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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 745**

[OPPTS-62128C; FRL-5749-1]

RIN 2070-AC64

**Lead; Requirements for Lead-Based Paint Activities in Public Buildings, Commercial Buildings and Steel Structures; Extension of Comment Period**

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

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is extending the comment period on an August 22, 1997 document which announced a public meeting and requested written comments on the development of training and certification requirements and work practice standards for individuals and firms conducting lead-based paint activities in public buildings (except child-occupied facilities), commercial buildings, and steel structures.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted to EPA by November 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must bear the docket control number "OPPT-62128B." All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Room G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: [oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov). Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this rulemaking. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is

submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more specific or technical information contact: Ellie Clark, National Program Chemicals Division (7404), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-3402, Fax: 202-260-0770, e-mail: [clark.ellie@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:clark.ellie@epamail.epa.gov).

For general information or to obtain copies of the August 22, 1997 document contact: National Lead Information Clearinghouse (NLIC), 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20036-5405 or toll free at 1-800-424-5323. Fax: 202-659-1192, e-mail: [leadctr@nsc.org](mailto:leadctr@nsc.org). Internet site: <http://www.nsc.org/ehc/lead.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 1997 (62 FR 44621) (FRL-5740-7), EPA announced a public meeting scheduled for September 3, 1997, in Washington, DC to take public comments and suggestions from a cross-section of stakeholders on the development of training and certification requirements and work practice standards for individuals and firms conducting lead-based paint activities in public buildings (except child-occupied facilities), commercial buildings, and steel structures. The notice stated that EPA specifically wanted additional public comment on the following subjects: (1) Coverage of lead-based paint activities, in particular clarification of the term "deleading"; (2) the interface between OSHA's lead standards and EPA's TSCA section 402 regulations; (3) distinguishing among various building and structure types; and (4) sources of information for EPA's regulations. EPA discussed each issue in detail and requested comments and additional information on specific items. In the document, EPA provided a 30-day comment period following the public meeting. In response to requests by interested parties, EPA is extending the comment period by 30 days. Comments must now be received by November 3, 1997.

**II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions**

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been

established for this action under docket control number "OPPTS-62128B" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

[oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov)

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-62128B." Electronic comments on this action may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 745**

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Lead, Recordkeeping and notification requirements.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 54**

[CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160, DA 97-2050]

**Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service; Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs**

Released September 24, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed Rule; notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Each Wednesday, the Common Carrier Bureau holds meetings with the proponents of the Hatfield Model and the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model to solicit the model proponents' individual views on the models' current