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Dear DA DC:

The Office of Toxic Substances (OTS) is soliciting unpublished information concerning chemicals that have been selected for preliminary risk assessments, in order to make those assessments more complete and subsequent decisions more informed. OTS has selected the following new chemicals for preparation of Chemical Hazard Information Profiles (CHIPs):

Polychlorinatedstyrenes

Octachlorostyrene  
Heptachlorostyrene

(CAS No. 29082-74-4)  
(CAS No. Unknown)

Triphenyl Phosphite

(CAS No. 101-02-0)

The CHIP is a preliminary review based on the reported toxicological effects and potential exposure of the chemical substance. It is an initial attempt by OTS to collect and organize into a report a broad range of information on chemicals of concern. Chemicals are identified for CHIP preparation from information brought to the attention of OTS through Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) section 8(e) notices of substantial risk, TSCA section 21 petitions, other submissions from the private sector, National Toxicology Program bioassays, journal articles and other current awareness information. The purpose of the CHIP is to identify and characterize problems that subsequently may require more thorough investigation and evaluation.

The CHIP itself is a brief summary of readily available information concerning the health and environmental effects and exposure potential of a chemical. Information gathering for a CHIP is generally limited to computerized data base searches of published scientific literature, government reports and reference works. The CHIP is a short report that is usually completed in 2-3 months.

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The Agency is encouraging interested parties in other government agencies, industry, academia, and the public to submit unpublished, recently published or difficult-to-obtain studies pertaining to health effects, environmental effects, current production/importation volumes, use(s), worker, consumer and environmental exposure, and current testing or assessment activities on the subject chemical(s).

Responses to this request for submission of data should be made within 6 weeks of the date of this letter. Information received after that date may not be included in the CHIP but will be considered during OTS discussions to decide an appropriate course of action on the chemical substance(s) and appended as necessary. All information submitted in response to this solicitation will be placed in a public file and made available for public inspection, unless a submitter is able to assert a claim of confidentiality in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of TSCA.

All responses should be sent to:

Document Control Officer (ATTN: T. O'Bryan)  
Information Management Division (TS-793)  
Office of Toxic Substances  
401 M Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20460

Those persons having questions prior to responding to this request for additional information, should contact John Leitzke of the Chemical Screening Branch at (202) 382-3507.

Sincerely Yours,

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