

and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Entities potentially regulated by this action are those that recover, recycle, reclaim, sell, or distribute in interstate commerce refrigerants that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and/or hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs); and those that service, maintain, repair, or dispose of appliances containing CFC or HCFC-refrigerants. In addition, the owners or operators of appliances containing CFC or HCFC-refrigerants may be potentially regulated.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 345,608.

**Frequency of Response:** Reporting requirements under this rulemaking are primarily required on an annual basis, with the exception of technician testing organizations who are required to report biannually. The frequency of recordkeeping requirements under this rulemaking vary depending upon the actions of the respondent but are generally required on a transactional basis.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 210,681.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$6,973,541, includes \$0 annualized capital or O&M costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** There is a decrease of 208,865 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease is not due to a change in any program requirement. The adjustment is the result of changes in EPA's estimates of labor rates, time required to submit reports and maintain records, and the overall number of respondents.

Dated: July 22, 2003.

**Doreen Sterling,**

*Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2002-0009; FRL-7313-5]

### TSCA Chemical Testing; Receipt of Test Data

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's receipt of test data on dibasic esters (DBEs) (CAS Nos. 106-65-0, 627-93-0, and 1119-40-0). These data were submitted pursuant to an enforceable testing consent agreement (ECA)/Order issued by EPA under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Cunningham, Director, 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).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

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

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are concerned about data on health and/or environmental effects and other characteristics of this chemical. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. 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. 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 identification (ID) number OPPT-2002-0009. 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 EPA's Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. EPA's

Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. EPA's 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, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets 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. Test Data Submissions

Under 40 CFR 790.60, all TSCA section 4 ECAs/Orders must contain a statement that results of testing conducted pursuant to ECAs/Orders will be announced to the public in accordance with section 4(d) of TSCA.

Test data for DBEs were submitted by the DBE Group comprised of the following companies: Aceto Corporation, DuPont Textiles and Interiors (formerly E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company), and Solutia, Inc. These data were submitted pursuant to a TSCA section 4 ECA/Order and were received by EPA on April 1, 2003 and April 22, 2003. The submission includes a final report titled "Dibasic Esters: *In vitro* Dermal Permeability Coefficients (Kp) in Rat and Human Skin (for each DBE and for a 1:3:1 blend of dimethyl succinate (DMS, CAS #106-65-0); dimethyl glutarate (DMG, CAS #1119-40-0); and dimethyl adipate (DMA, CAS #627-93-0)." A second final report was received by EPA titled "Dimethyl Glutarate (DMG, CAS #1119-40-0) Inhalation Developmental Toxicity Study in Rabbits." DBEs are component chemicals of solvent mixtures used in paint stripping formulations that are sold to the general public. Consumers can be significantly exposed to DBEs during use of these formulations.

EPA has initiated its review and evaluation process for this submission. At this time, the Agency is unable to

provide any determination as to the completeness of the submission.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 2603.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Toxic substances.

Dated: June 23, 2003.

**Philip S. Oshida,**

*Acting Director, Chemical Control Division,  
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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### COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining; Public Organization Meeting of the Proposed Rocky Mountain Energy Council

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining will host a public meeting to solicit stakeholder input on the proposed formation of the Rocky Mountain Energy Council at the Sheraton Denver West hotel in Lakewood, Colorado.

**DATES:** Tuesday, August 26, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, telephone (303) 987-2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Annette West at the White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining, 1000 Independence Avenue, WH-1, Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586-3464; electronic mail at [annette.west@hq.doe.gov](mailto:annette.west@hq.doe.gov) (please note that Postal Service mail is delayed due to additional screening at the above address).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed Rocky Mountain Energy Council is intended to be a State and Federal partnership that will allow a more effective management strategy for environmentally responsible renewable and nonrenewable energy production as well as cooperative development of energy policies on Federal and State public lands in the Rocky Mountain region. The Council will be responsible for fostering Federal/State partnerships and early collaboration for Federal and State Government decision-making on energy issues facing the Rocky Mountain region and the Nation. It is intended that the Council take a broader

geographic and longer-term perspective on managing renewable and nonrenewable public energy resources, including their identification, production, and transmission to the market. The responsibility of the Council is to address and resolve issues affecting the environmentally responsible development of the valuable public energy resources.

State and Federal managers held a government to government planning and organization meeting on July 8-9, 2003. Participants included representatives from the States of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, and those Federal Agencies with responsibilities for managing, authorizing, reviewing, consulting on, or certifying different aspects of energy projects on Federal lands. The objective of this meeting was to evaluate the benefits of creating a Rocky Mountain Energy Council (RMEC) and, if desired, determine what steps would be needed to organize and implement the RMEC. Participants agreed on the need for a Council to develop streamlined and forward-looking decision processes with respect to energy projects while preserving existing environmental protections.

Three functions for the RMEC were identified:

1. To develop Federal/State partnerships for the long-term management of renewable and nonrenewable energy resources on State and Federal public lands.
2. To allow more forward looking and strategic planning—on a regional basis—for the environmentally responsible development, production, and distribution of the Nation's valuable energy resources.
3. To develop processes for early collaboration and consultation among the State and Federal Agencies responsible for managing, authorizing, consulting on, reviewing, or certifying renewable and nonrenewable energy projects on public land.

Discussions at the July organizational meeting were largely exploratory, and focused on identifying impediments and possible solutions to the following issue areas: how to effectively foster Federal/State partnerships, processes for early collaboration, information sharing, decision processes, conflict resolution, and strategic planning. Issues identified included limited resources, conflicting agency mandates, regulatory and jurisdictional conflicts. A broad agreement was developed that this type of collaborative effort is necessary to address the cross cutting issues raised by energy development on public lands in the west.

The next step in the organizational process is to assure that the proposed Council has input from all interested stakeholders, including the public, industry, local organizations, and Tribal governments. The intent is to build upon the initial organizational discussions of the Council by collecting information and expectations from stakeholders, allowing a first official public meeting of the RMEC to be held by the end of 2003. The meeting is open to the public. Approximately 200 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Upon request, interested parties may make oral or written presentations to the Federal and State managers. Such requests should be made no later than August 20, 2003, to Annette West. We request that oral statements be accompanied by a written summary of the statement to be made, which will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Please see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for the contact address and telephone number.

Minutes of the August 26, 2003, meeting will be available for public inspection and downloading at <http://www.etf.energy.gov> by September 26, 2003. Hard copies of the minutes can be requested at the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Dated: July 25, 2003.

**James L. Connaughton,**  
*Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.*

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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 holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested