

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Guidance on Selecting Age Groups for Monitoring and Assessing Childhood Exposures to Environmental Contaminants****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) announces the availability of a final report, "Guidance on Selecting Age Groups for Monitoring and Assessing Childhood Exposures to Environmental Contaminants" (EPA/630/P-03/003F, November 2005). The purpose of this document is to complement existing EPA guidance and experience to assist Agency risk assessors in improving the accuracy and consistency of children's exposure assessments. The document describes a set of age groupings that can be used and, when necessary, adapted for purposes of designing monitoring studies and conducting risk assessments focused on children.

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available electronically through the Risk Assessment Forum's Web site (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=55887>). A limited number of paper copies will be available from EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 513-489-8695. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides a set of early-life age groups for EPA scientists to consider when assessing children's exposure to environmental contaminants and the resultant potential dose. These recommended age groups are based on current understanding of differences in behavior and physiology which may impact exposures in children. A consistent set of early-life age groups, supported by an underlying scientific rationale, is expected to improve Agency exposure and risk assessments for children by increasing the

consistency and comparability of risk assessments across the Agency; by improving accuracy and transparency in assessments for those cases where current practice might too broadly combine behaviorally and physiologically disparate age groups; and by fostering a consistent approach to future exposure surveys and data gathering efforts to generate improved exposure factors for children.

An external review draft of the document was made available for public comment in September 2003, and a meeting, to which the public was invited as observers, was held in January 2004 to provide independent expert peer review on the draft document. The document was revised based on input received during the peer review process, and from public review and comment. See Federal Docket Management System docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2004-0001 on the Internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Dated: January 30, 2006.

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**EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES****Economic Impact Policy**

This notice is to inform the public that the Export-Import Bank of the United States has received an application to finance the export of eight refurbished U.S. locomotives valued at approximately \$14 million to Kenya. These locomotives will be dedicated to transport soda ash from the production facility to the Kenyan coast. Five of the eight locomotives will replace existing 1970 vintage locomotives. The remaining three locomotives will be used to meet the buyer's need for increased transport capacity resulting from a recent 365,000 metric ton per year production expansion, which is scheduled to be commissioned in March 2006. Available information indicates that this new production will be consumed in India, Southeast Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Interested parties may submit comments on this transaction by e-mail to [economic.impact@exim.gov](mailto:economic.impact@exim.gov) or by mail to 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1238, Washington, DC 20571,

within 14 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

**Helene S. Walsh,**

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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 persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/>.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 24, 2006.

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1. *FNB Corp.*, Asheboro, North Carolina; to acquire 100 percent of Integrity Financial Corporation, Hickory, North Carolina, and thereby indirectly acquire First Gaston Bank of North Carolina, Gastonia, North Carolina.