(303) 312–6286; e-mail address: *perreault.peg@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those involved in agriculture and anyone involved with the distribution and application of pesticides for agricultural purposes. Others involved with pesticides in a non-agricultural setting may also be affected. In addition, it may be of interest to others, such as, those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

1. Submitting CBI. Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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 docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. Tips for preparing your comments. When submitting comments, remember to:

i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).

ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified. In addition to the sources listed in this unit, you may obtain copies of the amended Colorado Certification Plan, other related documents, or additional information by contacting:

1. Peg Perreault at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

2. John Scott, Colorado Department of Agriculture, 700 Kipling St., Suite 4000, Lakewood, CO 80215; telephone number: (303) 239–4178; e-mail address: *John.Scott@ag.state.co.us*.

3. Richard Pont, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–6448; e-mail address: *pont.richard@epa.gov*.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA has reviewed the revised Colorado Certification Plan and has determined that it complies with FIFRA and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 171. Accordingly, the Agency is announcing its intent to approve the amended State Plan on a contingency basis pending promulgation of revised Colorado Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Administration and Enforcement of the Colorado Pesticide Applicators' Act on January 1, 2007, and is seeking public comment.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Education, Pests and pesticides.

Dated: December 5, 2006.

Robert E. Roberts,

Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8260–3; Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2006–0838]

Draft Toxicological Reviews of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs): In support of the Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of External Peer-Review Panel Meeting and Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education (ORISE), under an Interagency agreement between the Department of Energy and EPA, will convene an independent panel of experts and organize and conduct an external peer-review workshop to review the external review draft documents titled, ''Toxicological Review of TetraBDE (BDE–47): In Support of Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)'' (NCEA–S–2537); ''Toxicological Review of PentaBDE (BDE–99): In Support of Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)'' (NCEA–S–2538); ''Toxicological Review of HexaBDE (BDE–153): In Support of Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)'' (NCEA–S–2539); and ''Toxicological Review of DecaBDE (BDE–209): In Support of Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)'' (NCEA–S–2540). The EPA also is announcing a public comment period for the external review draft documents.

The public comment period and the external peer-review workshop are separate processes that provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. In addition to consideration by EPA, all public comments submitted in accordance with this notice will also be forwarded to ORISE for consideration by the external peer-review panel prior to the workshop.

EPA is releasing these draft documents solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. These documents have not been formally disseminated by EPA. They do not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. ORISE invites the public to register to attend this workshop as observers. In addition, ORISE invites the public to give brief

oral comments at the workshop regarding the draft documents under review. The draft documents and EPA's peer-review charge are available via the Internet on NCEA's home page under the Recent Additions and the Publications menus at *http://www.epa.gov/ncea*. When finalizing the draft documents, EPA will consider ORISE's report of the comments and recommendations from the external peer-review workshop and any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with this notice.

DATES: The external peer-review panel workshop will begin on February 22, 2007, at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The public comment period begins December 22, 2006 and ends February 5, 2007. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by February 5, 2007. Comments from the public received by this date will be submitted to the external peer-review panel prior to the workshop.

ADDRESSES: The external peer-review workshop will be held at The American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20009–1277. ORISE is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer-review workshop. To attend the workshop, register by February 8, 2007, via the Internet at *http://www.orau.gov/pbde*. You may also register by calling ORISE at 865–576–2922, sending a facsimile to 865–241–3168, or sending an e-mail to Margaret Lyday at *lydaym@orau.gov*. You must register by February 8, 2007, if you wish to provide brief oral comments at the workshop.

The draft documents, Toxicological Review of TetraBDE (BDE–47): In Support of Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); PentaBDE (BDE–99): In Support of Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); HexaBDE (BDE–153): In Support of Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); and DecaBDE (BDE–209): In Support of Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS), are available via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) home page under the Recent Additions and the Publications menus at *http://www.epa.gov/ncea*. A limited number of paper copies are available from NCEA's Technical Information Staff. Please contact the Technical Information Staff by telephone at 202–564–3261 or by facsimile at 202–565–0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title. Copies are not available from ORISE.

Comments may be submitted electronically via www.regulations.gov, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the peer review workshop, contact Margaret Lyday, ORISE, by mail at P.O. Box 117, MS 17, Oak Ridge, TN 37831–0117; by phone at 865–576–2922; by facsimile at 865–241–3168; or by e-mail at *lydaym@orau.gov*.

For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; by phone at 202–566–1752; by facsimile at 202–566–1753; or by e-mail at *ORD.Docket@epa.gov*.

If you have questions about the document, contact Samantha J. Jones, IRIS Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment, by mail at U.S. EPA (8601D), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by phone at 202–564–2060; by facsimile at 202–565–0075; or by e-mail at *jones.samantha@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Summary of Information About the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

IRIS is a database that contains potential adverse human health effects information that may result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to specific chemical substances found in the environment. The database (available on the Internet at *http://www.epa.gov/iris*) contains qualitative and quantitative health effects information for more than 500 chemical substances that may be used to support the first two steps (hazard identification and dose-response evaluation) of a risk assessment process. When supported by available data, the database provides oral reference doses (RfDs) and inhalation reference concentrations (RfCs) for chronic health effects, and oral slope factors and inhalation unit risks for carcinogenic effects. Combined with specific exposure information, government and private entities can use IRIS to help characterize public health risks of chemical substances in a site-specific situation and thereby support risk management decisions designed to protect public health.

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. Please let ORISE know if you wish to make oral comments during the workshop prior to the meeting. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

III. How to Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at www.regulations.gov

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD 2006–0838 by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: *ORD.Docket@epa.gov*.
- Fax: 202–566–1753.
- Mail: Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202–566–1752.
- Hand Delivery: The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202–566–1744. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. Consult EPA's Web site at *http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm* for current information on docket operations, locations and telephone numbers.

If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD–2006–0838. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked ''late,'' and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at *http://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you

consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an ''anonymous access'' system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at *http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.*

Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g. CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: December 14, 2006.

George Alapas,

Deputy Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); Request for Chemical Substance Nominations for 2007 Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for chemical substance nominations for the IRIS 2007 program.

SUMMARY: The Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) database that contains EPA's scientific positions on human health effects that may result from exposure to chemical substances in the environment. EPA is soliciting public nominations for chemical substances for its 2007 agenda. EPA invites the public to submit nominations for substances to be considered for an assessment or reassessment in its IRIS Program in accordance with the instructions provided at the end of this notice.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice. The 30-day period begins December 22, 2006 and ends January 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Nominations may be submitted electronically via www.regulations.gov, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the IRIS Program, contact Abdel Kadry, Ph.D., Program Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment (mail code 8601D), Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, or call (202) 564–1645, or send electronic mail inquiries to: *kadry.abdel@epa.gov.* For general questions about access to IRIS or the content of IRIS, please call the IRIS Hotline at (301) 345–2870 or send electronic mail inquiries to *hotline.iris@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

IRIS is an EPA database containing EPA consensus scientific positions on potential adverse human health effects that might result from exposure to chemical substances found in the environment. IRIS currently provides information on health effects associated with more than 500 chemical substances. The database includes chemical-specific summaries of qualitative and quantitative health information in support of the first two steps of the risk assessment process, i.e., hazard identification and dose-response evaluation. Combined with specific situational exposure assessment information, the information in IRIS may be used as a source in evaluating potential public health risks from environmental contaminants.

EPA's overall process for developing IRIS assessments consists of: (1) An annual **Federal Register** announcement of EPA's IRIS agenda and call for scientific information from the public on selected chemical substances; (2) a search of the current literature; (3) development of draft health assessments and IRIS summaries; (4) peer review within EPA and the Federal Government; (5) external peer review; (6) management approval; (7) preparation of final IRIS summaries and supporting documents; and (8) entry of summaries and supporting documents into the IRIS database.

A. The IRIS Annual Agenda

Each year, EPA develops a list of priority chemical substances and an annual agenda for the IRIS Program. EPA uses the following general criteria to set these priorities: (1) EPA statutory, regulatory, or program-specific implementation needs; (2) potential public health impact; (3) availability of new scientific information or methodology that might significantly change the current IRIS information; (4) interest to other levels of government or the public; and (5) availability of other scientific assessment documents such that only a modest additional effort would be needed to complete the review and documentation for IRIS. The decision to assess any given substance depends on available EPA resources. Timing of EPA's risk assessment guidance, guidelines, and science policy decisions may also play a role in deciding when the Agency has the appropriate methods to assess a chemical substance.

EPA continues to build and update the IRIS database by addressing the foremost user needs, as expressed by EPA, other federal agencies, and the public. EPA also works toward updating all assessments in the database where new scientific information is available to do so.

EPA is currently conducting the following 80 assessments. Unless otherwise noted, EPA expects to assess noncancer and cancer endpoints for each substance. For all endpoints assessed, EPA intends to develop both qualitative and quantitative assessments if adequate data are available to support those assessments.

Substance name	CAS no.
Acetaldehyde	75–07–0
Acrolein (acute exposure duration).	107–02–8
Acrylamide	79–06–1
Acrylonitrile	107–13–1
Aldicarb and aldicarb sulfoxide.	116–06–3/1646–87–3
Aldicarb sulfone	1646–88–4
Arsenic, inorganic	7440–38–2
Asbestos (noncancer and cancer effects).	1332–21–4