on the draft background document should be sent to Dr. Ruth M. Lunn, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–14, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, FAX: (919) 316–4637, or lunn@niehs.nih.gov. Courier address: Report on Carcinogens Office, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 3118, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Persons needing interpreting services in order to attend should contact 301–402–8180 (voice) or 301–435–1908 (TTY). Requests should be made at least seven business days in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ruth M. Lunn (telephone: 919–316–4637, or lunn@niehs.nih.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background


Styrene is a very important monomer used worldwide in the production of polymers, which are incorporated into products such as rubber, plastic, insulation, fiberglass, pipes, automobile parts, food containers, and carpet backing. Most of these products contain both free styrene monomer and styrene polymerized in long chains (polystyrene). Sources of exposure to the general public include inhalation of indoor and outdoor ambient air, smoking, and ingestion of foods. Occupational exposure occurs mainly in the reinforced plastics, styrene-butadiene rubber, and styrene monomer and polymer industries.

Preliminary Agenda, Availability of Meeting Topics and Registration

Preliminary agenda topics include:

• Oral public comments on styrene.
• Peer review of the draft background document on styrene.
• Recommendation for listing status for styrene in the 12th RoC.

The meeting is schedule for July 21–22, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment each day. A copy of the preliminary agenda, expert panel roster, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the RoC Web site or may be requested from the Director of the RoC Office (see ADDRESSES above). Individuals who plan to attend the meeting are encouraged to register online by July 14, 2008, to facilitate planning for the meeting.

Request for Comments

The NTP invites both written and oral public comments on the draft background document on styrene. All written comments received will be posted on the RoC website prior to the meeting and distributed to the expert panel and RoC staff for their consideration in the peer review of the draft background document and/or preparation for the expert panel meeting. Persons submitting written comments are asked to include their name and contact information (affiliation, mailing address, telephone facsimile numbers, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, if any) and send them to Dr. Lunn (see ADDRESSES above) for receipt by July 07, 2008. Time will be set aside at the expert panel meeting for the presentation of oral public comments. Seven minutes will be available for each speaker (one speaker per organization). Persons can register on-line to present oral comments or contact Dr. Lunn (see ADDRESSES above). When registering to comment orally, please provide your name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone facsimile numbers, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any). If possible, send a copy of the statement or talking points to Dr. Lunn by July 14, 2008. This statement will be provided to the expert panel to assist them in identifying issues for discussion and will be noted in the meeting record. Registration for presentation of oral comments will also be available at the meeting on July 21–22, 2008, from 7:30–8:30 a.m. Time allowed for comments by on-site registrants may be less than for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting. Persons registering at the meeting are asked to bring 25 copies of their statement or talking points for distribution to the expert panel and for the record.

Background Information on the RoC

The RoC is a congressionally mandated document (Section 301(b)(4) of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. 241(b)(4)) that identifies and discusses substances, mixtures, or exposure circumstances (collectively referred to as “substances”) that may pose a hazard to human health by virtue of their carcinogenicity. Substances are listed in the report as either known or reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogens. The NTP prepares the RoC on behalf of the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Information about the RoC and the nomination process can be obtained from its homepage (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/roc) or by contacting Dr. Lunn (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT above). The NTP follows a formal, multi-step process for review and evaluation of selected chemicals. The formal evaluation process is available on the RoC Web site (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/15208) or in printed copy from the RoC Office.


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

ODS Analytical Methods and Reference Materials Program—Vitamin Methodology Workshop; Notice

Notice is hereby given of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) Analytical Methods and Reference Materials Program, Vitamin Methodology Workshop to be held Monday, July 7th and Tuesday, July 8th, 2008 at the Marriott Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center Hotel in Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20878.

Summary

In FY 2002, Congress addressed the need for support of analytical methods and reference materials development related to dietary supplements. The congressional appropriation language supported an increased ODS budget for several topics, including analytical methods and reference materials. The Senate language called for: “ODS to allocate sufficient funds to speed up an ongoing collaborative effort to develop and disseminate validated analytical methods and reference materials for the most commonly used botanicals and other dietary supplements.”

On February 8, 2002, ODS held a public meeting to solicit comments to assist ODS in designing an overall strategy for implementing the Congressional mandate to foster development and validation of...
analytical methods and reference materials for dietary supplements.

In FY 2004 and 2005, Congress again used similar language supporting the Analytical Methods and Reference Materials program in the ODS appropriations.

On September 10, 2007 ODS held a Stakeholders’ Meeting to state the progress that had been made by the Analytical Methods and Reference Materials program since its inception in 2002 and to receive comments on the future directions for the next five years. The Vitamin Methodology Workshop is a follow-up to the recommendations from the stakeholders. The purpose of the workshop is to evaluate the state of analytical methodology on vitamins suitable for dietary supplements and identify gaps in the analytical science for the purpose of meeting future needs of stakeholders.

The sponsor of this meeting is the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements.

Registration
Seating at this workshop is very limited. To register please forward your name and complete mailing addresses including phone number via e-mail to Mr. Mike Bykowski at mbyskowski@csion.com. Mr. Bykowski will be coordinating the registration for this meeting. If you wish to make an oral presentation during the meeting, you must indicate this when you register and submit the following information: (1) A brief written statement of the general nature of the statement that you wish to present, (2) the names and addresses of the person(s) who will give the presentation, and (3) the approximate length of time that you are requesting for your presentation. Depending on the number of people who register to make presentations, we may have to limit the time allotted for each presentation. If you don’t have access to e-mail please call Mr. Bykowski at 301–670–0270.

Dated: May 12, 2008.

Paul Coates,
Director, Office of Dietary Supplements,
National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2008–0383]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Numbers: 1625–0028, 1625–0034, and 1625–0043

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit Information Collection Requests (ICRs) and Analyses to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting an extension of their approval for the following collections of information: (1) 1625–0028, Course Approvals for Merchant Marine Training Schools; (2) 1625–0034, Ships’ Stores Certification for Hazardous Materials Aboard Ships, and (3) 1625–0043, Ports and Waterways Safety—Title 33 CFR Subchapter P. Before submitting these ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket [USCG–2008–0383], please use only one of the following means:

(1) Online: http://www.regulations.gov.

(2) Mail: Docket Management Facility (DMF) (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(3) Hand deliver between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.


The DMF maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room W12–140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov.

Copies of the completed ICRs are available through this docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. Additionally, copies are available from Commandant (CG–611), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. (Attn: Mr. Arthur Requina), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. The telephone number is 202–475–3523.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arthur Requina, Office of Information Management, telephone 202–475–3523, or fax 202–475–3929, for questions on these documents. Contact Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, 202–366–9826, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Public Participation and Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this information collection request should be granted based on it being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to http://www.regulations.gov. They will include any personal information you provide. We have an agreement with DOT to use their DMF. Please see the paragraph on DOT’s “Privacy Act Policy” below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number [USCG–2008–0383], indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, providing a reason for each comment. We recommend you include your name, mailing address, an e-mail address, or other contact information in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the DMF at the address under ADDRESSES; but please submit them by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility,