

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5966-1]

Health Risk Assessment of 1,3-Butadiene—External Review Draft**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability of external review draft.

SUMMARY: This document announces the availability of an External Review Draft titled, *Health Risk Assessment of 1,3-Butadiene* (EPA/600/P-98/001A), for public review and comment. The draft was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD).

DATES: The External Review Draft is being made available on or about February 12, 1998, for a 60-day public review and comment period. Comments must be in writing and must be postmarked by April 10, 1998. See Addresses section for guidance on submitting comments.

ADDRESSES: The External Review Draft will be made available electronically on the NCEA Home Page of the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. To obtain a paper copy of the draft document, interested parties should contact ORD Publications, Center for Environmental Research Information (CERI), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268; telephone: 513-569-7562; fax: 513-569-7566; to have your name added to the mailing list. Please provide the title (*Health Risk Assessment of 1,3-Butadiene—External Review Draft*), EPA number (EPA 600/P-98/001A) and your name and address. Copies will be mailed as soon as printed copies are available. The draft also will be available for inspection in the EPA Information Resources Center (IRC) at EPA Headquarters, Waterside Mall-Room 2904, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The IRC is open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Comments on the draft should be sent to the Project Manager for 1,3-Butadiene, Technical Information Staff (8623

-D), National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Please submit one unbound original, to include an index of any attachments, and three copies.

Comments may also be sent electronically to butadiene@epamail.epa.gov.

Please note that the Agency is seeking comments that specifically relate to the technical aspects of the draft document. All technical comments will become part of the public record. For that reason, commenters should not provide any information that is not suitable for public inspection, such as personal medical information, home address, or any information protected by copyright. Comments that address policy or other issues, or do not specifically provide technical comments on the draft, will not be included in the public record. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aparna Koppikar, National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-260-6765 (before March 1), 202-564-3242 (after March 1); e-mail: koppikar.aparna@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is undertaking a reassessment of the health risk of 1,3-butadiene to support decision making regarding the Air Toxic Rule's Section 202(l)(2) of the Clean Air Act Amendments. This assessment focuses on mutagenicity, carcinogenicity, and reproductive/developmental effects, and is not intended to be a comprehensive health assessment. The exposure information included in this document is an overview of the ambient exposure and exposure to populations adjacent to emission sources, without any actual exposure assessment as such.

The draft document also will undergo review by the Agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB) at a public meeting to be held in Washington, DC, in May of 1998. Specific details about that meeting will be announced in a later **Federal Register** document. Interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to present brief oral comments on the draft at the meeting.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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[OPPTS-400125; FRL-5771-2]

Spring 1998 Training for EPCRA Section 313 Reporting Requirements**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold a series of training courses on the reporting requirements as mandated by section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA). This series of training courses will be offered during spring 1998 and are principally directed at facilities subject to the reporting requirements under EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Hart (202-260-1576) or Tascon Inc. (Fax: 301-907-9655). To register, send your name, industry, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and training location via fax to Tascon, Inc.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA will hold a series of training courses to familiarize certain facilities with their reporting requirements under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA). These facilities may perform activities associated with the following industry sectors: manufacturing (Standard Industry Classification (SIC) SIC codes 20-39), metal mining (SIC code 10, except 1011, 1081, and 1094), coal mining (SIC code 12, except 1241), electricity generation (SIC codes 4911, 4931, and 4939 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for distribution in commerce)), hazardous waste treatment (SIC codes 4953 (limited to facilities regulated under RCRA Subtitle C, 42 U.S.C. section 6921 *et seq.*)), solvent recovery (SIC code 7389 (limited to facilities primarily engaged in solvents recovery services on a contract or fee basis)), chemical and allied products wholesale (SIC code 5169), and petroleum bulk terminals and stations wholesale (SIC code 5171).

The training courses present basic requirements of EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607. A variety of hands-on exercises using the reporting forms along with supporting materials will be used to help participants understand any reporting obligations they may have

under EPCRA section 313. These training courses are designed for persons from facilities that operate in the industry sectors subject to EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607, persons from facilities that may be affected by the recent changes to the EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607 regulations, and persons from Federal and private sector facilities responsible for completing EPCRA section 313 reporting form(s), and consulting firms who may be assisting them. The training courses are designed to assist facilities that may have reporting obligations for the 1997 reporting year with reports due on or before July 1, 1998. EPA training courses will also include a day of training to provide information to assist facilities with the reporting obligations they may have for the 1998 reporting year with reports due on or before July 1, 1999. In particular, the additional information is aimed at the recently added industry sectors as a result of the May 1, 1997 final rule (62 FR 23833) (FRL-5578-3). EPA intends to present one or more sector-specific training modules for the newly added industries, but this may be modified for each of the training sessions based on responses received.

Requests for training course registration materials, schedules of dates and locations, and course agendas should be directed to Tascon, Inc. via fax. The schedule for dates and locations follow:

Dates	Location
March 10-12	Philadelphia, PA
March 17-19	Richmond, VA
March 31-April 2	Atlanta, GA
April 7-9	Boston, MA
April 8-10	San Francisco, CA
April 14-16	Milwaukee, WI
April 28-30	Salt Lake City, UT
May 5-7	Denver, CO
May 12-14	Portage, IN
May 13-15	New York, NY
May 20-22	Portland, OR
June 2-4	Baton Rouge, LA
June 9-11	Houston, TX

Complete registration applications (including person's name, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, industry sector, and training location) should be faxed to Tascon, Inc. Acknowledgement of applications received will be sent via fax. Upon acceptance, confirmation of registration will be sent to each applicant containing information with respect to date, location, directions, etc. Space is limited; applicants are

encouraged to submit registration materials as early as possible. In the event that a training location is closed to further registration, alternate training locations will be suggested. There is no registration fee for this training. If there is insufficient interest at any of the training course locations, those courses may be canceled. The Agency bears no responsibility for attendees' decision to purchase non-refundable transportation tickets or accommodation reservations.

For specific location information, contact persons listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Community right-to-know.

Dated: February 6, 1998.

William H. Sanders III,

*Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and
Toxics.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5956-7]

Proposed Agreement and Covenant Not To Sue for the Allied Paper/ Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposal of agreement and
covenant not to sue for the Allied Paper/
Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River
superfund site.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-499 ("CERCLA"), and section 7003(d) of the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6973(d), notification is hereby given that a proposed Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue ("Agreement") for a portion of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site ("the Site"), located in Kalamazoo and Allegan Counties, Michigan, has been executed by Building Materials Corporation of America ("BMCA") and GAF Kalamazoo Acquisition Corp. ("GAF Kalamazoo"). The proposed Agreement has been submitted to the Attorney General for approval.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation

with EPA, is currently overseeing response activities at the Site. Response activities are being conducted by four of the potentially responsible parties under the terms of an Administrative Order by Consent negotiated with the State of Michigan. The Site is on the NPL, and response activities are expected to continue for several years. The Kalamazoo, Michigan area has been designated a national Brownfields Pilot community.

BMCA and GAF Kalamazoo intend to lease and redevelop a small portion of the Site in connection with the manufacturing of roofing materials. The proposed Agreement would resolve certain potential claims of the United States and the State of Michigan under Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. sections 9606 and 9607(a), and section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973 against BMCA and GAF Kalamazoo. The United States and the State of Michigan would also release potential claims for natural resource damages. Under the terms of the proposed agreement, BMCA and GAF Kalamazoo would conduct soil and groundwater investigations at the leased property, and would implement response activities thereafter, as approved by MDEQ, in consultation with EPA.

DATES: Comments on the proposed Agreement must be received on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the proposed Agreement is available for review at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please contact Eileen L. Furey at (312) 353-6124, prior to visiting the Region 5 office.

Comments on the proposed Agreement should be addressed to Eileen L. Furey, Associate Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (Mail Code C-14J), Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Eileen L. Furey, Associate Regional Counsel, at the address and phone number specified above.

A 30-day period, commencing on the date of publication of this document is open for comments on the proposed Agreement. Comments should be sent to the addressee identified in this document.

William E. Munro,

Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.

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