a)(2) of TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2604(a)(2)) authorizes EPA to determine that a use of a chemical substance is a "significant new use." EPA must make this determination by promulgating a rule after considering all relevant

factors, including those listed in TSCA section 5(a)(2). These factors include the projected production volume of a chemical substance; the extent to which a use changes or increases the type, form, magnitude, or duration of exposure to the substance; and the reasonably anticipated manner of producing, processing, distributing, or disposing of the substance. EPA construes the statute to allow consideration of any other relevant factors, in addition to those listed in section 5(a)(2). Once EPA determines that a use of a chemical substance is a significant new use, and promulgates a SNUR, section 5(a)(1)(B) of TSCA requires persons to submit a Significant New Use Notice (SNUN) to EPA at least 90 days before they manufacture, import, or process the chemical substance for that use.

### IV. Do Any Statutory and Executive Order Reviews Apply to this Action?

No. This action is not a rulemaking, it merely extends the date by which

public comments on a proposed rule must be submitted to EPA on a proposed rule that previously published in the **Federal Register** of March 10, 2006 (71 FR 12311). For information about the applicability of the statutory and executive order reviews to the proposed rule, please refer to the discussion in Unit XII. of that document (71 FR 12311).

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 721

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

**Charles M. Auer,**

*Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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