

previously issued guidance and experts throughout government, private sector, and academic communities to develop and issue "Standards for Internal Controls in the Federal Government" to facilitate implementation of FMFIA. Although those standards remain conceptually sound and are used throughout the federal government, this update enhances the standards by recognizing recent internal control evaluation guidance developed by the private sector with assistance from GAO and others, as well as to giving greater recognition to the increasing use of information technology.

The internal control standards contained in the proposed standards follow the COSO guidance closely and refer to portions of OMB Circular A-123 that provide guidance for evaluating internal control. However, two of the standards concerning management reporting on internal control and resolution of audit findings are standards not addressed by COSO but reflect the public's demand for a high level of accountability for government stewardship of resources. These two standards are currently required by law and by the existing internal control standards. Appendix II cross-references the existing standards with those proposed in the document.

Comments received will be reviewed and the proposed standards will be revised as necessary. Publication of the final standards will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Gene L. Dodaro,

Assistant Comptroller General for Accounting and Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Cooperative Agreement With the National Academy of Sciences

AGENCY: Office of Public Health and Science.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Public Health Service agencies (PHS), the Office of Public Health and Science has entered into a cooperative agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to provide core support for activities in a number of health areas, including health promotion and disease prevention; health care services; neuroscience and behavioral health; health sciences policy; food and nutrition; international

health; radiation effects research; environmental studies and toxicology; and children, youth and families. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to provide access to expertise regarding matters of interest to PHS, including independent advice on how complex issues might be defined and addressed in discrete studies and on planning to address the problems and issues identified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Oswald, Contract Specialist, Program Support Center, AOS/Division of Acquisition Management, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 5-101, Rockville, Maryland 20857, for information about this program, and Linda Meyers, Ph.D., Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, Room 738-G, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20201, for programmatic technical assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$450,000 will be available in FY 1998 to support this project. This award was effective December 1, 1997, for a 12-month budget period with a project period of 5 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change. Continuation awards within the project period will be made if progress is satisfactory and funds are available.

The PHS is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, an HHS-led national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to objectives in nearly all priority areas. (To order a copy of "Healthy People 2000: Midcourse Review and Revisions," contact the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954; Telephone (202) 512-1800; Internet address: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/index.html>.)

Authority

This program is authorized under Sections 301 and 1701 of the Public Health Act.

Smoke-free Workplace

The PHS strongly encourages all funding recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children's Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to the children.

Eligible Applicant

Assistance was provided only to the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. No other applications were solicited. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is the only organization that has the ability to assemble such National scientific expertise in a range of health-related fields to furnish independent advice and guidance of the highest quality with an unparalleled level of objectivity. This combination of advice and objectivity is a distinct asset to the PHS in carrying out its mission.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

A Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is not required because the project is the only one funded in this activity.

Executive Order 12372 Review

This application is not subject to Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs as governed by Executive Order 12372.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Susanne A. Stoiber,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science.

ACTION: Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels: Notice of Availability of Final Report.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is providing notice of the availability of the Report of the Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels.

DATES: The final report of the Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels was delivered to the Secretary, Health and Human Services, the President, and Congress on November 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

The final report of the Commission is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 (202-512-1800) (Stock Number 017-001-00531-2). The final report is also available on the INTERNET at <http://web.health.gov/dietsupp/>. For additional information, contact Kenneth D. Fisher, Ph.D., Executive Director, Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Room 738G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, (202) 690-5526 or facsimile (202-205-0463).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 103-417, Section 12, authorized the establishment of a Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels whose seven members were appointed by the President in November, 1995. The appointments to the Commission by the President and the establishment of the Commission by the Secretary of Health and Human Services reflect the commitment of the President and the Secretary to the development of a sound and consistent regulatory policy on labeling of dietary supplements.

The Commission has conducted a study that provides recommendations for regulation of label claims and statements for dietary supplements, including the use of supplemental literature in connection with their sale and, in addition, procedures for evaluation of label claims. The Commission has also considered how best to provide truthful, scientifically valid, and non-misleading information to consumers in order that they may make informed health care choices for themselves and their families.

In accordance with the provisions of its Charter, dated February 13, 1997, delivery of the Commission's final report constitutes completion of the function of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission has been discharged.

Dated: December 11, 1997.

Susanne A. Stoiber,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-131]

Availability of Final Toxicological Profiles

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of three new final and eight updated final toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances comprising the ninth set prepared by ATSDR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Loretta Norman, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-6322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (Pub. L. 99-499) amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*) by establishing certain requirements for ATSDR and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with regard to hazardous substances which are most commonly found at facilities on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL). Among these statutory requirements is a mandate for the Administrator of ATSDR to prepare toxicological profiles for each substance included on the priority lists of hazardous substances. These lists

identified 275 hazardous substances that ATSDR and EPA determined pose the most significant potential threat to human health. The availability of the revised list of the 275 most hazardous substances was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 1997 (62 FR 61332). For prior versions of the list of substances see **Federal Register** notices dated April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18744); April 17, 1987 (52 FR 12866); October 20, 1988 (53 FR 41280); October 26, 1989 (54 FR 43619); October 17, 1990 (55 FR 42067); October 17, 1991 (56 FR 52166); October 28, 1992 (57 FR 48801); and February 28, 1994 (59 FR 9486).

Notice of the availability of drafts of the ninth set of toxicological profiles for public review and comment was published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 1995 (60 FR 55272), with notice of a 90-day public comment period for each profile, starting from the actual release date. Following the close of each comment period, chemical-specific comments were addressed, and where appropriate, changes were incorporated into each profile. The public comments and other data submitted in response to the **Federal Register** notice bear the docket control number ATSDR-102. This material is available for public inspection at the Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Building 4, Suite 2400, Executive Park Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, (not a mailing address) between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Availability

This notice announces the availability of three new final and eight updated final toxicological profiles comprising the ninth set prepared by ATSDR. The following toxicological profiles are now available through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, telephone 1-800-553-6847. There is a charge for these profiles as determined by NTIS.

Toxicological profile	NTIS order No.	CAS No.
Ninth Set:		
1. BENZENE (UPDATE)	PB98-101157	000071-43-2
2. CHLORFENVINPHOS	PB98-101116	000470-90-6
3. CHLOROFORM (UPDATE)	PB98-101140	000067-66-3
4. CHLORPYRIFOS	PB98-103088	002921-88-2
5. CYANIDE (UPDATE)	PB98-101207	000057-12-5
AMMONIUM THIOCYANATE		001762-95-4
CYANAZINE		021725-46-2
HYDROGEN CYANIDE		000074-90-8
SODIUM CYANIDE		000143-33-9