

trihalomethanes, total haloacetic acids, viruses, *Giardia*, and *Cryptosporidium*.

In the health studies, approximately 1000 households will be randomly selected from each community. Eligibility for households to participate will include residence of one or more children between the ages of two and ten years as children are the most sensitive population for illnesses of interest. We expect that each household has, on the average 2.2 members for a total of approximately 2200 individuals participating in each study. Demographic information and a short health history will be requested from household members at the beginning of each study. A representative from each household will be asked to fill out a monthly health questionnaire for each family member for a total of eighteen months. The monthly health information requested includes a checklist for upper respiratory illness, gastrointestinal illness, fever, and severity of illness. Care will be taken to maintain participant confidentiality; this work is mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996.

The information will be used to estimate the burden of waterborne disease in communities within the United States (US). Health data obtained from the household checklists will be compared with the corresponding monitoring data at the water utility to determine whether any increase in symptoms is associated with higher levels of contaminants. Overall illness rates will be measured. Specific relationships between microorganisms and disease may be developed by linking microorganisms found in the water with those found in symptomatic people.

The information is being collected as part of a research program to support the Office of Water in estimating the burden of waterborne disease in the US as mandated under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, section 1458. This study will also provide information on the level of disease associated with microorganisms found in the drinking water. The information could potentially be used by other laboratories in the Office of Research and Development such as the National Risk Management Laboratory (Cincinnati) and the National Exposure Research Laboratory (Cincinnati). The information may also be used in comparison analyses by scientists in government or academia who are conducting similar types of studies. There is no maintenance of records required under this ICR. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection

of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 2/5/98 (63 FR 5947-5949); two comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5.77 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Utilities serving more than 15,000 population or individuals living within a community served by the utility.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1400.

Frequency of Response: Varies.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 8,080 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1727.02 and OMB Control No. 2080-0050 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503;

Dated: July 17, 1998.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6128-2]

Technical Workshop on Exposure-Duration and Toxicity Relationships

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a meeting organized and convened by Eastern Research Group, Inc., a contractor to EPA's Risk Assessment Forum, for external scientific peer consultation on the relationship of exposure-duration and toxicity. The meeting is being held to discuss methods under development or currently in use by EPA to characterize exposure-duration relationships and to explore how to model these relationships with respect to risk assessment.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Wednesday, August 5, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. and end on Thursday, August 6, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. Since seating capacity is limited, please contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel.: (781) 674-7374, or E-mail confmail@erg.com, by July 27, 1998 to attend the meeting as an observer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical inquiries, contact Dr. Gary Kimmel, U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development (8623-D) U.S. EPA, 401 M Street S.W., Washington DC., 20460. Tel.: (202) 564-3308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current risk assessment procedures are typically based on overall daily exposure levels, and tend to emphasize effects resulting from continuous exposures over a lifetime. This basis is widely recognized to be an oversimplification, and there has been an increasing realization that exposures are more likely to be experienced as bursts or spikes, or intermittent exposures of varying levels. The complexities of exposure effects on toxic responses require consideration of the entire exposure profile, including the timing, duration, and intermittent nature of exposures reflecting realistic scenarios encountered in practical

settings. The proper metric for exposure may be highly dependent on the pharmacokinetic properties of the chemical or exposure in question, and the toxic effects considered in models must be carefully chosen to reflect the sensitive endpoints based on the exposure characteristics. Models have been developed over the last decade which begin to address the effect of duration of exposure in addition to exposure levels; however, most of these models do not incorporate mechanistic information. In addition, only limited work has been done on developing efficient designs for studying dose-rate effects, and these designs tend to be simplistic.

The Agency's Risk Assessment Forum is beginning to examine how exposure-duration and toxicity relationships are or can be incorporated into the risk assessment process for less-than-lifetime exposures. This examination is an extension of efforts within EPA as well as collaborative work carried out with researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health. The next step in this examination of exposure-duration and toxicity relationships will build upon these prior efforts through a peer consultation workshop.

The workshop is being held for invited participants to discuss the current understanding of dose-duration relationships and their underlying mechanistic basis, which approaches can be used in modeling these relationships, and how to include these methods in risk assessment, and future directions in this area. During the meeting, several presentations will be made to provide specific examples of the various issues. The remainder of the meeting will be organized around breakout sessions that will discuss where current risk assessment approaches may be improved.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

William H. Farland,
Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket 95-116; DA 98-1265]

Telephone Number Portability

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; approval of provisioning method and extension of deadlines.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability, Common Carrier Docket No. 95-116, DA 98-1265, released June 26, 1998, Cincinnati Bell Telephone's (CBT's) provision of Local Number Portability (LNP) in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) by choosing only the Midwest Number Portability Administration Center is approved. This action is needed so CBT can efficiently implement LNP in the Cincinnati MSA. The intended effect of this action is to reduce LNP implementation costs and complexity for CBT and other carriers in the Cincinnati MSA. Notice is also given that several carriers' requests for delays in the implementation of Phase III and Phase IV LNP are granted. In addition, the Commission grants AT&T Corp.'s and Time Warner Communications Holdings, Inc.'s related petitions to waive the requirements that carriers file petitions to extend the time to file an LNP implementation extension request 60 days prior to the deadline for which an extension is sought. These actions are needed because carriers seek more time to implement LNP due to circumstances beyond their control. The intended effect of these grants is to allow carriers more time to implement LNP without threatening network reliability.

A copy of the order is available for public inspection at the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division, Room 235, 2000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:30 PM) and the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., daily, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

FEDERAL REGISTER NUMBER: 18998.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, July 21, 1998—10:00 a.m.,
Meeting Closed to the Public.

This Meeting Has Been Cancelled.

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, July 28, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, July 30, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.
Advisory Opinion 1998-14: Eugene F. Douglass, and Eugene F. Douglass for U.S. Senate.

Advisory Opinion 1998-15: Fitzgerald for Senate, Inc., by Richard A. Roggeveen, Treasurer.

Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 98-13]

Tak Consulting Engineers v. Sam Bustani aka Samuel Bustani et al.; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a compliant filed by TAK Consulting Engineers ("Complaint") against Sam Bustani aka Samuel Bustani aka Saeid Bustain aka Sam Bustani Maralan aka Saeid Maralan, aka Sam Abadi, Atlas World Line, Inc., Atlas World Line International Shipping Co., A Atlas World Line International Shipping, Col., World Line Shipping, Inc., World Line International Shipping Co., United Cargo, United Cargo Global Transportation, United Cargo International Shipping Co., and United Traiding ("Respondents") was served July 17, 1998. Complainant alleges that