

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8520-5; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-1095]

Draft Toxicological Review of Chlordecone (Kepone): In Support of the Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Peer-Review Workshop and Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that Versar, under a contract with EPA, will convene an independent panel of experts and organize and conduct an external peer-review workshop to review the external review draft document entitled, "Toxicological Review of Chlordecone (Kepone): In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-07/004). The EPA is also announcing a public comment period for the draft document. EPA intends to consider comments and recommendations from the public and the expert panel meeting when EPA finalizes the draft document.

The public comment period and the external peer-review workshop are separate processes that provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. EPA intends to forward public comments, submitted in accordance with this notice, to the external peer-review panel prior to the workshop for their consideration.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

Versar invites the public to register to attend this workshop as observers. In addition, Versar invites the public to give brief oral comments at the workshop regarding the draft document under review. The draft document and EPA's peer review charge are available via the Internet on NCEA's home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. When finalizing the draft document, EPA intends to consider any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with this notice.

DATES: The peer-review panel workshop will be held on April 10, 2008 at 9 a.m. The 60-day public comment period begins on January 24, 2008 and ends

March 24, 2008. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by March 24, 2008. EPA intends to submit comments from the public received by this date to Versar prior to the workshop for consideration by the panel.

ADDRESSES: The peer-review workshop will be held at the Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Versar is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer-review workshop. To attend the workshop, register by April 1, 2008 via the Internet at <http://epa.versar.com/kepone>. You may also register by calling Versar at 703-750-3000 extension 582, or sending an email to Gina Casciano at gcasciano@versar.com. You must register by April 1, 2008 and indicate whether you wish to provide brief oral comments at the workshop.

The draft "Toxicological Review of Chlordecone (Kepone): In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" is available via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from NCEA's Information Management Team; telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title.

Comments may be submitted electronically via www.regulations.gov, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the peer review workshop, contact Gina Casciano at Versar; telephone: 703-750-3000 extension 582 or e-mail gcasciano@versar.com. For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov. If you have questions about the document, contact Kathleen Newhouse, IRIS Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment, (8601P), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 703-347-8641; e-mail: newhouse.kathleen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Summary of Information About the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

IRIS is a database that contains potential adverse human health effects information that may result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to specific chemical substances found in the environment. The database (available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/iris>) contains qualitative and quantitative health effects information for more than 540 chemical substances that may be used to support the first two steps (hazard identification and dose-response evaluation) of a risk assessment process. When supported by available data, the database provides oral reference doses (RfDs) and inhalation reference concentrations (RfCs) for chronic health effects, and oral slope factors and inhalation unit risks for carcinogenic effects. Combined with specific exposure information, government and private entities can use IRIS data 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.

II. Workshop Information

Members of the public may attend the workshop may attend the workshop as observers, and there will be a limited time for oral comments from the public. Please let Versar know if you wish to make comments during the workshop prior to the meeting by registering on the Web site at <http://epa.versar.com/kepone> and indicating your intent to make oral comments. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

III. How to Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at www.regulations.gov

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD2007-1095 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail*: 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, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 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 one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and 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-2007-1095. 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 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 that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The 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, 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: All documents in the docket are listed in the 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 www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: January 17, 2008.

Rebecca Clark,

Deputy Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Regional Docket Nos. V-2006-4, FRL-8520-2]

Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation—Weston Generating Station

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final order on petition to object to Clean Air Act operating permit.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the EPA Administrator has responded to a petition asking EPA to object to a Clean Air Act (Act) operating permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Specifically, the Administrator granted in part and denied in part the petition submitted by the Sierra Club to object to the operating permit for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation—Weston Generating Station (Weston).

Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Act, a Petitioner may seek in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit judicial review of those portions of a petition which EPA denied. Any petition for review shall be filed within 60 days from the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 307 of the Act.

ADDRESSES: You may review copies of the final order, the petition, and other supporting information at the EPA, Region 5 Office, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours before visiting day. Additionally, the final order for the Weston petition is available electronically at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r5/ardcorres.nsf/permits>.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Blakley, Chief, Air Permits Section, Air Programs Branch, Air and Radiation Division, EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, telephone (312) 886-4447.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review, and object to as appropriate, operating permits proposed by state permitting authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of the EPA review period to object to a state operating permit if EPA has not done so. A petition must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the state, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise issues during the comment period, or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

On November 20, 2006, EPA received a petition from the Sierra Club requesting that EPA object to the Title V operating permit for Weston. The petition alleged that: (1) The permit limits evidence that can be used by citizens to demonstrate noncompliance; (2) the permit omits operating limitations applicable to Unit 3; (3) the permit fails to include a compliance schedule for the plant's continuing violations of the heat and energy limits in the prevention of significant deterioration ("PSD") permit for Unit 3; (4) the permit contains insufficient monitoring for particulate matter emissions from Units 1, 2, and 3; (5) the permit fails to require sufficient monitoring to ensure compliance with visible emission limits on sources B11, B12, and B13; (6) revisions to the permit constitute a change in the method of operation without going through PSD permitting; (7) Units 1 and 2 underwent major modifications without PSD permit review; and (8) Weston Generating Station has unaddressed opacity violations.

On December 19, 2007, the Administrator issued an order granting in part and denying in part the petition. The order explains the reasons behind EPA's conclusion.

Dated: January 11, 2008.

Gary Gulezian,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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