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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture chemical substances currently subject to reporting under the IUR as amended on January 7, 2003, and codified as 40 CFR part 710. Persons who process chemical substances but who do not manufacture or import chemical substances are not required to comply with the requirements of 40 CFR part 710. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

Chemical manufacturers and importers currently subject to IUR reporting, including manufacturers and importers of inorganic chemical substances (NAICS codes 325 and 32411).

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions at 40 CFR 710.48. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2003-0034. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at EPA's Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. EPA's Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to

4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. EPA's Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

**II. Background**

EPA is convening a public meeting to receive comments on the instructions for reporting to the 2006 partial updating of TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory Database. EPA is required by section 8(b) of TSCA to compile and update an inventory of chemical substances manufactured or imported in the United States. Every 4 years, manufacturers (including importers) of certain chemical substances on the Chemical Substance Inventory have been required to report data specified in the TSCA section 8(a) IUR, 40 CFR part 710. Past updates included information on the chemical's production volume, site-limited status, and plant site information. Amendments to the IUR promulgated on January 7, 2003 (68 FR 848) (FRL-6767-4) expanded the data reported on certain chemicals to assist EPA and others in screening potential exposures and risks resulting from manufacturing, processing, and use of TSCA chemical substances. At the same time, EPA amended the IUR regulations to increase the production volume threshold, which triggers reporting requirements from 10,000 lbs per year to 25,000 lbs per year and established a new higher threshold of 300,000 lbs per year above which manufacturers must report additional information on downstream processing and use of their chemical substances. The 2003 amendments to the IUR also revoked the exemption from reporting for inorganic chemical substances, provided a partial

exemption from reporting of processing and use information for chemical substances of low current interest, and continued the current exemption from reporting for polymers, microorganisms, and naturally occurring chemical substances. These changes modify requirements for information collected in calendar year 2005 and submitted in 2006 and thereafter. The public meeting may be of interest to persons currently reporting under the IUR and to manufacturers of inorganic chemical substances.

The public meeting will include a series of presentations by representatives of EPA on the instructions for reporting for the 2006 partial updating of the TSCA Chemical Inventory Database. Presentation topics will include reporting requirements, instructions for completing the reporting form, how to assert confidentiality claims, and how to submit completed reports to EPA. After each presentation, persons attending the public meeting will be invited to comment on the clarity, completeness, and usefulness of the instructions. Comments may also be submitted in writing following the public meeting. Comments should be submitted within 30 days after the meeting to receive timely attention. The purpose of the public meeting is to receive input for improving the instructions; subsequent meetings are planned for 2004, to provide training to persons who must report in 2006, under the IUR.

There is no charge for attending this public meeting.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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