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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program; Second Workshop to Discuss Draft Policies and Procedures; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is convening a half-day public workshop to discuss the Agency's draft administrative policies and procedures for completing the initial screening and testing under EPA's Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP). In the *Federal Register* issue of December 13, 2007 (72 FR 70842) (FRL-8340-3), EPA announced the availability for public review and comment of the draft policies and procedures EPA is considering adopting for conducting the initial screening and testing under EDSP. A 1-day public workshop was held on December 17, 2007, in Arlington, VA to help the public understand the draft policies and procedures. Subsequently, EPA extended the public comment period for the draft policies and procedures by 30 days in the *Federal Register* issue of February 6, 2008 (73 FR 6963) (FRL-8351-2). The public comment period now ends March 12, 2008. The purpose of the second public workshop, announced in this notice, is to provide another opportunity for the public to ask questions about the draft EDSP policies and procedures.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, from 9 a.m. to noon.

*Special accommodations:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, and to request accommodation of a disability, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Conference Center-Lobby Level, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22202.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Wooge, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (OSCP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 546-8476; e-mail address: [wooge.william@epa.gov](mailto:wooge.william@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Who Should Attend?

You may be interested in attending this workshop if you produce, manufacture, use, or import pesticide/agricultural chemicals and other chemical substances; or if you are or may otherwise be involved in the testing of chemical substances for potential endocrine effects. To determine whether you or your business may have an interest in this workshop, you should carefully examine section 408(p) of the Federal, Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 346a(p)).

#### II. Why Hold a Second Workshop?

EPA is holding a half-day workshop to facilitate the public's comments on the draft policies and procedures that EPA is considering for conducting the initial screening and testing of chemicals under the EDSP. The workshop is a second opportunity for the public, stakeholders, and the regulated community to discuss the draft EDSP policies and procedures currently available for public comment. Although the workshop is not intended to collect oral comments, the Agency intends to consider the discussion and will be documenting the discussion for the public docket.

In addition to attending this workshop, EPA invites you to provide comments on the draft policies and procedures for initial EDSP screening and testing. The December 13, 2007 *Federal Register* document that announced the availability of draft policies and procedures for public comment included a specific list of questions on which the Agency is specifically seeking comment. This list, along with an agenda for the workshop, will be posted on the Agency's website at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/oscpendo/index.htm> and provided at the workshop. EPA will consider all comments received, and EPA will announce the availability of the final versions of the policies and procedures for the initial EDSP screening and testing in the *Federal Register*.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Endocrine disruptors, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping.

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**James B. Gulliford,**

Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8528-3]

### Notice of Availability of the Nanomaterial Research Strategy External Review Draft and Expert Peer Review Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability and external peer review meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection is announcing the availability of a draft report titled, Draft Nanomaterial Research Strategy (EPA/600/S-08/002), which was prepared by EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD). EPA is also announcing that Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor for external peer review, will convene a panel of experts and will organize and conduct an independent expert external peer meeting April 11, 2008, to review the draft document. Versar, Inc. invites the public to register to attend this meeting as observers. In addition, Versar, Inc. invites the public to give oral comments or provide written comments at the external peer review meeting regarding the draft document under review. The expert panel will review the draft document and consider public comments received prior to the meeting in the official public docket for this activity under docket ID number EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0114 as well as comments made by the public at the meeting. The draft document is available through <http://www.regulations.gov> and at <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/nano/publications/index.html>. In preparing a final document, EPA will consider Versar, Inc.'s report of the comments and recommendations from the external peer-review meeting, as well as public comments. EPA plans to issue a final research strategy for nanomaterials in 2008.

The public release of this draft document is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and external peer review. This draft research strategy does not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

**DATES:** The peer review panel meeting will begin on April 11, 2008, at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The public comment period begins on February 7, 2008, and ends 30-days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA 30-days after publication of the **Federal Register** Notice.

**ADDRESSES:** The independent expert external peer review meeting will be held at the Westin Alexandria, located at 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA; telephone 703-253-8600. Members of the public may attend the meeting as observers, and there will be a limited time for comments from the public in the afternoon. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. To attend this meeting, register by April 4, 2008, by visiting <http://epa.versar.com/nanostrategy> or contact Ms. Gina Casciano of Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA, 22151, at 703-642-6813, and via e-mail at [GCasciano@Versar.com](mailto:GCasciano@Versar.com). You will be asked for your name, contact information, the organization you represent, and your title. Please indicate if you intend to make an oral statement during the public comment period at the meeting.

You may also submit comments prior to the meeting, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0114, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: [ORD.Docket@epa.gov](mailto:ORD.Docket@epa.gov).
- Mail: ORD Docket,

Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- Hand Delivery: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0114. Deliveries are only accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide and index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0114. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [http://](http://www.regulations.gov)

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), 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 <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <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 <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 docket 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.

**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the ORD Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The 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 ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding logistics for the external peer review meeting should be directed to Ms. Gina Casciano, Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA, 22151; telephone: 703-642-6813; or via e-mail at [GCasciano@Versar.com](mailto:GCasciano@Versar.com). For questions regarding the draft document, please contact Dr. Nora Savage, Office of Research and

Development, Mailcode 8722F, Telephone 202-343-9858, fax number 202-233-0678, [savage.nora@epa.gov](mailto:savage.nora@epa.gov); or Dr. Randy Wentzel Office of Research & Development, Mail Code 8101R, Telephone 202-564-3214, fax number 202-564-3214, email [wentzel.randy@epa.gov](mailto:wentzel.randy@epa.gov); Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA is submitting the Draft Nanomaterial Research Strategy for independent, external peer review. Public comments received in the docket will be shared with the external peer review panel for their consideration. Although EPA is under no obligation to do so, EPA may consider comments received after the close of the comment period. The public release of this draft document is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and peer review. This draft research strategy does not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

The Draft Nanomaterial Research Strategy identifies research needs and outlines research for environmental implications; recognizing the latter need for exploring environmental applications of nanotechnology that can inform the appropriate regulatory and policy decisions for nanotechnology. The draft research strategy provides a discussion of research to be conducted both in-house and extramurally to understand the impact of engineered nanomaterials. The purpose of this strategy is to guide the EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) program in nanomaterial research. The strategy builds on and is consistent with the foundation of scientific needs identified in the report by the Nanotechnology Environmental and Health Implications (NEHI) Workgroup (NSTC, 2006), and on the EPA White Paper on Nanotechnology (EPA, 2007). Special attention is given to EPA's role among Federal Agencies in addressing data needs for hazard assessment, risk assessment, and risk management relevant to the EPA mission and regulatory responsibilities. ORD will use the NRS and incorporate these research activities into the multi-year planning process.

ORD has identified four key research themes and seven key scientific questions addressing each of the research themes where we can provide leadership for the Federal government research program and support the science needs of the Agency. The themes are: (1) Sources, fate, transport, and exposure; (2) human health and

ecological research; (3) risk assessment methods and case studies; and (4) preventing and Mitigating Risks. Supplemental information is provided in a number of appendices. Following the expert external peer review, EPA plans to issue a final research strategy on nanotechnology in mid-2008.

Dated: February 1, 2008.

**Kevin Teichman,**

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science, Office of Research and Development.  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0021; FRL-8349-5]

### Notice of Filing of a Pesticide Petition for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment or modification of regulations for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various commodities.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0021, and the pesticide petition number (PP 7F7262), by one of the following methods:

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

- **Mail:** Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- **Delivery:** OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0021. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made

available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, 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 regulations.gov or e-mail. The regulations.gov website 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 regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket 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.

**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in regulations.gov. To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow the instructions on the regulations.gov website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. 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. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. **Tips for preparing your comments.** When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).