

or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

## II. Background

### A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58, this notice announces the availability of EPA's proposed registration review decision for the pesticide bromine (Bromine Case 4015), and opens a 60-day public comment period on the proposed decision. Bromine is a bromide releasing antimicrobial pesticide that is registered as a mildewstat, bactericide, fungistat and insecticide. Bromine is used to control bacteria and fungi on surfaces of agricultural, commercial, institutional, industrial, residential, and public access premises and equipment. It is also used to treat/disinfect potable water in non-residential settings, aboard ships and on oil and gas drilling/production platforms. In addition, bromine is characterized by low toxicity and is found in nature.

The registration review docket for a pesticide includes earlier documents related to the registration review of the case. For example, the review opened with the posting of a Summary Document, containing a Preliminary Work Plan, for public comment. Because no comments were received, and because the Agency required no further risk assessments to complete registration review of this case, the final work plan and proposed decision were combined into a single document.

The documents in the initial docket described the Agency's rationales for not conducting additional risk assessments for the registration review of bromine. This proposed registration review decision continues to be supported by those rationales included in documents in the initial docket. Following public comment, the Agency will issue a final registration review

decision for products containing bromine.

The registration review program is being conducted under congressionally mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes the need both to make timely decisions and to involve the public.

Section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, required EPA to establish by regulation procedures for reviewing pesticide registrations, originally with a goal of reviewing each pesticide's registration every 15 years to ensure that a pesticide continues to meet the FIFRA standard for registration. The Agency's final rule to implement this program was issued in August 2006 and became effective in October 2006, and appears at 40 CFR part 155, subpart C. The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 (PRIA) was amended and extended in September 2007. FIFRA, as amended by PRIA in 2007, requires EPA to complete registration review decisions by October 1, 2022, for all pesticides registered as of October 1, 2007.

The registration review final rule at 40 CFR 155.58(a) provides for a minimum 60-day public comment period on all proposed registration review decisions. This comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary amendments to the proposed decision. All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. These comments will become part of the docket for bromine. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

The Agency will carefully consider all comments received by the closing date and will provide a "Response to Comments Memorandum" in the docket. The final registration review decision will explain the effect that any comments had on the decision and provide the Agency's response to significant comments.

Background on the registration review program is provided at: [http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration\\_review](http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration_review). Links to earlier documents related to the registration review of bromine are provided at: [http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration\\_review/bromine/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration_review/bromine/index.htm)

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

Section 3(g) of FIFRA and 40 CFR part 155, subpart C, provide authority for this action.

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Antimicrobials, Bromine, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 11, 2009.

**Joan Harrigan Farrelly,**

*Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8958-9; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0925]

### Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a document titled, "Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide—Second External Review Draft" (EPA/600/R-09/019B). This draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development as part of the review of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for carbon monoxide.

EPA is releasing this draft document to seek review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the public. The draft document does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination. EPA will consider any timely public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the document.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 13, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The "Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide—Second External Review Draft" will be available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of CD-ROM or paper copies will be available. Contact Ms. Debbie Wales by phone (919-541-4731), fax (919-541-5078), or e-mail ([wales.deborah@epa.gov](mailto:wales.deborah@epa.gov)) to request either of these, and please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide—

Second External Review Draft" (EPA/600/R-09/019B) to facilitate processing of your request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information, contact Dr. Thomas C. Long, NCEA; *telephone:* 919-541-1880; *facsimile:* 919-541-2985; or *e-mail:* [long.tom@epa.gov](mailto:long.tom@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Information About the Document**

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the EPA Administrator to identify certain pollutants that "cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare" and to issue air quality criteria for them. These air quality criteria are to "accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of such pollutant in the ambient air \* \* \*." Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is to establish national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. EPA is also to revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised air quality criteria.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is one of six "criteria" pollutants for which EPA has established NAAQS. Periodically, EPA reviews the scientific basis for these standards by preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) (formerly called an Air Quality Criteria Document). The ISA and supplementary annexes, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provide the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), an independent science advisory committee whose review and advisory functions are mandated by Section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act, is charged (among other things) with independent scientific review of EPA's air quality criteria.

On September 13, 2007 (72 FR 52369), EPA formally initiated its current review of the air quality criteria for CO, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. A workshop was held on January 28-29, 2008 (73 FR 2490) to discuss policy-relevant science to inform EPA's planning for the CO NAAQS review.

Following the workshop, a draft of EPA's "Plan for Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Carbon Monoxide" (EPA-452/D-08-001) was made available in March 2008 for public comment and was discussed by the CASAC via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on April 8, 2008 (73 FR 12998). EPA finalized the plan and made it available in August 2008 (EPA/452/R-08/005; [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/co/s\\_co\\_cr\\_pd.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/co/s_co_cr_pd.html)). In November 2008, EPA held an authors' teleconference to discuss, with invited scientific experts, preliminary draft materials prepared during the ongoing development of the CO ISA and its supplementary annexes.

The First External Review Draft ISA for CO (EPA/600/R-09/019; <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=203935>) was released on March 12, 2009 (74 FR 10734). This document was reviewed by the CASAC review panel and discussed at a public meeting held May 12-13, 2009 (74 FR 15265). The CASAC held a follow-up public teleconference on June 17, 2009 (74 FR 25530) to review and approve the CASAC CO Review Panel's draft letter providing comments to EPA on the First External Review Draft ISA for CO. Following the teleconference, CASAC sent a final letter report to EPA on June 24, 2009 ([http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/4620a620d0120f93852572410080d786/6E648129288BF930852575DF0070A528/\\$File/EPA-CASAC-09-011-unsigned.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/4620a620d0120f93852572410080d786/6E648129288BF930852575DF0070A528/$File/EPA-CASAC-09-011-unsigned.pdf)).

After the end of the comment period on the Second External Review Draft ISA for CO, the CASAC review panel will review the draft at a public meeting. Timely public comments received will be provided to the CASAC review panel. A future **Federal Register** notice will inform the public of the exact date and time of that meeting.

**II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>**

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0925, 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)
- *Fax:* 202-566-1753
- *Mail:* Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.
- *Hand Delivery:* The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket

Center, Room 3334 EPA West Building, 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. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and 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 an 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-2007-0925. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. 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. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

*Docket:* Documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](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. Publicly available docket materials are generally available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; however, certain materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

**Rebecca Clark,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8957-5; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0229]

### Draft Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether: In Support of the Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of listening session.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a listening session to be held on October 7, 2009, during the public comment period for the external review draft document entitled, "Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-08/019A). This listening session is a step in EPA's revised IRIS process, announced on May 21, 2009, to develop human health assessments for inclusion in the IRIS database. The purpose of the listening session is to allow all interested parties to present scientific and technical comments on draft IRIS health assessments to EPA and other interested parties during the public comment period and before the external peer review meeting. EPA welcomes the scientific and technical comments that will be provided to the Agency by the listening session participants. The comments will be considered by the Agency as it revises the draft assessment in response to the independent external peer review and public comments. All presentations will become part of the official public record.

The EPA's draft assessment and peer review charge are available via the Internet on the National Center for

Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>.

**DATES:** The listening session on the draft IRIS health assessment for Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether will be held on October 7, 2009, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. If you want to make a presentation at the listening session, you should register by September 30, 2009, indicate that you wish to make oral comments at the session, and indicate the length of your presentation. When you register, please indicate if you will need audio-visual aid (e.g., lap top and slide projector). In general, each presentation should be no more than 30 minutes. If, however, there are more requests for presentations than the allotted time allows, then the time limit for each presentation will be adjusted. A copy of the agenda for the listening session will be available at the meeting. If no speakers have registered by September 30, 2009, the listening session will be cancelled and EPA will notify those registered of the cancellation.

The public comment period for review of this draft assessment was announced previously in the **Federal Register** (FR) (74 FR 42069) on August 20, 2009. As stated in that FR notice, the public comment period began on August 20, 2009, and ends October 19, 2009. Any technical comments submitted during the public comment period should be in writing and must be received by EPA by October 19, 2009, according to the procedures outlined below. Only those public comments submitted using the procedures identified in the August 20, 2009 FR notice by the October 19, 2009 deadline will be provided to the independent peer-review panel prior to the peer-review meeting. The date and logistics for the peer-review meeting will be announced later in a separate FR notice.

Listening session participants who want EPA to share their comments with the external peer reviewers should also submit written comments during the public comment period using the detailed and established procedures included in the aforementioned FR notice (August 20, 2009). Comments submitted to the docket prior to the end of the public comment period will be submitted to the external peer reviewers and considered by EPA in the disposition of public comments. All comments must be submitted to the docket, but comments received after the public comment period closes will not be submitted to the external peer reviewers.

**ADDRESSES:** The listening session on the draft Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether assessment will be held at the EPA offices at Two Potomac Yard (North Building), 7th Floor, Room 7100, 2733 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202. To attend the listening session, register by September 30, 2009, via e-mail at [Meetings@erg.com](mailto:Meetings@erg.com) (subject line: Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether listening session), by phone: 781-674-7374, or by faxing a registration request to 781-674-2906 (please reference the "Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether Listening Session" and include your name, title, affiliation, full address and contact information). Please note that to gain entrance to this EPA building to attend the meeting, attendees must have photo identification with them and must register at the guard's desk in the lobby. The guard will retain your photo identification and will provide you with a visitor's badge. At the guard's desk, attendees should give the name Christine Ross and the telephone number, 703-347-8592, to the guard on duty. The guard will contact Ms. Ross who will meet you in the reception area to escort you to the meeting room. When you leave the building, please return your visitor's badge to the guard and you will receive your photo identification.

A teleconference line will also be available for registered attendees/speakers. The teleconference number is 866-299-3188 and the access code is 926-378-7897, followed by the pound sign (#). The teleconference line will be activated at 8:45 a.m., and you will be asked to identify yourself and your affiliation at the beginning of the call.

*Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:* EPA welcomes public attendance at the "Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether Listening Session" and will make every effort to accommodate persons with disabilities. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Christine Ross at 703-347-8592 or [ross.christine@epa.gov](mailto:ross.christine@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Ms. Ross, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public listening sessions, please contact Christine Ross, IRIS Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment, (8601P), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 703-347-8592; facsimile: 703-347-8689; or e-mail: [ross.christine@epa.gov](mailto:ross.christine@epa.gov). If you have questions about the draft