ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Draft Toxicological Review of Biphenyl: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); Peer Review Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of peer review meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor for external scientific peer review, will convene an independent panel of experts and organize and conduct an external peer review meeting to review the draft human health assessment titled, “Toxicological Review of Biphenyl: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)” (EPA/635/R–11/005A). The draft assessment was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the EPA Office of Research and Development.

EPA is releasing this draft assessment for the purposes of public comment and peer review. This draft assessment is not final as described in EPA’s information quality guidelines and it does not represent and should not be construed to represent Agency policy or views.

Versar invites the public to register to attend this meeting as observers. In addition, Versar invites the public to give brief oral comments and/or provide written comments at the meeting regarding the draft assessment under review. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. In preparing a final report, EPA will consider Versar’s report of the comments and recommendations from the external peer review meeting and any written public comments that EPA received in accordance with the announcements of the public comment period for the biphenyl assessment in a Federal Register Notice published September 30, 2011, (76FR60827).

DATES: The peer review panel meeting on the draft assessment for Biphenyl will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, beginning at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.


The peer review meeting on the draft Biphenyl assessment will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. To attend the meeting, register no later than Tuesday, March 27, 2012, by calling Versar: 703–642–6277, calling toll free: 1–800–2–VERSAR, ext. 6727, sending a facsimile to: 703–642–6809, or sending an email to: bcolon@versar.com. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time at the peer review meeting for comments from the public. Please inform Versar if you wish to make comments during the meeting.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: EPA welcomes public attendance at the “Biphenyl Peer Review Meeting” and will make every effort to accommodate persons with disabilities. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, contact: Botzy Colon, by phone: 703–642–6727, or email: bcolon@versar.com.

Additional Information: For information on registration, access, or services for individuals with disabilities, or logistics for the external peer review meeting, please contact Versar by calling: 703–642–6727, or calling Toll free: 1–800–2–VERSAR, or sending an email to: bcolon@versar.com.

For information on the draft IRIS assessment, please contact Zheng (Jenny) Li, National Center for Environmental Assessment (Mail Code: 80601P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 703–347–8577; send a facsimile to: 703–347–8689, or email: FRN_Questions@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA’s IRIS is a human health assessment program that evaluates quantitative and qualitative risk information on effects that may result from exposure to chemical substances found in the environment. Through the IRIS Program, EPA provides the highest quality science-based human health assessments to support the Agency’s regulatory activities. The IRIS database contains information for more than 550 chemical substances that can be used to support the first two steps (hazard identification and dose-response evaluation) of the risk assessment process. When supported by available data, IRIS provides oral reference doses (RfDs) and inhalation reference concentrations (RfCs) for chronic noncancer health effects and cancer assessments. Combined with specific exposure information, government and private entities use IRIS to help characterize public health risks of chemical substances in a site-specific situation and thereby support risk management decisions designed to protect public health.


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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice 2011–0083]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review and Comments Request.

Form Title: EIB 11–08 Application for Global Credit Express Revolving Line of Credit.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The Application for Global Credit Express Revolving Line of Credit will be used to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the transaction for Export-Import Bank assistance under its Working Capital Guarantee and Direct Loan Program. Export-Import Bank customers will be able to submit this form on paper or by fax. This is a new application form for use by small U.S. businesses with limited export experience. Companies that are eligible to use the Application for Global Credit Express Revolving Line of Credit will need to answer approximately 35 questions and sign an