

Building, Mailcode RCT, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-3686.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement under 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. The settlement was approved by EPA Region I, subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice. The Metropolitan District Commission, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and TDL, Inc., have executed signature pages committing them to participate in the settlement. Under the proposed settlements, the Metropolitan District Commission, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and TDL, Inc., will reimburse EPA for past costs expended in connection with an emergency removal action conducted at the Indian Line Farm Superfund Site. EPA believes the settlement is fair and in the public interest.

EPA is entering into this agreement under the authority of CERCLA Section 101 *et seq.* which provides EPA with authority to consider, compromise, and settle a claim under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA for costs incurred by the United States if the claim has not been referred to the U.S. Department of Justice for further action. The U.S. Department of Justice will have approved this settlement in writing prior to the agreement becoming effective. EPA will receive written comments relating to this settlement for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement may be obtained in person or by mail from Sandra Dupuy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RCT, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-3320.

The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection with the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RCG, Boston, Massachusetts (U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-97-).

Dated: April 17, 1997.

**John DeVillars,**

*Regional Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-400112; FRL-5717-9]

### Ethylene Glycol; Risk Assessment Peer Review

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is giving notice of its ongoing peer review process for evaluating its risk assessment for ethylene glycol, and announcing that it will include in this process an external peer review. The external peer review will be an open process that will include stakeholders and other interested parties. EPA is also soliciting relevant information that will aid this peer review process.

**DATES:** Information should be submitted by [Insert date 60 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**].

**ADDRESSES:** Submitted information should be provided in triplicate to: OPPT Docket Clerk, TSCA Document Receipt Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, Washington, DC 20460, Attention: Docket Control Number OPPTS-400112.

Information claimed as confidential must be clearly marked as confidential business information (CBI). If CBI is claimed, three additional sanitized copies must also be submitted. Nonconfidential versions of information on this notice will be placed in the public record and will be available for public inspection. The public record is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vanessa Vu, Director, Risk Assessment Division (7403), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-3442.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, EPA is announcing the results of its review of ethylene glycol for purposes of its continued listing as a toxic chemical under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C 11023. While EPA believes the risk assessment in the EPCRA notice is sufficient for use in the listing evaluation discussed in that notice, it may not be adequate for

other purposes such as standard setting. For purposes of making listing decisions under section 313, EPCRA does not require EPA to perform formal risk assessments. Therefore, when EPA considers exposure, a screening-level risk assessment such as that in the EPCRA notice is sufficient. Whether such a risk assessment is adequate for other purposes must be determined on a case-by-case basis pursuant to the applicable statutory or regulatory authority.

Persons interested in ethylene glycol should be aware that EPA is continuing the refinement of its ethylene glycol risk assessment. In response to EPA's Risk Characterization Policy (Carol M. Browner, EPA Administrator, *EPA Risk Characterization Program*, March 21, 1995) the Agency's Science Policy Council (SPC), a group of senior risk managers and risk assessors, is sponsoring a series of colloquia to provide internal peer review of several EPA risk assessments as case studies, including the one for ethylene glycol. These colloquia bring together risk assessors and risk managers to discuss the quality of the assessments, and to suggest ways to improve the presentation of the characterization of risk. The risk assessments chosen for this process are in the last stages of the internal EPA review.

After the internal peer review process is complete, the SPC plans to have a number of these case studies externally peer-reviewed. Although the SPC has not yet finalized the procedures for the external peer review process, it is clear that the review will be an open process that will include stakeholders and other interested parties. As part of this process, EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) will submit the assessment for ethylene glycol for external peer review.

EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice that provides specific details about the external peer review process for the ethylene glycol risk assessment. As a general matter, the scientific peer review will address the strength of the hazard and risk conclusions and the reasonableness of policy decisions and assumptions used in the risk assessment process.

EPA is encouraging anyone with information relevant to the above issues (or other aspects of the ethylene glycol risk assessment) to submit that information to the address listed under the ADDRESSES unit by (Insert date 60 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**). Having the information in advance will assist in the preparations for an efficient and effective external peer review.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.

Dated: May 5, 1997.

**Lynn R. Goldman,**

*Assistant Administrator for Prevention,  
Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY**

[FRL-5822-8]

**Water Pollution Control; Program  
Application by North Carolina To  
Administer the Sludge****Management (Biosolids) Program;  
Correction**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Correction; notice of application  
and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On April 8, 1997 (62 FR 16806) EPA published a notice, pursuant to 40 CFR 501.31, that the State of North Carolina has submitted an application for EPA to approve the existing North Carolina Domestic Waste Permit program for authorization to administer and enforce the federal sewage sludge management (biosolids) program. EPA is extending the comment period deadline from May 8, 1997 to May 23, 1997. This extension will allow the full 45 day comment period required in accordance with 40 CFR 501.31.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Roosevelt Childress, Chief, Surface Water Permits Section, telephone (404) 562-9279, or Mr. Vince Miller, EPA Region 4 Sludge Management Coordinator, telephone (404) 562-9312, or write to the following address: Water Management Division, Surface Water Permits Section, U.S. EPA, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104.

Dated: April 30, 1997.

**Robert F. McGhee,**

*Director, Water Management Division,  
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4.*

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**EXPORT-IMPORT BANK**

[Public Notice 28]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities; Proposal Collection;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank of the  
United States (Ex-Im Bank).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** Ex-Im Bank as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Work Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 1, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments and requests for additional information to Debbie Ambrose, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 1023, Washington, D.C. 20571, (202) 565-3133.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* U.S. Small Business Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Joint Application for Working Capital Guarantee.

*OMB Number:* 3048-0003.

*Form Number:* EIB-SBA 84-1 (Rev. 8/94).

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Abstract:* The proposed form is to be used by commercial banks and other lenders as well as U.S. exporters in applying for guarantees on working capital loans advanced by the lenders to U.S. exporters.

*Frequency of use:* Upon application for guarantees on working capital loans advanced by the lenders to U.S. exporters.

*Respondents:* Commercial banks and other lenders, as well as U.S. exporters throughout the United States.

*Estimated total number of annual responses:* 600.

*Estimated time per respondent:* 2 hours.

*Estimated total number of hours needed to fill out the form:* 1,200.

*Request for Comment:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d)

ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

**Tamzen C. Reitan,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION****Public Information Collections  
Approved by Office of Management  
and Budget**

May 1, 1997.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

**Federal Communications Commission**

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0734.

*Expiration Date:* 03/31/2000.

*Title:* Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Accounting Safeguards Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 168 respondents; 1074.6 hours per response (avg.); 180,547 total annual burden hours.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and  
Recordkeeping Cost Burden:** \$633,000.

*Description:* In Accounting Safeguards Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-150 (Report and Order), the Commission addresses the accounting safeguards necessary to satisfy the requirements of Sections 260 and 271 through 276 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Report and Order prescribes the way incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs), including the Bell Operating Companies (BOCs), must account for transactions with affiliates involving, and allocate costs incurred in the provision of, both regulated telecommunications services and nonregulated services, including telemessaging, interLATA