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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Summary of Information About the Project/Document

In EPA's 2003 "Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment," cumulative risk assessment is defined as the evaluation of risks from exposures to multiple chemicals and other stressors, and having a population focus rather than a source-to-receptor focus. Several reports and environmental justice concerns published over the past 11 years have highlighted the importance of estimating cumulative risks. EPA has published several guidance documents dealing with specific aspects of cumulative risk, such as chemical mixture risk assessment, planning and scoping, stakeholder involvement, and the toxicity from a mixture of pesticides sharing a common mode of action. This draft document is one contribution to EPA's efforts to address issues related to cumulative health risk assessment.

Existing EPA guidance addresses some of the combination aspects of cumulative risk, but none addresses all of the multiples included in this report, such as consideration of the composite impact of multiple health effects. Among the distinctive new approaches are those for grouping chemicals based on exposure characteristics and toxic endpoints, multi-route combination of

relative potency factors, integration of categorical regression modeling of multiple effects with additivity approaches, and the emphasis on the iteration and collaboration between exposure assessment and dose-response assessment to ensure compatible and relevant information. Major findings and conclusions in this document are as follows:

- This draft report provides a set of approaches that deal with certain complications in cumulative risk assessment, specifically those caused by multiple chemicals, exposures and effects, including toxicological interactions and environmental transformations of mixture component chemicals.

- The scope is focused on the evaluation of health risks from exposures to multiple chemicals, including multiple exposure routes and times as well as multiple health endpoints.

- Areas of cumulative health risk assessment emphasized in this report can often be performed with existing information.

- Exposure and toxicity characterizations of mixtures are strongly dependent on mixture composition (chemicals and concentrations) and timing of exposures and health effects.

- Qualitative and semiquantitative approaches provided can simplify the number of potential combinations of chemicals, exposures, and effects to make the cumulative health risk assessment more feasible.

II. Workshop Information

Members of the public may attend the workshop as observers, and there will be a limited time for comments from the public in the afternoon. Please let Eastern Research Group, Inc. know if you wish to make comments during the workshop. (See **ADDRESSES** section above for contact information.) Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

P.W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in open session at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, to consider the following matters:

SUMMARY AGENDA: No substantive discussion of the following items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Disposition of minutes of previous Board of Directors' meetings.

Summary reports, status reports, and reports of actions taken pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors.

Memorandum and resolution re: Interagency Statement on Sound Practices Concerning Elevated Risk Complex Structured Finance Activities.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Memorandum re: Economic Conditions and Emerging Risks in Banking for the Second Semiannual Assessment Period of 2006.

Memorandum re: DIF Assessment Rates for the Second Semiannual Assessment Period of 2006.

Memorandum and resolution re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Implement the One-time Assessment Credit.

Memorandum and resolution re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Implement Dividend Requirements.

Memorandum and resolution re: Proposed Amendments to Part 327 to Improve the Operational Processes Governing the FDIC's Deposit Insurance Assessment System.

Memorandum and resolution re: Interagency Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies under Sections 114 and 315 of the FACT Act.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 500-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call (703) 562-6067 (Voice or TTY), to make necessary arrangements.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed

to Ms. Valerie J. Best, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-7122.

Dated: May 2, 2006.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act: Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in closed session, pursuant to section 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B), Title 5, United States Code, to consider matters relating to the Corporation's resolution and corporate activities.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Ms. Valerie J. Best, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-7122.

Dated: May 2, 2006.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Notice

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (EDT), May 16, 2006.

PLACE: 4th Floor Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2006, Board member meeting.

2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.

—Welcome to new General Counsel/Secretary.

—NFC-to-SI Transition Report (June 9).

—Legislation Update.

—Performance Report.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

Thomas K. Emswiler,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Minority Community Health Partnership HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Minority Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

Announcement Type: Competitive Initial Announcement of Availability of Funds.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: Minority Community Health Partnership HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program—93.137.

DATES: Application Availability Date: May 4, 2006. Application Deadline: June 19, 2006.

SUMMARY: This announcement is made by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or Department), Office of Minority Health (OMH) located within the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), and working in a "One-Department" approach collaboratively with participating HHS agencies and program (entities). The mission of the OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of policies and programs that address disparities and gaps. OMH serves as the focal point within the HHS for leadership, policy development and coordination, service demonstrations, information exchange, coalition and partnership building, and related efforts to address the health needs of racial and ethnic minorities.

As part of a continuing HHS effort to improve the health and well being of racial and ethnic minorities, the Department announces availability of FY 2006 funding for the Minority Community Health Partnership HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program. Minority communities are currently at the center of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in this country. Based on reported cases of

HIV/AIDS,¹ the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that more than 1.1 million Americans were living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 2004. From 2001 to 2004, African Americans accounted for 50% of newly diagnosed cases of HIV/AIDS, despite the fact that they comprise only 13% of the U.S. population. Similarly, Hispanics, who comprise 14% of the U.S. population, accounted for nearly 20% of newly diagnosed cases. While federal efforts to prevent the spread of HIV focus heavily on testing and early diagnosis, community groups can make a difference by reaching out through education and awareness activities.

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Section I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: The program is authorized under 42 U.S.C. 300u-6, section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

1. *Purpose:* The Minority Community Health Partnership HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as the Community Partnership HIV/AIDS Program) seeks to improve the health status relative to HIV/AIDS, of targeted minority (see definition) populations through health promotion and education activities. This program is

¹ HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report; Cases of HIV Infection and AIDS in the United States, 2004; Volume 16.