

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provide for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 98-29594 Filed 11-4-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6185-7]

### Draft Toxicological Review of Benzene (Noncancer Effects): In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the extension of the public comment period for the external review draft document entitled, Toxicological Review of Benzene (Noncancer Effects) (NCEA-S-0455). The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office (NCEA-W) within EPA's Office of Research and Development.

**DATES:** In the October 6, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 53654), EPA announced a 45-day public comment period from October 9 through November 24, 1998. The Agency is now extending the public comment period to December 31, 1998. Comments must be in writing and postmarked by the December date.

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> under the What's New and Publications menus. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, telephone: 202-564-3261;

facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the title and number for the draft: Toxicological Review of Benzene (Noncancer Effects) (NCEA-S-0455).

Comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20074. Please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may be sent e-mail to [benzene.new@epa.gov](mailto:benzene.new@epa.gov).

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be placed in a public record. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information contact Bob Sonawane (202-564-3292) or David Bayliss (202-564-3294); mailing address: NCEA-W (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460; facsimile: 202-565-0078; e-mail: [benzene.new@epa.gov](mailto:benzene.new@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This draft report provides the scientific basis for deriving an oral reference dose (RfD) and inhalation reference concentration (RfC) for the noncancer health risk from exposure to benzene.

Dated: October 29, 1998.

**William H. Farland,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

[FR Doc. 98-29661 Filed 11-4-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00563; FRL-6044-7]

### State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee; Open Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Pesticide Operations and

Management Working Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, November 16 and 17, 1998. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The SFIREG Working Committee on Pesticide Operations and Management will meet on Monday, November 16, 1998, from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 17, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: The Ronald Reagan National Airport, 300 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, CM #2; (703) 305-5306; e-mail: [lyon.elaine@epa.gov](mailto:lyon.elaine@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tentative agenda of the Working Committee on Pesticide Operations and Management includes the following.

1. Update of Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training.
2. Submission of field data - 6(a)(2) rule and/or other mechanisms.
3. Enforcement of FIFRA & other Pesticide laws on Federal lands.
4. Inspector use of credentials.
5. Antimicrobial compliance program.
6. Update from the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
7. Status of PR Notice on Greenhouse Pesticide labeling and enforcement.
8. Labeling issues:
  - (a) user compliance with meteorological restrictions.
  - (b) hazards of handling & disposal of swimming pool chemicals/pesticides.
  - (c) compliance with surface water precautions.
9. SFIREG registrations issues:
  - (a) addition of domestic/homeowner use to EPA approved for agriculture use only.
  - (b) marketing of concentrated insecticides for indoor use/supplemental labels.
  - (c) changing labels via "quick" notification subsequent to registration.
10. Update on National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference policy issues.
  11. Quality management plans/state lead agency mandatory compliance.
  12. Update on methyl parathion.
  13. Office of Pesticide Programs update:
    - (a) bee labeling.
    - (b) isoxaflutole conditional registration.
    - (c) indoor insecticide label improvement.