

effect in humans that is similar to an effect produced by a naturally occurring estrogen, or such other endocrine effect as the Administrator may designate. In 1996, EPA chartered a scientific advisory committee, the Endocrine Disruptor Screening and Testing Advisory Committee (EDSTAC), under the authority of FACA, to advise it on establishing a program to carry out Congress' directive. EDSTAC recommended a multi-step approach including a series of screens (Tier I screens) and tests (Tier II tests) for determining whether a chemical substance may have an effect similar to that produced by naturally occurring hormones. EPA adopted almost all of EDSTAC's recommendations in the program that it developed, the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP), to carry out Congress' directive.

EPA is in the process of developing and validating the screens and tests that EDSTAC recommended for inclusion in the EDSP. In carrying out this validation exercise, EPA is working closely with the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternate Methods (ICCVAM) and other validation groups, as appropriate. EPA also is working closely with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Endocrine Testing and Assessment Task Force to validate and harmonize endocrine screening tests of international interest.

Finally, to ensure that EPA has the best and most up-to-date advice available regarding the validation of the screens and tests in the EDSP, EPA chartered the Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Subcommittee (EDMVS) of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The EDMVS convened nine meetings between October 2001 and December 2003. In 2003, NACEPT recommended EDMVS become an Agency level 1 FACA Committee due to the complexity of the recommendations. The EDMVAC was chartered in 2004. The EDMVAC provides independent advice and counsel to the Agency on scientific and technical issues related to validation of the EDSP Tier I screens and Tier II tests, including advice on methods for reducing animal use, refining procedures involving animals to make them less stressful, and replacing animals where scientifically appropriate. EDMVAC and previous EDMVS meeting information and corresponding docket numbers are available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/oscpendo/>. You may also go to the EPA Docket at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>, and follow the online instructions for submitting materials.

III. Meeting Objectives for the November 30–December 2, 2005 Meeting

The objectives for the November 30 through December 2, 2005 meeting (docket ID number OPPT–2005–0054) are to review and discuss: EPA's Applied Approach to Validation, Uterotrophic (Tier I Assay, OECD) Peer Review Report, Steriogenesis (Tier I Assay) Using the H295R Cell Line, Avian 2–Generation (Tier II Assay, OECD) and receive an update on the Pubertal (Tier I) Assays.

A list of the EDMVAC members and meeting materials are available at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/oscpendo/> and in the public docket.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Endocrine disruptors, Hazardous substances, Health, Safety.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Workshops on How to Report for the 2006 Inventory Update Rule (IUR) Information Collection - Fall 2005; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA is convening two public workshops to provide training for affected parties responsible for reporting during the 2006 Inventory Update Rule information collection. The workshops will focus on the Instructions for Reporting, industry case studies, and submission of IUR data over the internet. The Instructions for Reporting were revised in response to amendments to 40 CFR Part 710 promulgated on January 7, 2003. These workshops are open to the public.

DATES: Each workshop will take place over 1 day. These workshops will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The workshops will be held in Fall 2005: Washington, DC (December 5); Los Angeles, CA (December 12).

ADDRESSES: Persons planning to attend the workshops are directed to the IUR website @ www.epa.gov/oppt/iur/. This website contains workshop information, as well as IUR background information, draft documents, and a link to the workshop registration site. All workshop materials can be downloaded from the IUR website or the EPA electronic docket www.epa.gov/edocket (Docket Identification Number: OPPT–2005–0008) in portable document format (PDF).

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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 manufacture chemical substances currently subject to reporting under the Inventory Update Rule (IUR) as amended on January 7, 2003 and codified as 40 CFR part 710. Persons who process chemical substances but who do not manufacture or import chemical substances are not required to comply with the requirements of 40 CFR part 710. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Chemical manufacturers and importers currently subject to IUR reporting, including manufacturers and importers of inorganic chemical substances (NAICS codes 325, 32411).

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. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions at 40 CFR 710.48. If you have any

questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical contact 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 ID number OPPT-2005-0008. 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 the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA 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. Background

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is convening two workshops to train stakeholders on how to report for the 2006 Partial Updating of the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. The EPA is required by section 8(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to compile and update an inventory of chemical substances manufactured or imported into the United States. Every

four years, manufacturers (including importers) of certain chemical substances on the Chemical Substance Inventory have been required to report data specified in the TSCA section 8(a) Inventory Update Rule (IUR), 40 CFR part 710. Past updates included information on the chemical's production volume, site-limited status, and plant site information.

Amendments to the IUR promulgated in the **Federal Register** on January 7, 2003 (68 FR 848) (FRL-6767-4) expanded the data reported on certain chemicals to assist EPA and others in screening potential exposures and risks resulting from manufacturing, processing, and use of TSCA chemical substances. At the same time, EPA amended the IUR regulations to increase the production volume threshold which triggers reporting requirements from 10,000 pounds per year to 25,000 pounds per year and established a new higher threshold of 300,000 pounds per year above which manufacturers must report additional information on downstream processing and use of their chemical substances. The 2003 amendments to the IUR also revoked the exemption from reporting for inorganic chemical substances, provided a partial exemption from reporting of processing and use information for chemical substances of low current interest, and continued the current exemption from reporting for polymers, microorganisms, and naturally occurring chemical substances. These changes modify requirements for information collected in calendar year 2005 and submitted in 2006 and thereafter. These workshops may be of interest to persons currently reporting under the IUR and to manufacturers of inorganic chemical substances.

The workshops will include a series of presentations by representatives of EPA on the Instructions for Reporting for the 2006 Partial Updating of the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. Subjects discussed will include reporting requirements, instructions for completing the reporting form, how to assert confidentiality claims, how to submit completed reports to EPA, and case studies illustrating different aspects of reporting. During the workshops, persons in attendance will be able to ask questions regarding the material being presented. The purpose of these meetings is to provide training to persons who must report in 2006 under the Inventory Update Rule.

III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may register to participate in this meeting by directing your web browser

to www.epa.gov/oppt/iur. There is a workshop registration link on this website that will allow you to provide all necessary information for participation. There is no charge for attending this public meeting.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, chemicals, reporting and record keeping requirements.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability of Draft NPDES General Permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Federal Facilities in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Draft NPDES General Permits—PRR040000 and PRR04000F.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD), Environmental Protection Agency—Region 2 (EPA), is issuing Notice of a Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) to waters of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This draft NPDES general permit establishes Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, standards, prohibitions and management practices for discharges of storm water from municipal separate storm sewer systems. Owners and/or operators of small MS4s that discharge storm water will be required to submit a NOI to EPA-CEPD to be covered by the general permit and will receive a written notification from EPA-CEPD of permit coverage and authorization to discharge under the general permit. The eligibility requirements are discussed in the draft permit. The municipality must meet the eligibility requirements of the permit prior to submission of the NOI. This general permit does not cover new sources as defined under 40 CFR 122.2.

DATES: Public comments are due by midnight on February 6, 2006. The general permit shall be effective on the