

meetings from FY 95 through FY 01 on issues associated with the characterization of risk resulting from the dermal exposure pathway. RAGS Part E updates recommendations presented in the DEA, and incorporates additional information from the *Exposure Factors Handbook* (U.S. EPA, 1997a) and scientific literature, as cited. Users of this guidance are strongly encouraged to review and understand the material presented in the DEA. This guidance is considered interim, pending release of any update to the DEA from ORD. As more data become available, RAGS Part E may be updated.

This Supplemental Guidance for Dermal Risk Assessment (RAGS Part E) has undergone external peer review in January 1998 and in February 2000. Also, EPA's Risk Assessment Forum conducted a Peer Consultation Workshop on this document in December 1998.

**Elements of the RAGS Part E Approach**

Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Volume I—Human Health Evaluation Manual (Part E, Supplemental Guidance for Dermal Risk Assessment) (RAGS Part E) is structured to be consistent with the four steps of the Superfund risk assessment process: hazard identification, exposure assessment, toxicity assessment, and risk characterization. RAGS Part E is organized into six chapters and four appendices. To provide an indication of the scope of the document, we have included the Table of Contents below:

- 1.0 Introduction and Flowchart
  - 1.1 Introduction
  - 1.2 Organization of Document
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- 2.0 Hazard Identification
  - 2.1 Choosing Contaminants of Concern for the Dermal-water Pathway
  - 2.2 Choosing Contaminants of Concern for the Dermal-soil Pathway
- 3.0 Exposure Assessment
  - 3.1 Estimation of Dermal Exposures to Chemicals in Water
    - 3.1.1 Standard Equation for Dermal Contact with Chemicals in Water
    - 3.1.2 Exposure Parameters
      - Permeability coefficient for compounds in water ( $K_p$  in cm/hr)
      - Chemical concentration in water
      - Skin surface area

- Event time, frequency and duration of exposure
- 3.2 Estimation of Dermal Exposure to Chemicals in Soil
  - 3.2.1 Standard Equation for Dermal Contact with Chemicals in Soil
  - 3.2.2 Exposure Parameters
    - Skin Surface Area
    - Soil-to-Skin Adherence Factors
    - Recommended Soil Adherence Factors
    - Dermal Absorption Fraction from Soil
    - Age-adjusted Dermal Factor
    - Event Time, Exposure Frequency and Duration
- 3.3 Estimation of Dermal Exposure to Chemicals in Sediment
- 4.0 Toxicity Assessment
  - 4.1 Principles of Route-to-route Extrapolation
  - 4.2 Adjustment of Toxicity Factors
  - 4.3 Calculation of Absorbed Toxicity Values
  - 4.4 Direct Toxicity
- 5.0 Risk Characterization
  - 5.1 Quantitative Risk Evaluation
    - 5.1.1 Risk Calculations
    - 5.1.2 Risks for All Routes of Exposure
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    - 5.2.1 Hazard Identification
    - 5.2.2 Exposure Assessment
      - Dermal Exposure to Water—
        - Uncertainties Associated with the Model for  $DA_{event}$
        - Dermal Exposure to Soil
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      - 5.2.4 Risk Characterization
- 6.0 Conclusions/Recommendations
  - 6.1 Summary
  - 6.2 Exposures Not Included in Current Dermal Guidance
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- Appendix A: Water Pathway
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    - A.1.1 Calculation of Parameters in  $DA_{event}$
    - A.1.2 Model Validation
  - A.2 Estimation of  $K_p$  for Organic Compounds
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  - A.5 Screening Procedure for Chemicals in Water
  - A.6 Procedures for Calculating Dermal Dose
    - A.6.1 Stepwise Procedure for Calculating Dermal Dose Using Given Equations
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- Appendix B: Screening Tables and Reference Values for The Water Pathway
  - Table B.1: Flynn Data Set
  - Table B.2: Predicted  $K_p$  for 200's Organic Contaminants In Water

- Table B.3: Calculation of Dermal Absorbed Dose for Organic Chemicals in Water
- Table B.4: Calculation of Dermal Absorbed Dose for Inorganic Chemicals in Water
- Appendix C: Soil Pathway
- Appendix D: Sample Calculations
- RAGS Part E focuses on dermal contact with soil and water, and it does not provide guidance on quantifying dermal absorption of chemicals resulting from exposure to vapors. The Superfund RAGS Part E Workgroup agreed with the finding in the DEA report that many chemicals, with low vapor pressure and low environmental concentrations, cannot achieve adequate vapor concentration to pose a dermal exposure hazard. For chemicals with the potential to achieve adequate vapor concentrations, this guidance assumes that they are primarily absorbed through the respiratory tract.

**Goals**

EPA welcomes feedback on this draft RAGS Part E document. EPA is seeking public comment at this time in order to ensure hearing the widest range of views and obtaining all information relevant to the development of policy. In addition, EPA is soliciting data pertinent to reducing uncertainty and variability in assessing risks from dermal exposure. EPA will review public comments received on the draft RAGS Part E document and will make appropriate changes in the document. EPA expects to respond in a summarized manner to the principal comments received on the draft RAGS Part E document as a matter of public information.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting; Open Commission Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2001**

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

| Item No. | Bureau               | Subject   |
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| 1 .....  | Common Carrier ..... | Title: Development of a Regulatory Framework for Incumbent LEC Broadband Services; and SBC Petition for Expedited Ruling That it is Non-Dominant in its Provision of Advanced Services and for Forbearance from Dominant Carrier Regulation of Those Services. Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rule Making initiating a comprehensive examination of the appropriate regulatory framework for incumbent LECs' provision of broadband services. As part of this proceeding, the Commission also invites comment on the petition filed by SBC Communications, Inc. |

| Item No. | Bureau  | Subject   |
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| 2 .....  | Common Carrier .....  | Title: Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of the 1996 (CC Docket No. 96-98); and Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability (CC Docket No. 98-147).<br>Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to initiate its "triennial" review of the definitions of and rules concerning access to incumbent LEC unbundled network elements.   |
| 3 .....  | Common Carrier .....  | Title: Numbering Resource Optimization (CC Docket No. 99-200); Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Request for Expedited Action on the July 15, 1997 Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regarding Area Codes 412, 610, 215, and 717 (CC Docket No. 96-98); and Telephone Number Portability (CC Docket No. 95-116).<br>Summary: The Commission will consider a Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200 regarding plans for nationwide thousands-block number pooling and other strategies to ensure that the numbering resources of the North American Numbering Plan are used efficiently. |
| 4 .....  | Mass Media .....  | Title: Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies (MM Docket No. 98-204).<br>Summary: The Commission will consider a Second Notice of Proposed Rule Making concerning new equal opportunity rules for broadcast licensees and cable entities.   |
| 5 .....  | Office of Engineering and Technology and Wireless Telecommunications. | Title: Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698-746 MHz ASpectrum Band (Television Channels 52-59) (GN Docket No. 01-74).<br>Summary: The Commission will consider a Report and Order concerning allocation and service rules to reallocate television channels 52-59, pursuant to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.   |
| 6 .....  | Office of Engineering and Technology.                                 | Title: Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Ultra-Wideband Transmission System (ET Docket No. 98-153).<br>Summary: The Commission will consider a First Report and Order to provide for new ultra-wideband devices.  |

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Maureen Peratino or David Fiske, Office of Media Relations, telephone number (202) 418-0500; TTY 1-888-835-5322.

Copies of materials adopted at this meeting can be purchased from the FCC's duplicating contractor, Qualex International (202) 863-2893; Fax (202) 863-2898; TTY (202) 863-2897. These copies are available in paper format and alternative media, including large print/type; digital disk; and audio tape. Qualex International may be reached by e-mail at [Qualexint@apl.com](mailto:Qualexint@apl.com)

This meeting can be viewed over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. For information on these services call (703) 993-3100. The audio portion of the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. The meeting can also be heard via telephone, for a fee, from National Narrowcast Network, telephone (202) 966-2211 or fax (202) 966-1770. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, telephone (703) 834-1470, Ext. 10; fax number (703) 834-0111.

Federal Communications Commission.

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### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0043]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Appraisal of Fair Annual Parking Rate Per Space for Standard Level User Charge (GSA Form 3357)

**AGENCY:** General Services Administration (GSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement Appraisal of Fair Annual Parking Rate Per Space for Standard Level User Charge (GSA Form 3357). A request for public comments was published at 66 FR 43871, August 21, 2001. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before January 9, 2002.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert A. Yevoli, Public Buildings Service, GSA (202) 219-1403.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, OMB Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to Stephanie Morris, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The General Services Administration is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve information collection, 3090-0043, concerning Appraisal of Fair Annual Parking Rate Per Space for Standard Level User Charge (GSA Form 3357). Form 3357 is needed by GSA contract and staff appraisers who use the form for estimating parking rates assessed on Federal agencies occupying space in GSA owned or controlled buildings.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 260.

*Annual Responses:* 1,300.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 1.6.

*Burden Hours:* 2,080.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:* A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the General Services