

Toxicity of Ethylene Glycol and the Expert Panel Report on the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity of Propylene Glycol. These reports include the summaries and conclusions of the expert panel's evaluation of the scientific data for potential reproductive and/or developmental hazards associated with exposure to ethylene glycol and to propylene glycol. The CERHR held this expert panel meeting in February 2003. CERHR is seeking public comment on these reports and additional information about recent, relevant toxicology or human exposure studies.

#### Availability of Reports

These expert panel reports are available electronically on the CERHR Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) and in printed copy by contacting the CERHR [P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: (919) 541-3455; fax: (919) 316-4511; or email: [shelby@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:shelby@niehs.nih.gov)].

#### Request for Public Comments

The CERHR invites public comments on these expert panel reports and input regarding any recent, relevant toxicology or human exposure studies. The CERHR requests that all comments and other information be submitted to the CERHR at the address above by July 14, 2003.

All public comments received by the date above will be reviewed and included in the final NTP-CERHR monograph on ethylene glycol or propylene glycol to be prepared by NTP staff. The NTP-CERHR monograph will include the NTP brief, expert panel report, and all public comments received on the report. The brief will provide the NTP's interpretation of the potential for adverse reproductive and/or developmental effects to humans from exposure to ethylene glycol or propylene glycol. The NTP will transmit the NTP-CERHR monograph to the appropriate federal and state agencies, the public, and the scientific community.

#### Background

A 9-member expert panel composed of scientists from state and federal governments, universities, and private companies conducted an evaluation of the reproductive and developmental toxicities of ethylene glycol and propylene glycol [**Federal Register** Vol. 67 No. 236, pp. 72965-72967, December 9, 2002]. Public deliberations by the panel took place February 11-13, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Old Town Select in Alexandria, Virginia. Following the

February meeting, the draft expert panel report for each chemical was revised to incorporate the panel's conclusions and subsequently reviewed by the Ethylene Glycol and Propylene Glycol Expert Panel, NTP scientists, and CERHR personnel.

Ethylene glycol is a high production volume chemical used as a chemical intermediate in the production of polyester compounds. There is widespread public exposure to ethylene glycol due to its use in heating and cooling systems (e.g., automotive antifreeze and as a de-icer for aircraft). Propylene glycol is used commercially as an intermediate in the manufacture of unsaturated polyester resins and in the production of plasticizers. Similar in structure to ethylene glycol, public exposure is through its FDA-approved use in food, tobacco, pharmaceutical products, and cosmetics, its use in various paints and coatings, and as an antifreeze and de-icing solution.

#### Additional Information About CERHR

The NTP and the NIEHS established the NTP CERHR in June 1998 [**Federal Register** Vol. 63, No. 239, page 68782, December 1998]. The purpose of the CERHR is to provide scientifically based, uniform assessments of the potential for adverse effects on reproduction and development caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. Further information on the CERHR's chemical review process, including how to nominate chemicals for evaluation and scientists for the expert registry, can be obtained from its Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or by contacting the CERHR directly (see address above). The CERHR also serves as a resource for information on various environmental exposures and their potential to affect pregnancy and child development. The Web site has information about common concerns related to fertility, pregnancy and the health of unborn children and links to other resources for information about public health.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

#### Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements: Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review; Aviation-Related Assistance in the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency clearance request.

**SUMMARY:** TSA has submitted a request for emergency processing of a new public information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 35). This notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to OMB for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden.

**DATES:** Send your comments by June 16, 2003. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: DHS-TSA Desk Officer, at (202) 395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Conrad Huygen, Privacy Act Officer, Information Management Programs, Office of Finance and Administration, Transportation Security Administration HQ, West Tower, Floor 4, TSA-17, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001; telephone (571) 227-1954; facsimile (571) 227-2912.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Transportation Security Administration

*Title:* Aviation-related Assistance in the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003.

*OMB Control Number:* 1652-0012.

*Type of Request:* Emergency processing request of new collection.

*Form(s):* NA.

*Affected Public:* U.S. Flag commercial air carriers.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to Public Law No. 108-11, 117 Stat. 559 (4/16/2003), "Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003", TSA is required to remit approximately \$2.3 billion to U.S. Flag air carriers based on the proportional share each such carrier has paid or collected as of the date of