

Compounds in the U.S.: the Year 2000 Update," March, 2005 (EPA/600/P/03/002a) (Draft Dioxin Inventory Update). The public is invited to register to attend this meeting as an observer. In addition, the public is invited to give oral and/or provide written comments at the meeting regarding the draft document under review.

DATES: The peer-review panel meeting will occur from September 13, 2005, to September 15, 2005. Each day the meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., eastern daylight time. The public may attend the peer-review panel meeting as observers. In addition, members of the public in attendance at the meeting will be allowed to make brief (no longer than five minutes) oral statements at the commencement of the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The external peer-review panel meeting will be held at the Hilton Crystal City hotel, located at 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway in Arlington, Virginia. The EPA contractor, ERG, is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer-review panel meeting. To attend the meeting, register by September 7, 2005, by calling ERG, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA, at 781-674-7374 or by sending a facsimile to 781-674-2851. Interested parties may also register on-line at: <https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/dioxin/register-dioxin.htm>. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. At the time of your registration for the meeting, please indicate if you intend to make an oral statement at the meeting.

The Draft Dioxin Inventory Update is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> under the Recent Additions (See May 6, 2005 entry) and Data and Publications menus.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding registration and logistics for the peer review meeting should be directed to Katherine Moore, ERG, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421; telephone: 781-674-7374; facsimile: 781-674-2851; e-mail: katherine.moore@erg.com.

If you have questions about the document, contact David Cleverly, National Center for Environmental Assessment, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (8601 D), Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-564-3238; facsimile: 202-565-2018; e-mail: cleverly.david@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 6, 2005, a **Federal Register** notice was published that announced a 60-day

public comment period for EPA's Draft Dioxin Inventory Update (70 FR 24039). On May 6 this draft document, prepared by NCEA within EPA's Office of Research and Development, was also made publicly available on NCEA's Web site for review and comment. The 60-day public comment period closed on July 5. In the May 6 notice, EPA also announced that a subsequent **Federal Register** notice would announce the date and location of a meeting for independent external peer review of this draft document. Today's notice provides information on that peer review meeting.

The purpose of this report is to present an inventory of sources and environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds in the United States. This inventory is associated with three distinct reference years: 1987, 1995, and 2000. The presentation of information in this manner permits the ranking of sources by magnitude of annual release and allows for the evaluation of environmental trends over time. The term dioxin-like includes congeners of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (CDDs), polychlorinated dibenzofurans (CDFs) having chlorine atoms in the 2,3,7,8 positions on the molecule, and certain coplanar-substituted polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Dioxin-like refers to the fact that these compounds have similar chemical structure and physical-chemical properties and invoke a common battery of toxic response. Because of their hydrophobic nature and resistance towards metabolism, these chemicals persist and bioaccumulate in fatty tissues of animals and humans. Consequently, the principal route of chronic population exposure is through the dietary consumption of animal fats, fish, shellfish, and dairy products. Dioxin-like compounds are persistent in soils and sediments, with environmental half-lives ranging from years to several decades. Understanding the sources and environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds is fundamental to ultimately linking sources with population exposures. It is through such understanding that actions can be taken to reduce human exposures.

This current inventory is an update of an external review draft report entitled, The Inventory of Sources of Dioxin in the United States (EPA/600/P-98/002Aa), dated April 1998. The 1998 draft inventory presented annual estimates of environmental releases for reference years 1987 and 1995. The current inventory represents an update with the inclusion of a third reference year, 2000.

This updated inventory of sources and environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds concludes that, between 1987 and 2000, there was an approximately 89% reduction in the release of dioxin-like compounds to the circulating environment of the United States from all known sources combined. Annual emission estimates (TEQ_{DF-WHO98}) of releases of CDDs/CDFs to air, water, and land from reasonably quantifiable sources were approximately 1,529 grams in reference year 2000; 3,280 grams in reference year 1995; and 13,962 grams in reference year 1987. In 1987 and 1995, the leading sources of dioxin emissions to the U.S. environment were municipal waste combustors. The inventory concludes that the major source of dioxin in 2000 was the uncontrolled burning of refuse in backyard burn barrels in rural areas of the United States. The inventory also identifies bleached chlorine pulp and paper mills as a significant source of dioxin to the aquatic environment in 1987 but a minor source in 1995 and 2000.

The reduction in environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds from 1987 to 2000 is attributable to source-specific regulations, improvements in source technology, advancements in the pollution control technologies specific to controlling dioxin discharges and releases, and the voluntary actions of U.S. industries to reduce or prevent dioxin releases.

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Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Guidance for 2006 Assessment, Listing and Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Sections 303(d), 305(b) and 314 of the Clean Water Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of Guidance for 2006 Assessment, Listing, and Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Sections 303(d), 305(b) and 314 of the Clean Water Act. This biennial guidance is for states, territories, authorized tribes, and interstate commissions (hereinafter referred to as "jurisdictions") that help

states prepare and submit section 305(b) reports to EPA. Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) require states, territories, and authorized tribes (not interstate commissions) to provide biennial reports to EPA on the condition of waters within their boundaries. This guidance outlines the development of Integrated Reports (IR) that support EPA's strategy for achieving a broad-scale, national inventory of water quality conditions. The objective of this guidance is to provide jurisdictions a recommended reporting format and suggested content to be used in developing a single document that integrates the reporting requirements of sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314. Use of the IR format will allow jurisdictions to report the water quality standards attainment status of all waters, document the availability of data and information for each segment, identify certain trends in the water quality conditions, and provide information to managers in setting priorities for future actions to protect and restore the health of our nation's aquatic resources.

DATES: The guidance is effective August 12, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons requesting additional information or a complete copy of the document may contact Sarah Furtak by phone at (202) 566-1167, by e-mail at furtak.sarah@epa.gov, or by mail at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4503T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The Guidance for 2006 Assessment, Listing and Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Sections 303(d), 305(b) and 314 of the Clean Water Act is available on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/2006IRG>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document is a comprehensive compilation of relevant guidance EPA has issued to date regarding IR; however, there are few specific changes from the 2004 guidance. The 2006 IR Guidance provides:

- Increased emphasis on the use of the Assessment Database (ADB) or compatible electronic data format (the ADB is being modified to accommodate the recent format, content, and multi-category listing option that the guidance suggests),
- Greater clarity on the content and the format of those components of the IR that are recommended and required under CWA sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314,
- Greater clarity on issues associated with data solicitation, collection,

consideration, and interpretation of water quality standards,

- Additional information on the option to report water quality status of individual segments in more than one category (e.g., to show that some designated uses of a water are being attained and some designated uses are not), and
- Additional clarity and flexibility on understanding and reporting alternatives to total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for attaining water quality standards (e.g., utilization of reporting "Category 4b").

Dated: August 3, 2005.

Benjamin H. Grumbles,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Water.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; 3064-0022, 27, 29 & 61

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of information collections to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the information collection systems described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 12, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the collections of information entitled: (1) Uniform Application/Uniform Termination for Municipal Securities Principal or Representative (3064-0022); (2) Request for Deregistration for Registered Transfer Agents (3064-0027); (3) Notification of Performance of Bank Services (3064-0029); and (4) Summary of Deposits (3064-0061).

All comments should refer to the name and number of the collection. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- <http://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal/propose.html>.
 - *E-mail: comments@fdic.gov.*
- Include the name and number of the collection in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Gary A. Kuiper (202.942.3824), Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, PA1730-3000, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Mark Menchik, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary A. Kuiper, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to renew the following currently approved collections of information:

1. *Title:* Uniform Application/Uniform Termination for Municipal Securities Principal or Representative. *OMB Number:* 3064-0022. This OMB Number covers the following forms:

Uniform Application for Municipal Securities Principal or Municipal Securities Representative Associated with a Bank Municipal Securities Dealer Form MSD-4.

Uniform Termination Notice for Municipal Securities Principal or Municipal Securities Representative Associated with a Bank Municipal Securities Dealer Form MSD-5.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Total Annual Burden: 75 hours.

General Description of Collection: An insured state nonmember bank that serves as a municipal securities dealer must file Form MSD-4 or MSD-5, as applicable, to permit an employee to become associated or to terminate the association with the municipal securities dealer. FDIC uses the form to ensure compliance with the professional requirements for municipal securities dealers in accordance with the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

2. *Title:* Request for Deregistration for Registered Transfer Agents.

OMB Number: 3064-0027.

Form: Request for Deregistration, Registered Transfer Agent FDIC Form 6342/12.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Time per Response: .42 hours.