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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Toxicological Review of Pentachlorophenol: In Support of the Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a public comment period for the external review

draft document titled "Toxicological Review of Pentachlorophenol: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-09/004). The EPA intends to consider comments and recommendations from the public and the expert panel meeting, which will be scheduled at a later date and announced in the **Federal Register**, when EPA finalizes the draft document. The public comment period will provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. EPA intends to forward public comments, submitted in accordance with this notice, to the external peer-review panel prior to the meeting for their consideration. When finalizing the draft document, EPA intends to consider any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with this notice.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination public review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

The draft document and EPA's peer-review charge are available via the Internet on National Center for Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>.

DATES: The public comment period begins May 7, 2009 and ends July 6, 2009. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by July 6, 2009. EPA intends to submit comments from the public received by this date for consideration by the external peer review panel.

ADDRESSES: The draft "Toxicological Review of Pentachlorophenol: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" is available via the Internet on the NCEA's home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from NCEA's Technical Information Staff, *telephone:* 703-347-8561; *facsimile:* 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title.

Comments may be submitted electronically via <http://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 public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; *telephone:* 202-566-1752; *facsimile:* 202-566-1753; or *e-mail:* ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

If you have questions about the document, contact Catherine Gibbons, IRIS Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment, (8601P), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; *telephone:* 703-603-0704; *facsimile:* 703-347-8689; or *e-mail:* gibbons.catherine@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 540 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 data 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. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>

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- *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.
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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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Small Drinking Water System Variances and Other Approaches for the Equitable Consideration of Small System Customers Stakeholder Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is giving notice of a public meeting to discuss policies to assure equitable treatment of small drinking water system customers. These policies include small drinking water system variance methodologies and alternative strategies. This meeting is open to the public and will provide a forum for public discussion on potential changes to EPA's existing small drinking water system variance determination methodology as well as to discuss alternative compliance strategies (e.g., capacity development and utilization of provisions of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund such as disadvantaged community loan subsidies) that could be considered.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees should register for the meeting by contacting Rebecca Allen of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 564-4689 or by e-mail at allen.rebeccak@epa.gov no later than May 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For administrative or technical meeting information, contact Rebecca Allen, Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Standards and Risk Management Division, Targeting and Analysis Branch, U.S. EPA, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460 at (202) 564-4689 or by e-mail at allen.rebeccak@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The 2010 Budget states that EPA is to " * * * work with State and local governments to address Federal drinking water policy in order to provide equitable consideration of small system customers." One approach is to revise the Agency's small system variance affordability methodology. Other approaches include capacity development and utilization of provisions of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund such as disadvantaged community loan subsidies.

The 1996 amendments of the Safe Drinking Water Act provide States the authority to grant variances to small public water systems that cannot afford to comply with a National Primary Drinking Water Standard. More specifically, States may issue such variances if EPA determines that affordable compliance technologies are not available; and EPA determines variance technologies are available that both achieve the maximum reduction that is affordable and are protective of public health. When issued by the State, a small system variance would allow a system to install and maintain a variance technology in lieu of technology that can achieve compliance with the regulation. Variances are not available for microbial contaminants.

EPA's current methodology to determine affordable compliance technologies for small systems compares the current household cost of water plus the estimated additional cost to comply with a new rule to an affordability "threshold" of 2.5 percent of the median household income. This methodology is described in EPA's 1998 Announcement of Small System Compliance Technology Lists for Existing National Primary Drinking Water Regulations and Findings Concerning Variance Technologies (63 FR 42032, August 6, 1998).

EPA is considering revisions to this methodology to provide equitable consideration of small system customers. EPA believes it is important to consider public health and compliance costs. EPA also intends to