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U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs)

Formation of PCB Work Group; Notice of Public Meetings;

Solicitation of Comments

Pursuant to section 6(e)(1) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), Public Law 94-469, which becomes effective January 1, 1977, the Administrator must take certain actions concerning polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) within six months after TSCA becomes effective. Specifically, section 6(e)(1) states that the Administrator shall do the following:

> (A) prescribe methods for the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls, and
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> (B) require polychlorinated biphenyls to be marked with clear and adequate warnings and instructions with respect to their processing, distribution in commerce, use, or disposal or with respect to any combination of such activities.
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> Requirements prescribed by rules under this paragraph shall be consistent with the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3) [of section 6(e)].

The Agency has established a work group for PCBs to write proposed rules and regulations to implement the section quoted above. The Agency plans to publish no later than March 31, 1977, the proposed regulation under section 6(e)(1) for disposal and marking for PCBs. It is planned to start the informal hearing process on May 2, 1977. The hearing will be conducted as required by section 6(c)(2)(C) and section 6(c)(3) of TSCA.

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The Agency also invites general comments on implementation of section 6(e), and will hold a public meeting on January 11, 1977, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2117, Waterside Mall, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20460, for expression of views on implementation of section 6(e). If you wish to make a presentation, please contact George F. Wirth at the address given below.

All persons who wish to submit written data, views or comments concerning section 6(e)(1) for the development of proposed regulations are requested to present them to the Agency no later than January 11, 1977. All comments received will be made available to the public. Copies will be available for inspection and copying during normal working hours at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Public Information Reference Unit in Room 2922 at the address given below.

All communications or correspondence (in triplicate) should be addressed to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Toxic Substances (WH-557), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, Attention: Mr. George F. Wirth.

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Date

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