

(RAF) announces the availability of a final report, *Summary Report for the Workshop on Issues Associated with Dermal Exposure and Uptake* (EPA/630/R-00/003, December 2000). The EPA Risk Assessment Forum (Forum) held a workshop on December 10 and 11, 1998, to address generic technical issues related to dermal exposure and risk assessment that were raised during the February 1998 peer review of the Superfund Dermal Guidance (SDG). Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, organized and convened the workshop on behalf of the Forum. The issues were organized into four categories: (1) dermal exposure to contaminants in water, (2) dermal exposure to contaminants in soil, (3) adjustment of toxicity factors to reflect absorbed dose, and (4) risk characterization and uncertainty analysis for dermal assessments. Questions within each category were presented to help structure and guide the workshop discussion. In addressing these questions, workshop participants were asked to consider: what do we know today that can be applied to answering the question or providing additional guidance on the topic; what short-term studies could be conducted to answer the question or provide additional guidance; and what longer-term research may be needed to answer the question or provide additional guidance. This report summarizes the discussions at the workshop.

ADDRESSES: The document will be made available electronically through the Risk Assessment Forum's web site (www.epa.gov/ncea/raf/rafpub.htm). A limited number of paper copies will be available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 513-489-8695. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

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Summary Report of the Technical Workshop on Issues Associated With Considering Developmental Changes in Behavior and Anatomy When Assessing Exposure to Children

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final report.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) announces the availability of a final report, *Summary Report of the Technical Workshop on Issues Associated with Considering Developmental Changes in Behavior and Anatomy when Assessing Exposure to Children* (EPA/630/R-00/005, December 2000). The report presents information and materials from a peer involvement workshop held by the RAF. Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, organized and convened the meeting on behalf of the RAF in Washington, DC on July 26 and 27, 2000. The meeting discussions focused on how to consider age-related changes in behavior and physical development when assessing childhood exposures to environmental contaminants. These discussions are part of EPA's ongoing efforts to improve the assessment of risk to children.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Agency workgroup convened under the auspices of the RAF has been exploring children's exposure assessment issues. This workgroup has concluded that a major issue facing Agency assessors is how to consider age-related changes in behavior and physiology when

preparing exposure assessments for children. Children's behavior changes over time in ways that can have an important impact on exposure. Further, children's physiology changes over time in ways that can impact both their exposures and their susceptibility to certain health effects. There are two aspects to these physiological changes. First, there are anatomical changes resulting from physical growth. Second, there are changes in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics that affect the absorption, distribution, excretion and effects of environmental contaminants. The Agency is examining the pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic changes in children through other efforts and future meetings on this topic are anticipated. The July 2000 workshop focused on incorporating age-related changes in behavior and anatomy into Agency exposure assessments.

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Proposed Past Cost Administrative Settlement Under Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act; In the Matter of M Metal Site, Indianapolis, Indiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs concerning the M Metal site in Indianapolis, Indiana, with Indianapolis Power & Light Company "IPL"). The settlement requires IPL to pay \$73,412.80 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund.

Under the terms of the settlement, IPL agrees to pay the settlement amount. In exchange for its payment, the United States covenants not to sue or take administrative action pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), to recovery costs that the