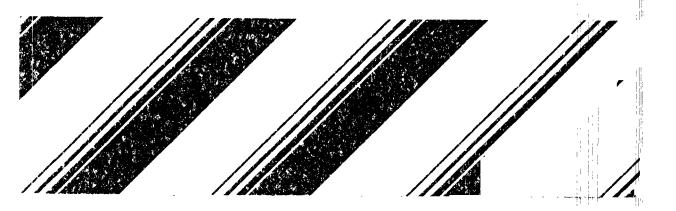
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FOREWORD

This directory provides a ready reference to Federal and international toxic chemical coordinating groups. It should facilitate communication among agencies and the groups themselves. Included are committees, task forces, and other groups that coordinate functions of Federal toxics control and testing agencies. There are Federal, State, non-profit and private sector members on most of these groups. In this third edition, international coordinating groups have been included given the increasing visibility of other countries' activities related to chemicals.

It should be noted that this directory does not profess to include <u>all</u> toxic chemical-related coordinating groups, either intra-Agency or nationally, but merely is as thorough a collection as could be compiled from information provided by available sources.

Due to the constantly changing functions and contact information for such groups, persons aware of changes in this compilation should contact the Chemical Coordination Staff; telephone: 202/382-3375; address: Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances (TS-777), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Inquiries concerning specific activities of a group may be directed to the Director, Executive Secretary, or other contact listed.

Environmental Protection Agency regulatory development work groups are not included in this compilation. Information on such groups may be found in EPA's regulatory agenda which is published in October and April every year. To obtain the Agenda, contact Penelope Parker, Regulation Management Staff, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, PM-223, Washington, D.C. 20460, 202/382-5480.

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- State Integrated Toxics Management: Fact and Challenge (July 1981) EPA-560/TIP-81-001; PB81-242406
- Measuring and Comparing the Cost-Effectiveness of EPA Regulatory Efforts to Control Toxics-Related Health Risks Volume 1, Feasibility Study (June 1981) EPA 560/TIIS-82-007
- Chemical Substances Designation (December 1981) EPA-560/TIIS-82; PB83-130294

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- EPA Chemical Activities Status Report 1st Edition (June 1979) EPA-560/13-79-003
- EPA Chemical Activities Status Report 2nd Edition (December 1980) EPA-560/13-80-040(a), PB81-176414; EPA-13-80-040(b), PB81-176422
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- Chemical Substances Designation (December 1981) EPA-560/TIIS-82-003, PB83-130294; -004, PB83-13032; -005, PB83-130310; - 006; PB83-130328
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- Directory of Federal Coordinating Groups for Toxic Substances 2nd Edition (March 1980) PB80-177314
- Directory of Federal and International Coordinating Groups for Toxic Substances 3rd Edition (May 1983) EPA-560/TIIS-83-004
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- TSCA Status Report for Existing Chemicals Volume 1, Issue 2 (July 1980) EPA-560/13-80-033
- TSCA Status Report for Existing Chemicals Volume 2, Issue 2 (July 1981) EPA-560/TIIS-81-004
- Perspectives on State-EPA Grant Activities (September 1980) EPA-560/13-80-037; PB82-229105
- Chemical Selection Methods: An Annotated Bibliography (November 1980) EPA-560/TIIS-80-001; PB81-241481
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I. INTERAGENCY

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Participating Agencies:

EPA, DOD, VA, DOA, DOL, ACTION, OMB, CEA, DHHS, Executive Office of the President: Office of Science and Technology Policy and Office of Policy Development

Purpose:

To coordinate Federal research efforts designed to find answers to many of the questions surrounding Agent Orange. These efforts include the birth defects study being conducted by HHS' Centers for Disease Control, the Ranch Hand study being conducted by the Air Force, the epidemiological study being planned by the Veterans Administration pursuant to P.L. 96-151, and the compilation by HHS' National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health of a national registry of workers exposed to dioxins, as well as other important research. Regular progress reports are presented to the Cabinet Council, the Congress and the public.

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Advisory Committee on Health-Related Effects of Herbicides

Participating Agencies/Organizations

VA, FDA, The American Legion, CDC, EPA, National Veterans Task Force on Agent Orange, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, DOA, NIH, University of Texas Medical School, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Human Resources, City of Seattle, Washington

Purpose:

To analyze information in order to formulate appropriate medical policy and procedures in the interests of veterans potentially affected by herbicides used during the Vietnam war. The Veterans Administration has not previously been required to resolve toxicological issues of such a complex and highly controversial nature. The Committee will, therefore, assemble and analyze the information which the Veterans Administration needs in order to formulate appropriate medical policy and procedures. The Committee will have an entirely fact-finding and advisory role and will not be required to develop policy.

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Interagency Pesticide Usage Data Planning Group

Participating Agencies:

EPA, FDA, USDA, DOC/Census, State Pesticide Regulatory Agencies and Land grant Universities

Purpose:

To coordinate identification of pesticide usage data needs and plan collection of data, so as to minimize survey costs and respondent burden.

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Federal Asbestos Task Force

Participating Agencies:

Members: OSHA, CPSC, EPA

Potential Associate Members: NIOSH, MSHA, FDA, NIEHS, NCI

Purpose:

To develop a coordinated Federal approach to protect the public from health hazards associated with asbestos exposure during manufacture, use and disposal.

The Task Force will be led by a Steering Committee composed of representatives from each participating agency which will recommend coordinated control strategies. The group also will coordinate research on health effects and develop uniform risk assessment guidelines through its Health Hazard Committee, and its Exposure Assessment Committee will collect shared exposure information. The Task Force's recommendations are not binding on any of the participating agencies.

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Committee to Coordinate Environmental and Related Programs (CCERP)

Participating Agencies:

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health (DHHS), NIH, NIGMS, NCI, NIEHS, NLM, NIA, NIMH, CDC/NIOSH, FDA/NCTR

Liaison Representatives: CPSC, EPA, OSHA, CEQ, Library of Congress, DOE, NOAA, Department of the Navy, U.S. Army, Environmental Hygiene Agency, Wright Patterson AFB, NSF

Purpose:

The DHHS Committee to Coordinate Environmental and Related Programs, is established by the Assistant Secretary for Health, DHHS, as a multi-agency group to assure the exchange of information on environmental health, toxicology and related programs, to coordinate these programs, to enhance the sharing of resources, and to provide advice to the Department. The Committee interfaces these activities with other components of the Federal Government in areas of mutual interest and concern.

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Gene-Tox Coordinating Committee

Participating Agencies/Organizations:

EPA, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, NIEHS/NTP (DHHS), Pfizer Central Research, Litton Bionetics, Inc., Associated Universities, Inc., E.I. duPont de Nemours (Haskell Laboratories)

Purpose:

To review and evaluate, using the published literature, the current status of the selected bioassays in genetic toxicology. During Phase I of the program, workgroups of scientists evaluated tests in which they had expertise and established guidelines for test performance. Also during this phase, a data base of over 2,800 chemicals was established. This data base is being analysed to develop test batteries for use in testing for potential mutagens/carcinogens.

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Participating Agencies:

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Purpose:

To provide a forum for information exchange among the Federal agencies concerned with environmental health and environmental carcinogens; also, to provide the National Cancer Institute with a resource for program development using monitoring systems and resources of other agencies to delineate levels of environmental exposure to carcinogens in man's media, such as air, water, diet, drugs, cosmetics, atmospheric agents (ultraviolets), and finally exposures in the workplace. The group offers advice to all Federal agencies involved in carcinogen-related matters and is responsible to the Director of the Division of Cancer Cause and Prevention in the National Cancer Institute.

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Interagency Staff Group to Develop Carcinogen Guidelines

Participating Agencies:

EPA, OSTP (Executive Office of the President), FDA, CPSC, OSHA, NCI, NIEHS, USDA

Purpose:

To develop principles to guide Federal Regulatory Agencies in identifying and characterizing human carcinogens. The expected group product will be a two-part document which will (1) lay out a consensus position regarding evaluation of carcinogens, and (2) develop a series of more policy-based principles to be used by agencies in their evaluation of carcinogenic substances.

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Chemical Selection Working Group (CSWG)

Participating Agencies:

EPA, FDA, NIEHS/NTP, Dept. of the Army, CPSC, DOC, OSHA, CDC, DOA, VA, DOE, NIOSH

Purpose:

To provide a mechanism and resource for the nomination and selection of chemicals submitted by the National Cancer Program to the National Toxicology Program for ultimate consideration by the Chemical Evaluation Committee and the Executive Committee of the National Toxicology Program.

The CSWG in their deliberation and selection process prepares summary sheets on each chemical to be considered by the CSWG, and prioritizes the current list to submit to the NTP.

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National Response Team (NRT)

Participating Agencies:

EPA, DOT (USCG), DOA, DOC, DOD, DOE, FEMA, DHHS, DOI, DOJ, DOL, State Department

Purpose:

The National Response Team (NRT) has been mandated by the Council on Environmental Quality in its National Contingency Plan. This team consists of representatives from both the primary and advisory agencies. It is the national body for planning and preparedness for emergencies involving toxic releases to the environment, as well as active coordination during an ongoing emergency situation.

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Regulatory Work Group on Science and Technology (RWGST)

Participating Agencies:

EPA, OSTP (Executive Office of the President), FDA, CPSC, OSHA, DOA

Purpose:

To strengthen the role of scientific data and analysis in the regulatory process. Science has come to play an increasingly important role in environmental, health, and safety regulation in recent years. As a part of the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief's effort to improve the regulatory process, the Work Group will examine ways in which the agencies that have primary responsibility for these areas can work together to enhance the scientific basis of their regulatory decisions. The Work Group places particular emphasis on developing and applying techniques for quantifying and comparing risks of hazardous exposures.

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Interagency Testing Committee (ITC)

Participating Agencies:

EPA, NCI, FDA, CEQ, DOC, USDA, NIOSH, NSF, OSHA, DOD, DOI, CPSC, NIEHS/NTP

Purpose:

To recommend to the EPA Administrator those chemical substances and mixtures that should receive priority consideration for the promulgation of test rules under section 4(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (testing requirements to ensure that a chemical substance or mixture "does or does not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment").

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Interagency Toxic Substances Data Committee (ITSDC)

Participating Agencies:

CEQ, NCI, DOE, OSHA, CPSC, OMB, DOT, DHHS, FDA, DOC, ITC, DOI, NLM, State Department, DOD, EPA, NIEHS, NIOSH, NIH

Purpose:

To manage more cost-effectively data and information problems relevant to chemical substances to reduce the burden on both the private and public sectors induced by legislation oriented toward these materials. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) jointly established and co-chair an Interagency Toxic Substances Data Committee in accordance with their statutory responsibilities under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), sections 10(b)(2)(A) and 25(b). These sections of the Act specifically recognize the need for interagency coordination and sharing with respect to chemical information collection, dissemination, classification and analysis.

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Participating Agencies:

DHHS, NIH, NLM, NIOSH, OSHA, NIEHS, DOC, National Academy of Sciences, CPSC, FDA, DOA, NASA, NCHS, CEQ, EPA

Purpose:

To review the design, implementation, and maintenance of efficient and effective systems for the storage, retrieval, and analysis of data and information concerning the effects of chemical substances on biological systems and other compartments of the environment that will be used by researchers, research administrators, government (Federal and State), industry, academe, and concerned citizen groups. This Subcommittee of the ITSDC reports directly to the co-chairpersons of the parent committee.

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Participating Agencies:

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Purpose:

To develop toxicological information needed by regulatory and research agencies to better protect the public health. The NTP is designed to coordinate and strengthen the scientific base of toxicology within the Department of Health and Human Services by testing chemicals of public health concern and developing better, faster, and less expensive test methods. The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors, which includes eight non-government scientists, is responsible for scientific oversight of the Program.

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National Toxicology Program - Chemical Evaluation Committee

Participating Agencies:

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Purpose:

To select and recommend priority chemicals for health testing within the framework of the NTP.

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National Toxicology Program (NTP)/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clearinghouse on Phthalates

Participating Agencies:

EPA, NTP (DHHS)

Purpose:

To enable academic, industrial and governmental scientists and the public to keep abreast of research and testing in this area and to share data and coordinate future research. EPA is particularly committed to this project because of its involvement in the testing of alkyl phthalates under section 4(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act and of its continuing role in the collection and evaluation of information on these compounds.

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II. INTRA-AGENCY

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Participating Members:

The Committee consists of 11 members, including the chairman, and represents the following segments of the population in appropriate balance: (1) Manufacturers, processors, and users of chemical substances; (2) Environmental, health, and public interest organizations; and (3) Other interested parties including, but not limited to, labor organizations, professional societies, and state and local interests.

Purpose:

The Committee advises, consults with, and makes recommendations to the EPA Administrator on policy, technical, and procedural matters related to the environmental, economic, social, and legal impacts of actions considered under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The Committee also considers and comments on proposals for rules and regulations and assesses the likely impacts of such rules and regulations should they be promulgated. The Committee is supported by the Office of Toxic Substances, and its members are selected by an intra-Agency committee.

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Chlorinated Dioxins Work Group (CDWG)

Participating Offices:

OTS, OSW, OERR, OPTSE, ORD, CCS, OPP, ODW

Purpose:

To coordinate Agency policy on chlorinated dibenzo dioxins and dibenzofurans and provide guidance to Regions.

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Work Group for Integrated Strategy for Halogenated Solvents

Participating Offices

OAQPS, ORD, OWPE, ODW, OPRM, OWRS, OSW, OTS, OPTSE, OERR, OPP

Purpose:

The Office of Policy and Resource Management, in conjunction with EPA program offices and with assistance from other Federal Agencies (CPSC, OSHA, FDA), is currently in the process of developing an agency coordinated strategy for a group of halogenated solvents: 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethane, tetrachloroethene, tetrachloromethane, dichloromethane, and 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane. The strategy is an innovative, multi-media integrated approach intended to help the Agency focus its resources on the most critical public health and related environmental problems, and assure coordination among the program offices approaches to these chemicals by providing a common framework for information exchange and for resolving major inconsistencies and overlapping efforts.

The strategy for solvents is a pilot effort which is examining multi-media health and environmental effects, human exposures and risks.

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Science Advisory Board (SAB)

Participating Members:

The Board consists of a body of independent scientists and engineers of sufficient size and diversity to provide the range of expertise required to assess the scientific and technical aspects of environmental issues. The Board is organized into an executive committee and several specialized committees, all members of which shall be drawn from the Board.

Purpose:

At present, the Science Advisory Board is composed of approximately 50 scientists representing various disciplines, who serve as consultants to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The SAB receives its authority from the Environmental Development and Demonstration Act of 1977 and reports directly to the EPA Administrator. SAB scientists are called upon to review and render opinions on those issues considered relevant by the Agency. The SAB consists of an Executive Committee, the Environmental Health Committee, the Environmental Effects, Transport and Fate Committee, and the Environmental Engineering Committee.

A Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee to provide the scientific review and advice required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977, established by a separate charter, is an integral part of the Board, and its members are also members of the Science Advisory Board.

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Science Advisory Panel (SAP)(FIFRA)

Participating Members:

The Panel is composed of seven members, including the chairman, selected from twelve nominees; six are nominated by the National Institutes of Health and six by the National Science Foundation.

Purpose:

The Science Advisory Panel was created by 1975 Amendments to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Its purpose is to provide expert comment on the human health and environmental effects of proposed regulations. In addition, the panel is charged with the review of the impact on health and the environment of all cancellation actions on pesticides that fall under section 6B of the Act.

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Technical Committee for Test Standard Development

Participating Offices:

ORD, OTS

Purpose:

To assist the Office of Toxics Substances (OTS) in determining what test methods should be developed into test guidelines, in setting priorities for developing new guidelines, and in selecting the Office of Environmental Processes and Effects Research (OEPER, Office of Research and Development (ORD)) Lab to be involved in the development of each new guideline. In addition, the Committee coordinates the review and evaluation of test methods and of precision applicability data to determine if the test should proceed to round-robin validation. If so, the Committee selects the "broker" for all round-robin tests and evaluates final test reports for submittal of Final Recommendations of Test Standard Validity to ORD/OTS.

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III. INTERNATIONAL

European Economic Community (EEC)

Participating Countries:

Belgium, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom.

Headquarters

Brussels, Belgium

Purpose:

To promote common economic policies and to ensure that national actions do not create barriers to trade within the community.

EPA Involvement

EPA has had bilateral discussions in the Community on toxic substances policy. EPA's counterpart within the Commission of the European Communities (the administrative arm) is the Directorate-General for Environment, Consumer Protection and Nuclear Safety (DG-X1).

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Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Participating Countries:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Yugoslavia (special status member), Commission of the European Communities (special member).

Headquarters:

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Purpose:

To promote economic and social welfare among OECD member states and avoid creation of trade barriers by assisting its member governments in development and coordination ("harmonization") of their economic and development policies.

EPA/OPTS Involvement:

Environment Committee: Established in 1970 to consult on and, where appropriate, promote harmonization of environmental policies of member states. EPA is represented on the U.S. delegation to the Environment Committee, normally by one senior EPA official, and staff of the Office of International Activities (OIA). The Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPTS) provides expert review and recommends U.S. positions on chemical issues.

Chemicals Group: Established under the Environment Committee with projects on pesticides, specific chemicals, and chemicals and the environment. EPA heads the U.S. delegation to the Chemicals Group and provides experts for issuespecific working groups (Office of Toxic Substances, Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of the General Counsel), and develops and coordinates U.S. negotiating positions. Work in this area is under OECD Part I (OECD's regular budget).

Management Committee: Created as a special OECD unit to coordinate the development and implementation of OECD work of the Chemicals Part II Program (a special effort established with voluntary contributions from almost all OECD countries.) The Management Committee liaisons with the Chemicals Group, Environment Committee, and OECD Council. OPTS provides experts for issue-specific working groups (OTS, OPP, OTI, OGC), and assists with developing and coordinating U.S. negotiating positions (OTI). Work in this area is under OECD Part I (OECD's regular budget).

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Committee on International Environmental Affairs

Participating Agencies:

All Agencies concerned with international environmental issues (U.S. only):

State, AID, USDA, CIA, NIH, NSC, NSF, OPIC, OMB, Smithsonian, Commerce, Commerce/NOAA, Corps of Engineers (Army), CEQ, Defense (Navy), DOE, EPA, HHS, HUD, Interior, Justice, Labor and NASA.

Purpose:

The Committee was established at Presidential Directive to serve as a focal point for effective U.S. participation in international environmental considerations and activities.

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Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (Scope) International Council of Scientific Unions

Participating Countries:

33 countries and 17 scientific unions.

Headquarters

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Purpose:

The Committee was created by the tenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Scientific Unions to assemble, review, and assess the information available on man-made environmental changes and the effects of these changes on man; to assess and evaluate the methodologies of measurement of environmental parameters; to provide an intelligence service on current research; and, by recruitment of the best available scientific information and constructive thinking, to establish itself as a corpus of informed advice for the benefit of centers of fundamental research and of organizations and agencies operationally engaged in studies of the environment.

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International Working Group on the Hazard Evaluation Potential of Chemicals Transported on the High Seas-under the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Participating Countries:

U.S., Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands, England.

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Purpose:

As a subgroup of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution (GESAMP) the purpose is to evaluate the environmental hazards of substances carried by ships on an ongoing basis. Initiated as a result of the International Conference of Marine Pollution in 1973 (MARPOL 73) - Annex II.

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- ✓ US/Japan Panel on Air Pollution Related Meteorology
- ✓ US/Japan Agreement on Environmental Cooperation

Participating Agencies:

EPA, NOAA, and other participants (experts from universities, industry, other agencies) invited by EPA according to agenda items.

Purpose

To mutually enhance understanding of the transport of air pollutants from sources through the atmosphere and to improve the ability to predict, measure, and control air pollution, including the theoretical and experimental development of descriptive and predictive air quality models.

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U.S./Japan Panel on Identification and Control of Toxic Substances
U.S./Japan Agreement on Environmental Cooperation

Participating Countries:

United States and Japan

Purpose

To coordinate health effects testing, requirements for premanufacturing notifications, inventory of chemical substances and good laboratory practices, harmonization and priority selection and assessment of existing chemicals. Program may be expanded to include an exchange on pesticides.

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U.S./U.S.S.R. Joint Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection: Working Group on Air Pollution Modeling, Instrumentation, and Measurement Methodology

Participating Agencies:

EPA, NOAA, and other participants (experts from universities, industry, other agencies) invited by EPA according to agenda items.

Purpose:

To mutually enhance understanding of the transport and transformation of air pollutants from sources through the atmosphere and to improve the ability to predict, measure, and control air pollution.

It is concerned with the study of air pollutants: their formation, transformation, and travel through the atmosphere; and the theoretical and experimental development of descriptive and predictive models.

It is also concerned with the development and use of instruments for measuring pollutants, automated instrumentation systems, and measurement methodology. Ground-based, mobile, and airborne instrumentation systems are included.

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World Health Organization (WHO)

Headquarters:

Geneva, Switzerland

Purpose:

To promote and improve health care and health protection around the world. WHO has an environmental health program which is coordinated with other U.N. agencies that include UNEP, FAO, ILO, and others. The WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer coordinates international cooperation to better understand causes and effects of cancer so that people may be better protected. For the Americas, EPA cooperates with the WHO/Pan American Health Organization.

EPA staff collaborate with WHO and other member countries in a number of U.N. project areas that includes the GEMS Urban Air Quality and Fresh Water Quality projects; biological monitoring for certain metals; multi-media monitoring and human exposure assessment, and other environmental healthrelated areas.

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World Health Organization/International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Participating Countries:

Australia, Belgium, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States, U.S.S.R.

Headquarters:

Lyon, France

Purpose:

To promote international collaboration in cancer research, particularly with respect to the role that may be played by environmental factors in inducing cancer.

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United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Participating Countries:

Open to all United Nations members; currently has approximately 60 member countries.

Headquarters:

Nairobi, Kenya

Purpose:

To protect and enhance the earth's resources, and to provide machinery for international cooperation on matters relating to the human environment.

EPA Involvement:

EPA is represented on the U.S. delegation to UNEP Governing Council Meetings. (The EPA Administrator was co-head of the U.S. Delegation to the special 1982 UNEP session marking the 10th anniversary of the Stockholm Conference). EPA provides expert review and recommends U.S. positions, as appropriate, on chemical issues.

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Codex Alimentarius Commission

Participating Countries:

Open to all Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) members--currently about 115.

Headquarters:

Rome, Italy (FAO)

Purpose:

To implement the FAO/World Health Organization (WHO) Food Standards Program with the aim of elaborating international standards, codes of practice and other texts for foods, ensuring fair practices in the food trade, and recommending maximum limits for pesticide residues in foods. Much of the work is based on the panel of experts on Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment.

EPA Involvement:

EPA participates on the FAO/WHO Codex committee on pesticide residues and has made it a matter of policy to establish tolerance levels for pesticide residues on raw agricultural products in conjunction with those agreed upon by Codex.

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Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Panel of Experts on Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment

Participating Countries:

Countries do not participate as such, except for making personnel available. Participation is by invitation only and participants serve as independent experts, not as representatives of their respective agencies or governments.

Purpose:

The FAO Panel evaluates pesticide residue data from supervised trials or commercial uses, agricultural practices, nature and fate of residues, analytical methodology and other pertinent information which enables it, jointly with the World Health Organization Expert Group on Pesticide Residues, to estimate maximum residue levels in foods. The work of this joint effort is the scientific basis for international maximum residue limits (tolerances) developed by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues of the Codex Alimentarius Commission of the United Nations, part of whose mission is to protect the health of the consumer and ensure fair practices in international trade.

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United Nations International Program on Chemical Safety (IPCS); carried out through the lead of WHO in coordination with the International Labor Organization (ILO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

Participating Countries:

Open to all U.N./WHO members.

Headquarters:

Geneva, Switzerland

Purpose:

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with WHO, EPA is participating in the U.N. International Program on Chemical Safety (IPCS). The goals of IPCS are to develop internationally acceptable evaluations of the hazards posed by selected chemicals, to promote emergency response capabilities, and to develop manpower training programs.

Under the MOU, EPA agreed in early 1981 to serve as both a lead and participating institution for several components of the IPCS, including development of a chemical scoring system for industrial and environmental chemicals, cooperation on risk assessment techniques, evaluation of health and environmental effects of selected industrial chemicals, evaluation of permissible maximum residue levels of pesticides in food, design and validation of epidemiological studies, and other areas. EPA's Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Office of Research and Development and Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response participate in the IPCS work program. IPCS is a joint effort of the WHO, UNEP, and ILO. FAO liaisons with WHO on IPCS-related project work; this cooperation includes WHO and FAO joint expert work on pesticide residues which is carried out in support of Codex Alimentarius Commission efforts. The purposes of the IPCS work on pesticides is to evaluate permissible maximum residue levels of pesticides on food for consideration under the procedures of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Pesticide Residues, and the Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues; to evaluate health effects and environmental fate and effects of selected pesticide chemicals; and to design and evaluate epidemiologic studies of pesticide exposure, and to develop improved support services for accomplishment of the above activities.

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International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC)

Participating Agencies:

National correspondents for the United Nations Environment Programme/International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (UNEP/IRPTC) have been designated for approximately 85 of the U.N. member states, including the U.S.

Headquarters:

Geneva, Switzerland.

Purpose:

To promote efficient use of national and international resources available for the evaluation of the effects of chemicals and their control by providing access to existing data on chemicals (including, ultimately, data on physical and chemical properties; environmental fate; statistics on production, transportation, and use; and information about disposal).

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Global Environmental Monitoring System (GEMS)

Participating Countries:

Open to all United Nations Members.

Headquarters:

UNEP Nairobi, Kenya

Purpose:

To assist U.N. specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization (WHO), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) in establishing with member countries monitoring programs in areas such as climate, long-range transport of pollutants, environmental health, and renewable resources; also, to develop trends data at regional and global levels.

EPA/Involvement:

EPA participates as a Lead Agency with WHO and WMO in GEMS projects on quality assurance for air and water pollution monitoring, data collection, processing, and reporting. The Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances has been asked to participate in a new health-related GEMS project called HEALS (Human Exposure Assessment Locations) with the Office of Research and Development and the Office of Water.

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World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Participating Countries:

Over 100 member countries.

Headquarters:

Geneva, Switzerland

Purpose:

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) was established in 1951 as a specialized agency of the U.N. WMO's mandate is to facilitate the establishment of worldwide networks of meteorological stations; to promote development of systems for rapid exchange of weather information, to encourage standardization of meteorological observations, data collection, processing, and reporting; to further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, water problems, agriculture, and other activities; and to encourage research and training in these areas. WMO also monitors atmospheric trends caused or exacerbated by a build up of chemical constituents, such as CO2, as a direct result of man-made pollutants.

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International Michigan-Ontario Air Pollution Board

Participating Countries:

United States and Canada

Purpose:

To monitor transboundary air pollution in the Detroit-Windsor, Port Huron/Sarnia area. Reports and recommendations on the effectiveness of air pollution control measures are made to the International Joint Commission (IJC).

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Canada-U.S. Joint Response Team (Hazardous Water Spills)

Participating Countries:

United States and Canada.

Purpose:

To coordinate responses to international spills or environmental emergencies.

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Pulp and Paper Point Sources Task Force of the Water Quality Programs Committee, International Joint Commission (IJC)

Participating Organizations/Countries:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Water Pollution Control Directorate-Canada
Ontario Ministry of the Environment

Purpose:

To prepare a report for submittal to the Great Lakes Water Quality Board, IJC, detailing the programs being used by the U.S. and Canada (and the States and Provinces bordering the Great Lakes) to control the discharges of deleterious substances from the pulp and paper industry to those waters, and an overview of the progress made by this industry to reduce its discharges of these substances.

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International Joint Commission--Toxic Substances Committee of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board

Participating Agencies:

United States and Canada.

Purpose:

To design and implement elements of a toxic substances management system for the Great Lakes.

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International Joint Commission--Science Advisory Board

Participating Countries:

United States and Canada.

Purpose:

The Great Lakes Science Advisory Board (SAB) provides advice on research and scientific matters to the International Joint Commission. The SAB develops recommendations related to research and development of scientific knowledge pertinent to the identification, evaluation, and resolution of current and anticipated problems related to Great Lakes Water Quality.

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