

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY

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Guidance Documents for Dioxin and
Dioxin-like Compounds and Other
Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic
(PBT) Chemicals; Community Right-to-
Know Toxic Chemical Release
Reporting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability; request
for comments and request for
workgroup members.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the
availability of a draft guidance
document for the dioxin and dioxin-like
compounds category which is subject to
reporting under section 313 of the
Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) and
section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention
Act of 1990 (PPA). The category of
dioxin and dioxin-like compounds was
added to the EPCRA section 313 list of
toxic chemicals as part of a final rule
that lowered the reporting thresholds for
certain persistent bioaccumulative toxic

(PBT) chemicals. EPA is requesting
comments on this draft guidance
document and is also requesting the
participation of interested stakeholders
on a workgroup to assist in the
preparation of the final guidance
document. In addition, EPA is
considering establishing another
workgroup or workgroups to assist in
the development of guidance documents
for other PBT chemicals that are subject
to the new reporting requirements under
the October 29, 1999 final rule. EPA
would like to know whether interested
stakeholders wish to participate on such
workgroups.

DATES: Written comments, identified by
the docket control number OEI-100000,
must be received by EPA on or before
July 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be
submitted by mail, electronically, or in
person. Please follow the detailed
instructions for each method as
provided in Unit I. of the
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Coordinator, (202) 260-3882, e-mail:
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information on this document, or for
more information on EPCRA section
313, the Emergency Planning and
Community Right-to-Know Hotline,
Environmental Protection Agency, Mail
Code 5101, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave.,
NW., Ariel Rios Building, Washington,
DC 20460, Toll free: 1-800-535-0202,
in Virginia and Alaska: (703) 412-9877
or Toll free TDD: 1-800-553-7672.
Information concerning this notice is
also available on EPA's website at [http://
www.epa.gov/tri](http://www.epa.gov/tri).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

You may be interested in this notice
if you manufacture, process, or
otherwise use aldrin, chlordane, dioxin
and certain dioxin-like compounds,
heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, isodrin,
mercury, mercury compounds,
methoxychlor, octachlorostyrene,
pendimethalin, pentachlorobenzene,
polychlorinated biphenyls, certain
polycyclic aromatic compounds,
tetrabromobisphenol A, toxaphene, and
trifuralin. Potentially interested
categories and entities may include, but
are not limited to:

Category	Examples of Potentially Interested Entities
Industry	SIC major group codes 10 (except 1011, 1081, and 1094), 12 (except 1241), or 20 through 39; industry codes 4911 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating power for distribution in commerce); 4931 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating power for distribution in commerce); or 4939 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating power for distribution in commerce); or 4953 (limited to facilities regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, subtitle C, 42 U.S.C. section 6921 <i>et seq.</i>), or 5169, or 5171, or 7389 (limited to facilities primarily engaged in solvent recovery services on a contract or fee basis)
Federal Government	Federal facilities

This table is not intended to be
exhaustive, but rather provides a guide
for readers regarding entities likely to be
interested in this notice. Other types of
entities not listed in the table could also
be interested. To determine whether
your facility may be interested in this
notice, you should carefully examine
the applicability criteria in part 372,
subpart B of Title 40 of the Code of
Federal Regulations. If you have
questions regarding the applicability of
this notice to a particular entity, consult
the person listed in the preceding "FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT"
section.

B. How Can I Get Additional
Information or Copies of this Document
or Other Support Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain
electronic copies of this document from
the EPA internet Home Page at [http://
www.epa.gov/](http://www.epa.gov/). On the Home Page select
"Laws and Regulations" and then look
up the entry for this document under
the "Federal Register—Environmental
Documents." You can also go directly to
the "Federal Register" listings at [http://
www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/](http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/). The draft
guidance document for the dioxin and
dioxin-like compounds category is
available for downloading at [http://
www.epa.gov/tri](http://www.epa.gov/tri).

2. *In person.* The Agency has
established an official record for this
action under docket control number
OEI-100000. The official record consists

of the documents specifically referenced
in this action, any public comments
received during an applicable comment
period, and other information related to
this action, including any information
claimed as confidential business
information (CBI). This official record
includes the documents that are
physically located in the docket, as well
as the documents that are referenced in
those documents. The public version of
the official record does not include any
information claimed as CBI. The public
version of the official record, which
includes printed, paper versions of any
electronic comments submitted during
an applicable comment period, is
available for inspection in the TSCA
Nonconfidential Information Center,
North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside
Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the Center is (202) 260-7099.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. Be sure to identify the appropriate docket control number (i.e., "OEI-100000") in your correspondence.

1. *By mail.* Submit written comments to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Ariel Rios Building, Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in East Tower Rm. G-099, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is: (202) 260-7093.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: "oppt.ncic@epa.gov." Please note that you should not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OEI-100000. Electronic comments on this document may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI Information that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

You may claim information that you submit in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult with the person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

II. Background Information

A. What is the Purpose of this Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to make available for comment a draft document titled "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act—Section 313: Guidance for Reporting for the Dioxin and Dioxin-like Compounds Category." The category of dioxin and dioxin-like compounds was added to the EPCRA section 313 list of toxic chemicals as part of a final rule that lowered the reporting thresholds for certain PBT chemicals (64 FR 58666, October 29, 1999) (FRL-6389-11). EPA would like to receive comments on the technical contents of the guidance document particularly on the methods of estimating releases and other waste management quantities for dioxin and dioxin-like compounds. Unit I.B. contains information on how to get copies of the draft guidance document. Through this notice EPA is also requesting the participation of interested stakeholders on a workgroup to assist in the preparation of the final guidance document for the dioxin and dioxin-like compounds category. Stakeholders interested in participating on the workgroup should contact the person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section by July 17, 2000. Whether or not you participate on the workgroup, your comments will be considered in preparing the final guidance document.

In addition, this notice also requests comments on whether interested stakeholders wish to participate on a workgroup to develop guidance documents for the other PBT chemicals. These other guidance documents would cover the following chemicals: aldrin, chlordane, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, isodrin, mercury, mercury compounds, methoxychlor, octachlorostyrene, pendimethalin, pentachlorobenzene, polychlorinated biphenyls, polycyclic aromatic compounds (PACs), tetrabromobisphenol A, toxaphene, and trifuralin. At this point EPA anticipates developing individual guidance documents for the PACs category and for mercury/mercury compounds and another guidance document to cover the other PBT chemicals. Whether or not workgroups are formed for these other guidance documents, EPA will issue drafts of the guidance documents for public review and comment. If you are interested in participating on a workgroup for the development of these other guidance documents, please contact the person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section by July 17, 2000.

B. How Will the Interested Stakeholder Workgroups Function?

All interested parties are welcome to participate on the workgroups. The workgroups will not revisit any issues raised during the rulemaking process or the determinations contained in the final rule. The workgroups will deal only with guidance on how to report given the requirements of the final rule. The workgroups will make recommendations on the contents of the guidance documents, and then EPA will issue draft final documents and provide them to interested stakeholders for final comment. EPA will then review the final comments and issue the final guidance documents. The workgroup for the dioxin and dioxin-like compounds category will be formed and have its first meeting after the end of the comment period for this notice to allow time for the processing of any comments received. Whether or not workgroups are formed to develop guidance documents for the other PBT chemicals, a separate **Federal Register** notice will be issued to obtain comments on the other PBT chemical draft guidance documents. This type of process for developing guidance documents is similar to the processes that EPA has used for the development of guidance documents for other regulations.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Community right-to-know, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund.

Dated: May 30, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6715-6]

San Fernando Valley, Pollock Superfund Site; Proposed Notice of Administrative Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986