

t. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Science Advisory Board Environmental Health Committee Review of the Trichloroethylene (TCE) Health Risk Assessment Synthesis and Characterization Draft Document; Request for Nominations

ACTION: Request for nominations to the Environmental Health Committee (EHC) of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) for its review of the Agency's draft Trichloroethylene (TCE) Health Risk Assessment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (SAB) is announcing the formation of a Panel to review the Agency's draft Trichloroethylene (TCE) Health Risk Assessment. The SAB is soliciting nominations to augment the existing EHC to form this Panel. The EPA Science Advisory Board was established to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical bases for EPA regulations. In this sense, the Board functions as a technical peer review panel.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership on the panel. Individuals should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: risk assessment and the application of the Agency's risk assessment guidelines; toxicology including carcinogenicity, with a focus on mechanisms of action and pharmacokinetic models; and molecular genetics. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number. To be considered, all nominations must include a current resume providing the

nominee's background, experience and qualifications.

Background

EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has completed an external review draft assessing the health risks of trichloroethylene. TCE is a major contaminant of concern in EPA's air, water, and waste programs. This draft was published for public comment on September 19, 2001 at 66 FR 48257-48258. EPA's regulatory program and regional offices have identified TCE as among the highest priorities for a new assessment.

This assessment was also shaped by several new developments in risk assessment. The practice of risk assessment is evolving from a focus on one toxic effect of one pollutant in one environmental medium toward integrated assessments covering multiple effects and multiple media and incorporating information about mode of action, uncertainty, human variation, and cumulative effects of multiple pollutants in different media. This evolution responds to recommendations of the National Research Council, which have been embraced in EPA's proposed cancer guidelines.

This draft assessment takes on the new directions in risk assessment that EPA and others have advocated. The assessment discusses the possibility that children, infants, and the developing fetus may differ from adults with respect to susceptibility to TCE's toxic effects. The assessment addresses cumulative risks by discussing the implications of other chlorinated solvents and agents that have metabolic pathways, potential modes of action, and toxic effects similar to TCE. The assessment implements principles of the proposed cancer guidelines by emphasizing characterization discussions, using mode-of-action information, and identifying susceptible populations.

The issues surrounding TCE are quite complex, with extensive information in some areas and relatively little information in others. The ORD initiated development of 16 peer-reviewed state-of-the-science papers that were published in Environmental Health Perspectives (vol. 108, suppl. 2, May 2000). These papers, which provide the primary scientific support for the assessment, were written by well-recognized scientists carrying out research on TCE or its metabolites.

To accomplish this review, the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will convene a Panel to address the following draft Charge:

(a) Does the assessment adequately discuss the likelihood that trichloroethylene (TCE) acts through multiple metabolites and multiple modes of action?

(b) Is the cancer weight-of-evidence characterization adequately supported?

(c) A new feature of the cancer database is molecular information on the von Hippel-Lindau tumor suppressor gene. Is this information adequately discussed and are the conclusions appropriate?

(d) Does the assessment adequately discuss the use of multiple critical effects in developing an oral reference dose (RfD) and inhalation reference concentration (RfC) for effects other than cancer? Are the uncertainty factors well discussed and well supported?

(e) Does the assessment adequately discuss the derivation of a range of estimates for the cancer risk? Are there any studies that should/should not have been included?

(f) Please comment on the use of calibrated models and uncertainty analysis to address the question of pharmacokinetic model uncertainty.

(g) Is it appropriate to consider background exposures and other characteristics of an exposed population as modulating the risk of TCE exposure in that population?

(h) Do the data support identifying risk factors that may be associated with increased risks from TCE exposure? Are there any risk factors that should/should not have been included?

(i) Do the data support the possibility that TCE can affect children and adults differently? Should this be reflected in the quantitative assessment?

The criteria for selecting Panel members are that these persons be recognized experts in their fields; that they be as impartial and objective as possible; that they represent an array of backgrounds and perspectives (within their disciplines); and that they be available to participate fully in the review, which will be conducted over a relatively short time frame (*i.e.*, within approximately four months). Panel members will be asked to attend at least one public meeting followed by at least one public telephone conference meeting over the course of four months; they will be asked to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings, and they will be asked to review and to help finalize the products and outputs of the panel. The panel will make recommendations to the Executive Committee (EC) of the SAB for approval of the Board's report and transmittal to the Administrator.

Nominations should be submitted to Mr. Samuel Rondberg, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board via e-mail to Rondberg.Sam@epamail.epa.gov followed by "hard copy" via U.S. mail addressed to Mr. Samuel Rondberg, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (301) 812-2560, no later than November 9, 2001. The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations.

General Information

Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in the *Science Advisory Board FY2000 Annual Staff Report* which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256.

Dated: October 22, 2001.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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2002 Resource Conversation and Recovery Act National Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of public invitation to Resource Conservation and Recovery Act National Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of public invitation to the 2002 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) National Meeting, "Partnerships for Cleaner Communities." This meeting, January 15-18, 2002, brings together RCRA program representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), States, Tribes and the community. The National Meeting will explore future management issues of hazardous and nonhazardous (industrial, municipal and other) waste. The RCRA National Meeting is a great opportunity to share with, and learn from, each other. It promotes new EPA initiatives and fosters discussion and education concerning Regional, State and tribal issues.

DATES: For the first time, attendance at the National Meeting will be fully open

to the general public. The RCRA National Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2002 and end at 12 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The 2002 RCRA National Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill at 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. More information will be made available upon registration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Cummings (703-308-8303), Office of Solid Waste, Mail Code 5303W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20460. You may also contact Anita by e-mail at cummings.anita@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Status

Preregistration is required for meeting attendance. There is no cost to register. No registration will occur at the door. The number of participants will be limited and registrations will be confirmed in the order in which they are received. To reduce costs and save paper, we encourage you to register electronically for the meetings and for overnight accommodations using the meeting Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/meeting/index.htm>. If electronic registration is not possible, please telephone Anita Cummings or Melissa Galyon.

Dated: October 5, 2001.

Elizabeth Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed CERCLA Administrative Order on Consent for Removal Action—Service First Barrel and Drum Site, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), notice is hereby given of the proposed administrative settlement under section 122(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h), concerning the Service First Barrel and Drum site, between EPA

and Redwood Development, LLC ("Settling Party"). The Service First Barrel and Drum Site is located at 1066 South Redwood Road, in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah (the "Site"). The settlement, embodied in the proposed Administrative Order on Consent for Removal Action, EPA Docket No. CERCLA-8-2002-01 ("AOC"), is designed to resolve the Settling Party's liability at the Site through work to be performed and a covenant not to sue for all response costs incurred and to be incurred by EPA in connection with removal activities at the Site.

Redwood Development, LLC is the owner of a parcel of land which was impacted by business operations at Service First Barrel and Drum and is included within the defined boundaries of the Site. The proposed AOC will settle Settling Party's liability under section 107(a)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a)(1). Under the terms of the proposed AOC, the Settling Party agrees to conduct a cleanup of the contamination on the Settling Party's property. In exchange, the Settling Party will settle its liability for all response costs incurred at the Site in connection with removal activities and will receive contribution protection from other parties associated with the Site.

Opportunity for Comment: For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will consider all comments received on the covenant not to sue portion of the AOC only (section XIII) and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the EPA Superfund Record Center, 999 18th Street, 5th Floor, in Denver, Colorado.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the EPA Superfund Records Center, 999 18th Street, 5th Floor, in Denver, Colorado. Comments and requests for a copy of the proposed settlement should be addressed to Carol Pokorny, Enforcement Specialist (8ENF-T), Technical Enforcement Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466, and should reference the Service First Barrel and Drum Site, Salt Lake City, Utah, and the EPA Docket