to grow, EPA plans to continue updating older assessments and adding new ones.

**Process for Building and Updating IRIS**

EPA will continue building and updating the IRIS data base in 2002. The Agency recognizes that many of the assessments on IRIS may need updating to incorporate new scientific information and methodologies. Further, many additional substances may be candidates for adding to IRIS. However, due to limited resources in the Agency to address the spectrum of needs, EPA develops an annual list of priority substances for assessment development. Substances are chosen for one or more of the following reasons: (1) Agency statutory, regulatory, or program implementation need; (2) new scientific information or methodology is available that might significantly change current IRIS information; (3) interest to other levels of government or the public; and (4) most of the scientific assessment work has been completed while meeting other Agency requirements and only a modest additional effort will be needed to complete the review and documentation for IRIS. The annual agenda is then refined based on available staff and other resources to carry out the assessments.

**Purpose of the Needs Assessment**

EPA is responding to the U.S. Senate request that EPA solicit public input in defining needs for new and updated specific chemical substances on the IRIS data base. Senate Report 106–410 specifically states,

> The committee requests that EPA conduct needs assessments with public input to determine the need for increasing [this] annual rate of updates to existing IRIS files during 2002–2005, as well as the need to add new IRIS files for chemicals not now included.

Information submitted in response to this **Federal Register** document will be used to help plan the IRIS agenda for 2002–2005. Specifically, the Agency is seeking information addressing the following questions:

1. How do you/your organization use IRIS? What actions or decisions are based on information in IRIS?

2. What additional chemical substance assessments do you need on IRIS? For each, why is this assessment needed?

3. For existing chemical substance assessments on IRIS, which do you think are in greatest need of scientific update? What is the basis for identifying these assessments for update (*e.g.,* newer study available, newer methodology to apply)?

4. What additional types of substance-specific Agency consensus information would you like to have on IRIS? For example, EPA is considering adding consensus health assessments for exposures of less than chronic duration, such as acute and possibly other subchronic exposures. Would these new types of information be of value to you? If so, how important would this information be to you in comparison to having updated information on chronic health effects?

5. EPA is currently testing collaborative efforts with external parties on the development of assessments for IRIS (66 FR 11165). The purpose is to involve the scientific knowledge and capability of organizations outside of EPA to improve the quality of IRIS supporting documents. External parties may include other government agencies, industries, universities, professional organizations, and other non-governmental organizations. EPA will evaluate the efficiency of the process and quality of documents produced to determine if the collaborative program should be expanded. Do you favor EPA's collaboration with external parties as a means of developing assessments for IRIS? If so, how could this collaboration be conducted?

EPA will compile the information received from the public in response to this notice along with internal EPA assessments of need, and develop a summary document that will be available for viewing on the IRIS web site. EPA expects to complete the summary document in December 2001.

Dated: July 10, 2001.

**George W. Alapas,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[FRL–7015–4]**

## Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act; Announcement of Public Forums for Draft National Beach Guidance and Grant Performance Criteria for Recreation Waters

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing five public forums to assist the public in their review of the draft National Beach Guidance and Grant Performance Criteria for Recreation Waters and in preparing comments. EPA has developed and is requesting public comments on the draft Guidance, and the document describes specific performance criteria for grant applicants to meet to be awarded grants.

Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act (BEACH Act) signed into law on October 10, 2000, amends the Clean Water Act (CWA), to reduce the risk of disease to users of the Nation's recreational waters. The BEACH Act authorizes the EPA to publish performance criteria for monitoring and assessment of coastal recreation waters and the prompt notification of exceeding applicable water quality standards. The BEACH Act also requires EPA to develop the criteria in cooperation with appropriate Federal, State, tribal, and local officials and provide public notice and an opportunity for comment.

EPA is now encouraging all Federal, State, and local environmental and health officials, environmental organizations, and the public to attend the public forums and submit comments on the Guidance.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates of public forums.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the document can also be obtained by downloading the file located at *www.epa.gov/waterscience/beaches/grants* on the Internet. See **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** for locations of public forums.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mimi Dannel, 202–260–1897.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Guidance Document

*What Is the Statutory Authority for the Guidance Document?*

The statutory authority for BEACH Guidance Document is section 406(b) of the Clean Water Act as amended by the BEACH Act, Pub. L. No. 106–284, 114 Stat. 970 (2000). It provides in part: ''The Administrator must publish performance criteria for monitoring and assessment of coastal recreation waters and the prompt notification of exceeding applicable water quality standards.''

*What Are the Major Components of the Guidance Document?*

The document contains five chapters and accompanying appendices which provide both guidance and grant performance criteria. Chapter 1 explains the legislation and human health concerns with microbial contamination of recreation waters. Chapter 2 describes

the nine grant performance criteria. Chapter 3 introduces the risk-based beach evaluation and classification process to prioritize waters. Chapter 4 describes beach monitoring and beach assessment for sampling and detecting bacteria, and Chapter 5 explains the public notification and risk communication to inform the public about risks when swimming in bacterially polluted water.

*How Can I Obtain a Copy of the Document?*

A copy of the document can also be obtained by downloading the file located at *www.epa.gov/waterscience/beaches/grants* on the Internet.

**II. Public Forums**

*What Is the Purpose of the Public Forums?*

The public forums will assist the stakeholders and the public in their review of the draft Guidance and in preparing comments to submit to EPA.

*Will Formal Comments on the Guidance Be Taken at the Public Forums?*

No. The public forums are not intended to be a mechanism to submit formal comments, but rather an information session instructing how to submit comments. EPA will later announce in the **Federal Register** the availability of the document, and will at that time announce a formal comment period.

*Who Should Attend?*

All levels of beach water quality managers and public health officials, as well as the general public should attend.

*How Do I Register for the Public Forums?*

The public forums are free, but registration is requested/appreciated due to seating. To register for the public forums, visit *www.epa.gov/waterscience/beaches/meeting.html* on the Internet.

*When and Where Will the Public Forums Be Held?*

The dates and cities of the public forums are:

1. July 31, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wilmington, DE, Wyndham Garden Hotel, 700 King St.,Wilmington, DE 19801; (302) 655–0400, 1–800–996–3426.

2. August 3, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., San Diego, CA, Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle N., San Diego, CA 92108; (619) 291–7131, 1–800–772–8527.3. August 21, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Jacksonville, FL, Radisson Riverwalk Hotel, 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207; (904) 396–5100, 1–800–333–3333.

4. August 23, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., New Orleans, LA, Le Meridien New Orleans, 614 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130–9946; (504) 525–6500, 1–800–543–4300.

5. August 23, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Chicago, IL, The Ambassador West, 1300 N State Pkwy, Chicago, IL 60610; (312) 787–3700, 1–800–996–3426.

Dated: July 13, 2001.

**Louise P. Wise,**

*Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[OPP–30119; FRL–6789–7]**

## Triphenyltin Hydroxide (TPTH); Notice of Final Determination for Termination of the TPTH Special Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In a **Federal Register** notice published October 20, 2000, EPA proposed to terminate the special review of the pesticide active ingredient triphenyltin hydroxide (TPTH) based on the determination that the benefits of use outweigh the risks. The Agency solicited public comments for a 30–day period. There were no comments submitted, and the Agency believes that the benefits of TPTH use continue to outweigh the risks. Thus, with this notice, EPA is announcing that it has terminated the TPTH Special Review.

**DATES:** This decision is effective on August 20, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wilhelmena Livingston, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308–8025; fax number: (703) 308–8005; e-mail address: livingston.wilhelmena@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). This action may be of particular interest to pesticide registrants with registered products which contain TPTH as an active ingredient, or to agricultural producers or mixers, loaders, or applicators using products containing TPTH as an active ingredient. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?*

1. *Electronically*. You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at http://www.epa.gov/. To access this document, on the Home Page select ''Laws and Regulations,'' ''Regulations and Proposed Rules,'' and then look up the entry for this document under the '' **Federal Register**—Environmental Documents.'' You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/. In addition, related documents for TPTH may be accessed through the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/status.htm .

2. *In person*. The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP–30119. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period,and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.,