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

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA 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. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the technical person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

We invite you to provide your views on the various options we propose, new approaches we have not considered, the potential impacts of the various options (including possible unintended consequences), and any data or information that you would like the Agency to consider during the development of the final action. You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

On November 16, 1998, EPA released its Agency-wide Multimedia Strategy for Priority Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Pollutants (PBT Strategy). The goal of the PBT Strategy is to identify and reduce risks to human health and the environment from current and future exposure to priority PBT pollutants. This document serves as the Draft National Action Plan for Octachlorostyrene, one of the 12 Level 1 priority PBT pollutants identified for the initial focus of action in the PBT Strategy.

Octachlorostyrene (CAS Registry number 29082-74-4) is a persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic halogenated aromatic compound with no known commercial uses and is not commercially manufactured. It has been reported as an inadvertent by-product of processes involving chlorine production, chlorination reactions, nonferrous metal production/finishing operations, and high temperature etching in semiconductor production. Landfill leachates from industrial wastes generated by these processes are contaminated with OCS. It may also result from various incineration and combustion processes.

The impact of OCS on the ecosystem is still largely unknown and data on the presence of OCS in the environment are limited. It is bioaccumulative and persistent in the environment. In the food chain, it has been found at increasingly higher concentration levels in higher order fish and shellfish. The feeding habits of aquatic species have been shown to be an important influence on OCS levels in fish, with significant biomagnification in higher order species. Potential human exposure pathways for OCS are through ingestion (especially of contaminated fish), inhalation, and absorption through the skin. Occupational exposure has been shown to result in elevated levels of OCS in the blood of workers at industrial facilities that produce OCS as a by-product. The human toxicological properties of OCS are not well known but it has been shown to cause adverse liver, thyroid, kidney and hematological effects in experimental animals. OCS is also a suspected hormone disruptor, mimicking human hormones and possibly affecting the endocrine system of humans and animals.

EPA is requesting public comment on this draft National Action Plan to address the risks to human health and the environment from exposure to octachlorostyrene: (1) By conducting monitoring through a National Study of Chemical Residues in Fish survey,

sediment sampling in geographic areas with high concentrations, and by adding OCS to the list of chemicals to establish an air monitoring network; (2) to continue efforts toward source characterization and voluntary initiatives to reduce OCS releases; and (3) focus research to characterize the relationship between OCS and other chlorinated compounds such as hexachlorobenzene and dioxins/furans.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed August 14, 2000 Through August 18, 2000 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000285, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, COE, HI, Modifications to (Kalaeloa) Barbers Point Harbor, Proposal to Enhance Harbor Operations and Economic Efficiency, and Improve Port Safety, Oahu, HI, Due: October 10, 2000, Contact: Milton Yoshimoto (808) 438-2250.

EIS No. 000286, DRAFT EIS, GSA, CA, Lassen Volcanic National Park General Management Plan, Implementation, Lassen, Plumas, Shasta and Tehama Counties, CA, Due: October 31, 2000, Contact: Alan Schmierer (415) 427-1441.

EIS No. 000287, FINAL EIS, COE, CA, Guadalupe River Watershed Planning Study, Multi-Objective Capital Improvement Project on the Guadalupe River between Highway 101 to Interstate 880 and Interstate 280 to Blossom Hill Road, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara County, CA, Due: September 25, 2000, Contact: Robert Smith (415) 977-8450.

EIS No. 000288, DRAFT EIS, AFS, ID, Genesis Placer Claim Gold Suction Dredging, Plan of Operations, Nez Perce National Forest, Red River Ranger District, Red River a Tributary to the South Fork Clearwater River,

ID, Due: October 10, 2000, Contact: Dee Sessions (208) 624-3151.
EIS No. 000289, FINAL EIS, AFS, ID, Box Canyon Timber Sale, Vegetative Management, Implementation, Palisades Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Bonneville County, ID, Due: September 25, 2000, Contact: Dee Sessions (208) 624-3151.
EIS No. 000290, DRAFT EIS, FHW, WI, WI-26 State Trunk Highway, Improvements IH-90 at Janesville to STH-60 Watertown Road (1390-04-00), Rock, Dodge and Jefferson Counties, WI, Due: October 30, 2000, Contact: Richard C. Madrzak (608) 829-7510.
EIS No. 000291, FINAL EIS, NPS, MT, Interagency Bison Management Plan for State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park, Implementation, Maintain a wild, Free Ranging Population, Address the risk of Brucellosis Transmission, Park and Gallatin Counties, MT, Due: October 02, 2000, Contact: Sarah Bransom (307) 344-2010.
EIS No. 000292, FINAL EIS, GSA, MA, U.S. Courthouse Springfield, Construction, Hampden County, MA, Due: September 25, 2000, Contact: Frank Saviano (617) 565-5494.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6610-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-D65020-WV Rating LO, Fernow Experimental Forest, Implementation of New Research Studies, Monongahela National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Tucker County, WV.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-NPS-G65075-LA Rating LO, Cane River Creole National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Natchitoches Parish, LA.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the selection of the National Park Service preferred alternative as described in the DEIS.

ERP No. D-NPS-K61150-CA Rating LO, Anacapa Island Restoration Project, Implementation Implementation, Channel Islands National Park, Ventura County, CA.

Summary: While EPA has no objection to the proposed action, it requested that the Final EIS include an emergency response plan for accidental spill of rodenticide during bait application and a commitment to project monitoring and mitigation.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-L65338-OR John Day River Proposed Management Plan, Implementation, Two Rivers and John Day Resource Management Plan Amendments, John Day River Basin, Gilliam, Grant, Wheeler, Crook, Harney, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union and Wasco Counties, OR.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-IBR-K28020-CA Contra Costa Water District Multi-Purpose Pipeline (MPP) Project, Construction and Operation of Raw Water Delivery System, Contra Costa Canal, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Contra Costa County, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement: Chicago Regional Air Quality and Economic Development Project.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comments on a draft Project XL Final Project

Agreement (FPA) for the Chicago Regional Air Quality and Economic Development Project. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by Chicago Department of Environment (Hereafter CDOE), Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the opportunity to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

In this proposal, Section 173(a)(1)(B) of the Clean Air Act will be used to promote cleaner air and economic development in the Chicago Metropolitan area. Section 173(a)(1)(B) allows the Administrator of the USEPA, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to identify a zone in which economic development should be targeted. For the purposes of this proposal, such zones will be called "Development Zones." A new or modified major stationary source which locates in a Development Zone within the Chicago non-attainment area would draw emission reductions from a growth allowance generated from the State's emission inventory in lieu of obtaining emission offsets. The growth allowance would be created using emissions reduction activities of Chicago and other municipalities. Under this proposed project, 40% of the emission reductions which go into the growth allowance will be retired. The remaining 60% will be made available to sources which locate in development zones.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on TBD September 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Steve Marquardt USEPA Region V (AR-18J) 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, IL 60604. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Marquardt at 312-886-5824.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement or Fact Sheet, contact Steve Marquardt USEPA, Region V, 77 West Jackson Street (3HS23), Chicago, IL 60604. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. In addition, the draft FPA is available at the City of Chicago Department of the Environment, 30 N. LaSalle, Suite 2500, Chicago, IL 60602. Questions to EPA regarding the