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environment could be eliminated or reduced to a sufficient extent by actions taken under a Federal law (or laws) other than TSCA administered in whole or in part by the Administrator, a finding that it is in the public interest to proceed against such risk under TSCA. Any such finding shall be accompanied by a brief statement discussing:

- (i) All relevant aspects of the risk;
- (ii) A comparison of the estimated costs of complying with actions taken under TSCA and under such other law (or laws); and
- (iii) The relative efficiency of actions under TSCA and under such other law (or laws) to protect against risk of injury.

Two or more or all of the statements required above may be combined in the same narrative for efficiency of exposition as long as each of the required points is discussed. Any statement required by this paragraph may reference other documents which are not published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. All such referenced documents shall be included in the rulemaking record. Either the statements required by this paragraph or the documents they reference shall contain a discussion of the factual, analytical, policy and legal considerations behind the agency decision to issue the proposed rule in the form chosen. A brief summary of these considerations shall be included in the preamble in any case. All factual materials and each analytical methodology seriously considered shall be fully disclosed. Significant areas of uncertainty known to the Agency under each heading shall be identified, and the manner in which the Agency intends to deal with them shall be specified.

(c) In addition to the material required under paragraph (b) of this section, each notice of proposed rulemaking shall contain:

- (1) A statement of the time and place at which the informal hearing required by section 6(c)(2)(C) of TSCA shall begin, or, to the extent these are not specified, a statement that they will be specified later in a separate FEDERAL REGISTER notice *Provided*, That FEDERAL REGISTER notice of the date and city at which any informal hearing

shall begin shall be given at least 30 days in advance;

(2) A statement identifying the place at which the official record of the rulemaking is located, the hours during which it will be open for public inspection, the documents contained in it as of the date the notice of proposed rulemaking was issued, and a statement of the approximate times at which additional materials such as public comments, hearing transcripts, and agency studies in progress will be added to the record. If any material other than public comments or material generated by a hearing is added to the record after publication of the notice required by this section, and notice of its future addition was not given at the time of that initial publication, a separate FEDERAL REGISTER notice announcing its addition to the record and inviting comment shall be published;

(3) The due date for public comments, which shall be at least two weeks prior to the informal hearing for main comments and no more than two weeks after the informal hearing for reply comments;

(4) The name, address and office telephone number of the Record and Hearing Clerk for the rulemaking in question; and

(5) A nonbinding target date for issuing the final rule.

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§ 750.3 Record.

(a) No later than the date of proposal of a rule subject to this part, a rulemaking record for that rule shall be established. It shall consist of a separate identified filing space containing:

(1) All documents required by § 750.2(b);

(2) All documents cited in the documents required by § 750.2(b);

(3) All public comments timely received;

(4) All public hearing transcripts;

(5) All material received during an informal hearing and accepted for the record of that hearing; and

(6) Any other information which the Administrator considers to be relevant to such rule and which the Administrator identified, on or before the date of the promulgation of the rule, in a

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notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

All material in the record shall be appropriately indexed. Each record shall be available for public inspection during normal Agency business hours. Appropriate arrangements allowing members of the public to copy record materials that do not risk the permanent loss of such materials shall be made. All material required to be included in the record shall be added to the record as soon as feasible after its receipt by the Agency.

(b) The Record and Hearing Clerk for each rulemaking shall be responsible for Agency compliance with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 750.4 Public comments.

(a) Main comments shall be post-marked or received no later than the time specified in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and shall contain all comments on and criticisms of that Notice by the commenting person, based on information which is or reasonably could have been available to that person at the time.

(b) Reply comments shall be post-marked or received no later than two weeks after the close of all informal hearings on the proposed rule and shall be restricted to comments on:

(1) Other comments;

(2) Material in the hearing record; and

(3) Material which was not and could not reasonably have been available to the commenting party a sufficient time before main comments were due.

(c) Extensions of the time for filing comments may be granted in writing by the Record and Hearing Clerk. Application for an extension shall be made in writing. Comments submitted after the comment period and all extensions of it have expired need not be added to the rulemaking record and need not be considered in decisions concerning the rule. Unless the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking states otherwise, four copies of all comments shall be submitted.

§ 750.5 Subpoenas.

(a) Where necessary, subpoenas requiring the production of documentary

material, the attendance of persons at the hearing, or responses to written questions may be issued. Subpoenas may be issued either upon request as provided in paragraph (b) of this section or by EPA on its own motion.

(b) All subpoena requests shall be in writing. Hearing participants may request the issuance of subpoenas as follows:

(1) Subpoenas for the attendance of persons, and for the production of documents or responses to questions at the legislative hearing may be requested at any time up to the deadline for filing main comments.

(2) Subpoenas for production of documents or answers to questions after the legislative hearing may be requested at any time between the beginning of the legislative hearing and the deadline for submitting reply comments.

(c) EPA will rule on all subpoena requests filed under paragraph (b)(1) of this section no later than the beginning of the legislative hearing. Such requests may be granted, denied, or deferred. EPA will rule on all subpoena requests filed under paragraph (b)(2) of this section and all deferred subpoena requests filed under paragraph (b)(1) of this section no later than the promulgation of the final rule. Such requests shall be either granted or denied.

§ 750.6 Participation in informal hearing.

(a) Each person or organization desiring to participate in the informal hearing required by section 6(c)(2)(C) of TSCA shall file a written request to so participate with the Record and Hearing Clerk which shall be postmarked or received no later than three weeks prior to the scheduled start of such hearing. The request shall include:

(1) A brief statement of the interest of the person or organization in the proceeding;

(2) A brief outline of the points to be addressed;

(3) An estimate of the time required; and

(4) If the request comes from an organization, a nonbinding list of the persons to take part in the presentation. Organizations are requested to bring with them, to the extent possible, employees with individual expertise in