

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A peer-review workshop will be held by the Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office (ECAO) of EPA's Office of Health and Environmental Assessment to review a draft of EPA's Mercury Study Report to Congress (hereafter "Draft Report"). This Draft Report is being prepared by EPA in response to Section 112(n)(1)(B) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) as amended in 1990, which requires EPA to submit to Congress a study on mercury emissions.

The Draft Report focuses on sources of mercury emissions to include electric utility steam generating units, municipal waste combustion units, and other sources, including area sources. Congress directed that the report evaluate many aspects of mercury emissions, including the rate and mass of emissions, health and environmental effects, technologies to control such emissions, and the costs of such controls.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on January 25 and 26, 1995, at the Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center (AWBERC), 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

**ADDRESSES:** Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor is providing logistical support for the peer review workshop. Members of the public wishing to attend the workshop as observers should register by phoning ERG at 617-674-7374. Please note that space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Time will be allowed for public comment on both days of the workshop. Members of the public wishing to present formal comments at the workshop should indicate so when registering. Time will be limited in order to give everyone an equal opportunity to speak.

Copies of the Draft Report will be available at the workshop. Additional copies also will be available after the workshop. To obtain a copy of this Draft Report, interested parties should contact the ORD Publications Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45268; telephone (513) 569-7562; fax (513) 569-7566. Please provide your name, mailing address, the document title (Mercury Study Report to Congress), and the document numbers (EPA/600/P-94/002Aa and Ab).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Rita Schoeny, U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, Office of Health and Environmental Assessment, Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45268; telephone (513) 569-7544.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In response to a mandate from Congress, EPA has prepared a seven-volume Mercury Study Report to Congress. The seven volumes are as follows:

1. Executive Summary
2. Inventory of Anthropogenic Mercury Emissions in the United States
3. An Assessment of Exposure from Anthropogenic Mercury Emissions in the United States
4. Health Effects of Mercury and Mercury Compounds
5. An Ecological Assessment for Anthropogenic Mercury Emissions in the United States
6. Characterization of Human Health and Wildlife Risks from Anthropogenic Mercury Emissions in the United States
7. An Evaluation of Mercury Control Technologies, Costs, and Regulatory Issues

A peer-review workshop is being held as part of the process of scientific review of the Draft Report. The Draft Report, authored primarily by EPA scientists with input from outside scientific experts, is developmental and does not represent Agency policy. The Draft Report is being made available to the public as part of the Agency's continuing commitment to conduct assessments of important environmental contaminants in an open and participatory manner, to keep the public informed, and to encourage public review of significant assessments. The public is invited to attend the workshop. Seating will be limited, and advance registration is suggested. Information about attending the meetings and obtaining a copy of the Draft Report is provided elsewhere in this notice. After the workshop, the Draft Report will be revised and subjected to final Agency review before submission to the Office of Management and Budget and ultimately to Congress.

Dated: January 11, 1995.

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**Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption to Use Propazine; Solicitation of Public Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received specific exemption requests from the Oklahoma and the New Mexico Departments of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicants") to use the pesticide propazine (CAS 139-40-2) to treat up to 280,000 and 50,000 acres, respectively, of sorghum to control pigweed. The Applicants propose the use of a new (unregistered) chemical; therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemptions.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 2, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-180957" should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information." Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain Confidential Business Information must be provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Andrea Beard, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8791.