

health effect or outcome, identifying individuals in need of further diagnosis or treatment, and arranging for appropriate referrals.

Section 104(i)(9) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(9)), provides for the Administrator, ATSDR to initiate a health surveillance program for populations at significantly increased risk of adverse health effects as a result of exposure to hazardous substances released from a facility. A program included under health surveillance is referred to as "medical monitoring or screening" by ATSDR and is defined in the legislation as "the periodic medical testing to screen people at significant increased risk for disease."

ATSDR has established criteria to determine when medical monitoring is an appropriate health activity and the requirements for establishing a medical monitoring program at a site. The legislation also states that a mechanism to refer people for treatment should be included in the program. This statutory provision does not authorize ATSDR to provide medical treatment. Medical monitoring is a community service, not a health study.

ATSDR is convening three expert workshops to assist in the evaluation of a medical monitoring program at the Bunker Hill site. If a program is deemed appropriate, the agency will develop a medical monitoring plan for the target population(s). The first workshop, considering the first four ATSDR medical monitoring criteria, took place on August 19–20, 1997. The second workshop, which took place on September 23–24, 1997, examined more closely the health outcomes recommended by the first workshop and considered screening tests and protocols appropriate to a medical monitoring program. This document gives notice of the third workshop.

Matters to be Considered: The third workshop will reconvene the first workshop's participants and other experts as needed to:

- Consider the application of the final three medical monitoring criteria as developed by ATSDR, and review ATSDR's application of these criteria, to the Bunker Hill site
- Provide individual recommendations and guidance on issues of science and public health practice related to program implementation
- Provide individual expertise and guidance in conducting a medical outcome and decision analysis to evaluate the public health benefits and risks of a medical monitoring program related to the Bunker Hill site.

The experts will use information from the first and second workshops and other relevant data to make individual recommendations and answer questions related to key issues including the logistics, program infrastructure, benefit analysis, and other aspects of the medical monitoring system criteria for each candidate health outcome.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Vivian Rush, M.D., Medical Officer, ATSDR, Division of Health Education and Promotion, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S E-33, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-5080, or Gregory Thomas, Senior Regional Representative, ATSDR Region X, telephone 206/553-2113.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-128]

Availability of Draft Toxicological Profiles

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(3)) directs the Administrator of ATSDR to prepare toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances and to revise and publish each updated toxicological profile as necessary. This notice announces the availability of ten updated drafts and three new draft toxicological profiles, comprising the 11th set, prepared by ATSDR for review and comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments on these draft toxicological profiles must be received on or before February 17, 1998. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will be considered at the discretion of ATSDR based upon what is deemed to be in the best interest of the general public.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the draft toxicological profiles or comments regarding the draft toxicological profiles should be sent to the attention of Ms. Loretta Norman, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Requests for the draft toxicological profiles must be in writing, and must

specifically identify the hazardous substance(s) profile(s) that you wish to receive. ATSDR reserves the right to provide only one copy of each profile requested, free of charge. In case of extended distribution delays, requestors will be notified.

Written comments and other data submitted in response to this notice and the draft toxicological profiles should bear the docket control number ATSDR-128. Send one copy of all comments and three copies of all supporting documents to the Division of Toxicology at the above address by the end of the comment period. Because all public comments regarding ATSDR toxicological profiles are available for public inspection after the profile is published in final, no confidential business information should be submitted in response to this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Loretta Norman, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-6322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (Pub. L. 99-499) amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*) by establishing certain responsibilities for the ATSDR and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with regard to hazardous substances which are most commonly found at facilities on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL). Among these statutory provisions is that the Administrator of ATSDR prepare toxicological profiles for substances included on the priority lists of hazardous substances. These lists identified 275 hazardous substances that ATSDR and EPA determined pose the most significant potential threat to human health. The availability of the revised priority list of 275 hazardous substances was announced in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18744). For prior versions of the list of substances see **Federal Register** notices dated April 17, 1987 (52 FR 12866); October 20, 1988 (53 FR 41280); October 26, 1989 (54 FR 43619); October 17, 1990 (55 FR 42067); October 17, 1991 (56 FR 52166); October 28, 1992 (57 FR 48801); and February 28, 1994 (59 FR 9486). CERCLA also requires ATSDR to assure the initiation of a research program to fill data needs associated with the substances.

Section 104(i)(3) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(3)) outlines the content of

these profiles. Each profile will include an examination, summary and interpretation of available toxicological information and epidemiologic evaluations. This information and these data are to be used to ascertain the levels of significant human exposure for the substance and the associated health effects. The profiles must also include a determination of whether adequate information on the health effects of each substance is available or in the process of development. When adequate information is not available, ATSDR, in cooperation with the National Toxicology Program (NTP), is required to assure the initiation of research to determine these health effects.

Although key studies for each of the substances were considered during the profile development process, this **Federal Register** notice seeks to solicit any additional studies, particularly unpublished data and ongoing studies, which will be evaluated for possible addition to the profiles now or in the future.

The following draft toxicological profiles will be made available to the public on or about October 17, 1997.

Docu-ment	Hazardous substance	CAS No.
1.	ALUMINUM	007429-90-5
	ALUMINUM CHLORIDE.	007446-70-0
	ALUMINUM CHLOROHYDRATE.	001327-41-9
	11097-68-0
	4861-98-3
	ALUMINUM LAC-TATE.	18917-91-4
	ALUMINUM HY-DROXIDE.	021645-51-2
	ALUMINUM OXIDE.	001344-28-1
	ALUMINUM NI-TRATE.	13473-90-0
	ALUMINUM PHOSPHATE.	007784-30-7
	ALUMINUM PHOSPHIDE.	020859-73-8
	ALUMINUM FLUO-RIDE.	007784-18-1
	ALUMINUM SUL-FATE.	010043-01-3
2.	CHLOROETHANE	000075-00-3
3.	CHLOROMETHANE.	000074-87-3
4.	1,2-DICHLOROBENZENE.	000095-50-1
	1,3-DICHLOROBENZENE.	000541-73-1
	1,4-DICHLOROBENZENE.	000106-46-7
	CHLOROBENZENE.	000108-90-7

Docu-ment	Hazardous substance	CAS No.
5.	DICHLOROBENZENE 025321-22-6.	00091-94-1
6.	3,3-DICHLOROBENZIDINE.	000121-14-2
7.	2,4-DINITROTOLUENE.	000606-20-2
8.	2,6-DINITROTOLUENE.	000100-41-4
9.	ETHYL BENZENE	000110-54-3
10.	HEXANE	007439-02-1
	LEAD	007439-97-6
	MERCURY	001600-27-7
	MERCURIC (II) ACETATE.	001134-48-5
	MERCURIC (II) SULFIDE.	010112-91-1
	MERCURIC (I) CHLORIDE.	000115-09-3
	METHYLMERCURIC CHLORIDE.	000062-38-4
	PHENYLMERCURIC ACETATE.	000108-95-2
11.	PHENOL	007664-93-9
12.	SULFURIC ACID ..	007446-11-9
	SULFUR TRI-OXIDE.	007446-09-5
13.	SULFUR DIOXIDE	

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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[ATSDR-129]

Availability of Draft Toxicological Profiles

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of two new draft toxicological profiles, comprising the 1st set developed for the Department of Energy, prepared by ATSDR for review and comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments on these draft toxicological profiles must be received on or before February 17, 1998. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will be considered at the discretion of ATSDR based upon what is deemed to be in the best interest of the general public.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Loretta Norman, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600

In regards to the draft Toxicological Profile for Mercury, it should be noted that the EPA is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive assessment of the potential adverse effects of mercury emissions on human health and wildlife. In addition, ATSDR is also aware of a number of other ongoing studies which are investigating the potential for human health effects from mercury exposure. Because of these special circumstances, ATSDR will monitor these efforts very closely during the public comment period; any meaningful and compelling information from these efforts will be critically evaluated for incorporation into the final Toxicological Profile for Mercury, as appropriate.

All profiles issued as "Drafts for Public Comment" represent ATSDR's best efforts to provide important toxicological information on priority hazardous substances. We are seeking public comments and additional information which may be used to supplement these profiles. ATSDR remains committed to providing a public comment period for these documents as a means to best serve public health and our clients.

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Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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