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Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 30 working days after the meeting and may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number given above.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

**Marcia E. Mulkey,**

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00564; FRL-6045-1]

#### Pesticide Spray Drift Data Review Workshop; Notice of Public Workshop

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) will hold a public workshop to discuss scientific data submitted to the EPA by the pesticide industry's Spray Drift Task Force (SDTF). This workshop will focus on the data which was generated to characterize spray drift associated with orchard airblast, ground hydraulic, chemigation application methods.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 3, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Old Town, 901 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Arnet Jones, Norman Birchfield, or Gail Maske, Office of Pesticide Programs (7507C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses: Arnet Jones (703) 305-7416, jones.arnet@epa.gov; Norman Birchfield (703) 605-0582, birchfield.norman@epa.gov; and Gail Maske (703) 305-5245, maske.gail@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the scientific aspects of the orchard airblast, ground hydraulic, and chemigation field studies and supporting data (including integration studies) which the pesticide industry's SDTF submitted to EPA to fulfill registration requirements. The participants in the workshop will include OPP's Environmental Fate and Effects Division, EPA's Office of Research and Development, USDA's Agricultural Research Service, Environment Canada, and California EPA's Department of Pesticide Regulation, all of which have prepared reviews of these studies. In addition to these organizations, four independent scientists who have prepared reviews under contract to OPP will also make presentations. A list of studies submitted by the pesticide industry's SDTF is available from any of the individuals listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

The invited reviewers will present conclusions of their technical reviews of the studies discussed in this document. However, outside observers (interested parties who were not part of the technical review) will have an opportunity to comment on scientific and technical issues related to the studies after the initial presentations. Additional comments may also be made on the afternoon of December 3rd, after the reviewers have discussed the issues raised on the previous afternoon and have prepared a summary of responses. OPP plans to discuss the results of this peer review workshop and related issues with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel at the Panel's February 1999 meeting.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: November 6, 1998.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### 42 U.S.C. Section 122(i), Proposed Administrative Order on Consent with Compromise of CERCLA Response and Oversight Costs

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

**ACTION:** Proposed AOC.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to sign and issue an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) under section 106 of CERCLA for a removal action at the Carbographics Industries Corporation Superfund Site. Respondents have agreed to perform a clean up, in return for EPA waiving response costs of approximately \$5,000. EPA today is proposing to sign and issue this AOC because it expeditiously achieves a necessary removal action without resort to time-consuming and costly litigation.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed settlement must be received by December 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed settlement are available at the following address for review: (It is recommended that you telephone Janet Pope at (312)353-0628 before visiting the Region V Office). Janet Pope, OPA (P19-J) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, Office of Superfund, Removal and Enforcement Response Branch, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Comments on this proposed settlement should be addressed to: (Please submit an original and three copies, if possible) Janet Pope, Community Relations Coordinator, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (P-19J), Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-0628.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Pope, Office of Public Affairs, at (312) 353-0628.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Carbographics Site is a one story, industrial, brick building (approximately 25,000 square feet) located at 4757 North Ronald Street,

Harwood Heights, Illinois, which is a suburban industrial area with surrounding residential and commercial areas. Single family homes adjacent to the east fence of the site are within approximately thirty feet of the property and multi-unit apartment buildings are adjacent to the north and east of the Site. The Harwood Heights United States Post Office is located to the east across Ronald Street. There is an elementary school located approximately 0.25 mile southeast of the Site and a high school located approximately 0.5 mile southwest of the Site. On March 13, 1998, U.S. EPA conducted a Removal Site Assessment and identified approximately 850 one gallon, 345 five gallon, 20 fifteen gallon, 3 thirty gallon, 144 fifty-five gallon containers and various gas cylinders throughout the building. Labels on many of the containers indicated the contents were flammable, organic peroxides, acids, and caustics. Analytical results from samples collected from four fifty-five gallon drums confirmed that the contents exhibit the RCRA characteristics for ignitability and corrosivity. In addition to the containers located within the building, two underground storage tanks which were used to store solvents are located under the south parking lot. Within the building is a small electroplating operation. Minor releases were observed inside the Carbographics building. The potential for fire and explosion appear to be the major threat of release due to the significant amount of flammable materials inside the building. Subsurface contamination has also been documented in the south parking lot area.

Though recently boarded up by the Village of Harwood Heights, the Site is accessible. Based on the presence of graffiti within the building, and notwithstanding past efforts to secure the building, it appears that the Site is routinely visited by gangs and children. Several windows are broken and the roof, which appears to have been damaged by fire, is unstable. After EPA had sampled and assessed the situation, EPA contacted the named Respondent parties (two officers and an employee of the now dissolved Carbographics Industries Incorporated) and negotiated an Administrative Order on Consent for the remainder of the removal action.

A 30-day period, beginning on the date of publication, is open pursuant to section 122(i) of CERCLA for comments on the proposed settlement.

Comments should be sent to Janet Pope of the Office of Public Affairs (P-19J), U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, Region V, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Statement of Policy Regarding the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Final Statement of Policy.

**SUMMARY:** As part of the FDIC's systematic review of its regulations and written policies under section 303(a) of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (CDRI Act), the FDIC is revising its Statement of Policy on the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The original Statement of Policy, issued on March 31, 1980, describes the FDIC's responsibility and procedures with respect to the NEPA.

The revised Statement of Policy reflects the FDIC's experience in applying the current NEPA Statement of Policy, and primarily affects applications for deposit insurance for de novo institutions, establishment of a domestic branch, and relocation of a domestic branch or main office. Categorical exclusions are established for all other filings submitted to the FDIC pursuant to 12 CFR part 303. In extraordinary circumstances, however, the NEPA procedures may also impact categorically excluded filings. The revision also makes the Statement of Policy more concise and understandable.

On July 15, 1998, the FDIC published for comment in the **Federal Register** its revised Statement of Policy (63 FR 38172-74). During the 45-day public comment period, no comments were received. Accordingly, the revised Statement of Policy has been adopted by the FDIC's Board of Directors.

**DATES:** The revised Statement of Policy will become effective December 14, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marilyn Reddy, Review Examiner, Division of Supervision (202) 898-6772; A. Ann Johnson, Counsel, Legal Division (202) 898-3573; David Fisher, Counsel, Legal Division (202)-736-3103, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, DC 20429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FDIC is conducting a systematic review of its

regulations and written policies. Section 303(a) of the CDRI Act, 12 U.S.C. 4803(a), requires the FDIC to streamline and modify its regulations and written policies in order to improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary costs, and eliminate unwarranted constraints on credit availability. Section 303(a) also requires the FDIC to remove inconsistencies and outmoded and duplicative requirements from its regulations and written policies.

As part of this review, the FDIC has determined that its Statement of Policy on the NEPA should be revised. The NEPA sets forth a national policy to promote preservation of the environment. It requires, in part, that all agencies of the Federal Government include in every recommendation or report on major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment a detailed statement that addresses the environmental impact of the proposal. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has adopted regulations that implement this requirement. 40 CFR part 1500.

The FDIC issued its current Statement of Policy in 1980 to provide guidance on the NEPA and its implementing regulations. The Statement of Policy provides that the FDIC will consider relevant environmental factors and make a threshold determination that a proposed action does or does not significantly affect the environment. The determination is required for applications for deposit insurance, to establish a branch, to merge, or to move an office. The current Statement of Policy also provides detailed information on the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Consistent with the goals of the CDRI Act review, the FDIC is modifying the Statement of Policy to enhance efficiency in implementing the NEPA requirements. Pursuant to the CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1507.3(b)), the revised Statement of Policy establishes categorical exclusions for all filings made by depository institutions pursuant to 12 CFR part 303 with the exception of applications for deposit insurance for de novo institutions, and applications for establishment of a domestic branch or relocation of a domestic branch or main office. Absent extraordinary circumstances, filings subject to a categorical exclusion require no further NEPA action.

For those applications that are categorically excluded, the revised Statement of Policy provides that the FDIC may request additional information from applicants if extraordinary circumstances indicate