

on loans guaranteed or insured pursuant to guaranty or insurance commitments issued by the Veterans Administration prior to the respective effective date;

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1619(f))

(1) Effective November 10, 1987, 13 percent simple interest per annum for a loan which finances the purchase of a manufactured home unit only.

(2) Effective November 10, 1987, 12½ percent simple interest per annum for a loan which finances the purchase of a lot only and the cost of necessary site preparation, if any.

(3) Effective November 10, 1987, 12½ percent simple interest per annum for a loan which will finance the simultaneous acquisition of a manufactured home and a lot and/or the site preparation necessary to make a lot acceptable as the site for the manufactured home.

2. In § 36.4311, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) are revised as follows:

**§ 36.4311 Interest rates.**

(a) Excepting loans guaranteed or insured pursuant to guaranty or insurance commitments issued by the VA which specify an interest rate in excess of 10½ per centum per annum, effective November 10, 1987, the interest rate on any home or condominium loan, other than a graduated payment mortgage loan, guaranteed or insured wholly or in part on or after such date may not exceed 10½ per centum per annum on the unpaid principal balance.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1603(c)(1))

(b) Excepting loans guaranteed or insured pursuant to guaranty or insurance commitments issued by the VA which specify an interest rate in excess of 10½ per centum per annum, effective November 10, 1987, the interest rate of any graduated payment mortgage loan guaranteed or insured wholly or in part on or after such date may not exceed 10½ per centum per annum.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1603(c)(1))

(c) Effective November 10, 1987, the interest rate on any loan solely for energy conservation improvements or other alterations, improvements or repairs, which is guaranteed or insured wholly or in part on or after such date may not exceed 12 per centum per annum on the unpaid principal balance.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1603(c)(1))

3. In § 36.4503, paragraph (a) is revised as follows:

**§ 36.4503 Amount and amortization.**

(a) The original principal amount of any loan made on or after October 1, 1980, shall not exceed an amount which bears the same ratio to \$33,000 as the amount of the guaranty to which the veteran is entitled under 38 U.S.C. 1810 at the time the loan is made bears to \$27,500. This limitation shall not preclude the making of advances, otherwise proper, subsequent to the making of the loan pursuant to the provisions of § 36.4511. Except as to home improvement loans, loans made by the VA shall bear interest at the rate of 10½ percent per annum. Loans solely for the purpose of energy conservation improvements or other alterations, improvements, or repairs shall bear interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1811(d) (1) and (2) (A))

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 799**

[OPTS-42002G; FRL-3291-2]

**Fluoroalkenes; Technical Amendment to Test Rule**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule; technical amendment.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends a test rule in 40 CFR 799.1700 on fluoroalkenes. This action is necessary to amend by removing referrals to the *in vitro* cytogenetics tests and citations in certain mutagenicity and oncogenicity test requirements affected by deletion of the referrals.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 16, 1987.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: John Schaeffer, Existing Chemical Assessment Division (TS-778), Office of Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: NE-100, 401 M St., SW., (202-475-8127).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 4(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), a regulation was established in 40 CFR 799.1700 to require certain health effects testing for vinyl fluoride (VF; CAS No. 75-02-5), vinylidene fluoride (VDF; CAS No. 75-38-7), hexafluoropropene (HFP; CAS No. 116-15-4), and

tetrafluoroethene (TFE; CAS No. 116-14-3) (collectively as fluoroalkenes).

In the regulations, referrals to *in vitro* cytogenetics and other mutagenicity and oncogenicity test requirements were inadvertently included. Accordingly, 40 CFR 799.1700 is amended to reflect the correct citations and referrals to specific test requirements.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 799**

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Chemicals, Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Dated: November 4, 1987.

J.A. Moore,

Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

Therefore, Part 799 is amended as follows:

**PART 799—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 799 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2603, 2611, 2625.

2. Section 799.1700 is amended by revising the second sentence of paragraph (c)(2)(i)(B)(7); revising paragraph (c)(2)(i)(C)(7); and revising the third sentence in paragraph (c)(4)(i) to read as follows:

**§ 799.1700 Fluoroalkenes.**

- (c) \* \* \*
- (2) \* \* \*
- (i) \* \* \*
- (B) \* \* \*
- (7) \* \* \*

This test shall also be performed with TFE or VDF if the mouse micronucleus cytogenetics test conducted pursuant to paragraph (c)(2)(i)(A) of this section produces a positive result.

- (C) \* \* \*
- (7) \* \* \*

A heritable translocation assay shall be conducted with VF, VDF, TFE, or HFP in accordance with § 799.5460 of this chapter except for the provisions of paragraph (d)(3)(i), (5), and (e)(1), if the dominant lethal assay conducted for that substance pursuant to paragraph (c)(2)(i)(B) of this section produces a positive result and if, after a public program review, EPA issues a Federal Register notice or sends a certified letter to the test sponsor specifying that the testing shall be initiated.

- (4) \* \* \*
- (i) \* \* \*

Oncogenicity tests shall also be conducted by inhalation in both rats and mice with TFE in accordance with § 798.3300 of this chapter if TFE yields a

positive result in any one of the following mutagenicity tests: The mouse micronucleus cytogenetics assay conducted pursuant to paragraph (c)(2)(II)(A) of this section, the mammalian cells in culture assay conducted pursuant to paragraph (c)(1)(II)(A) of this section or the sex-linked recessive lethal assay in *Drosophila melanogaster* conducted pursuant to paragraph (c)(1)(II)(B) of this section if, after public program review, EPA issues a Federal Register notice or sends a certified letter to the test sponsor specifying that testing shall be initiated. \* \* \*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### 43 CFR Part 11

#### Natural Resource Damage Assessments

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability—Type B technical information documents.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior announces the availability of the five Type B Technical Information Documents prepared in conjunction with the development of the type B procedures contained in the natural resource damage assessment regulations published on August 1, 1986 (51 FR 27673), and codified at 43 CFR Part 11. The natural resource damage assessment regulations were promulgated under the authority of section 301(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, as amended. The final Type B Technical Information Documents provide information pertinent in performing the natural resource damage assessments, however, they are not regulatory. The documents are being made available through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

**ADDRESS:** Office of Environmental Project Review, Room 4239, Department of the Interior, 1801 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240 (regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Burlington (202) 343-1301.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior announces the availability of the final Type B

Technical Information Documents prepared in conjunction with the type B procedures of the natural resource damage assessment regulations published on August 1, 1986 (51 FR 27673). The natural resource damage assessment regulations were promulgated under the authority of section 301(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, as amended. The final Type B Technical Information Documents provide information that may be useful in interpreting the regulations and in performing natural resource damage assessments, but the documents themselves are not regulatory.

The Type B Technical Information Documents were made available for public review and comment in draft form on January 26, 1986 (51 FR 3430), in conjunction with the promulgation of the proposed type B natural resource damage assessment regulations, published on December 20, 1985 (50 FR 52126). The Department, upon review of the comments received on the draft documents, has revised the documents, where appropriate.

These documents evaluate some currently available techniques applicable to the various phases of a type B natural resource damage assessment to ensure that the steps and objectives outlined in the rule are feasible and to provide more specific information to those performing assessments, interested members of the public, and potentially responsible parties. The document "Injury to Fish and Wildlife Species" discusses in more detail the injury determination methodology developed in the final rule for fish and wildlife, and identifies certain procedures and injuries that meet the acceptance criteria for determining injury to fish and wildlife. The document "Application of Air Models to Natural Resource Injury Assessment" discusses the use of selected models to describe movement of oil or hazardous substances in air. The document "Guidance on Use of Habitat Evaluation Procedures and Suitability Index Models for CERCLA Application" recommends methods for adaption of the Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP), developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for use in quantifying habitat changes resulting from a discharge or release. The document "Approaches to the Assessment of Injury to Soil Arising from Discharges of Hazardous Substances and Oil" includes possible methods and procedures both for determining soil injury and for

quantifying the effects of the injury to soil. The document "Approaches to Measure Damages to Natural Resources" provides additional discussion of economic methodologies, described in the final rule, that may be applied in the Damage Determination phase of a damage assessment, and discusses the acceptance criteria for selection of economic methodologies.

The Type B Technical Information Documents are being made available through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; ph: (703) 487-4650. All requests for copies of these documents should be made directly to NTIS, not to the Department of the Interior. To expedite orders from NTIS, request the individual documents, or the document set, by the appropriate NTIS accession number (the "PB" number) and add a shipping and handling fee of \$3.00 to each order. Also, payment to NTIS must accompany all mail orders. The NTIS order information is as follows:

1. Type B Technical Information Document: "Injury to Fish and Wildlife Species;" U.S. Department of the Interior; prepared by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming; available from (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; PB88-100168; price: \$19.95; ph: (703) 487-4650.

2. Type B Technical Information Document: "Application of Air Models to Natural Resource Injury Assessment;" U.S. Department of the Interior; prepared by TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc., East Hartford, CT; EPA Contract No. 22-02-0009 Task No. 24, 1987; available from (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; PB88-100128; price: \$14.95; ph: (703) 487-4650.

3. Type B Technical Information Document: "Guidance on Use of Habitat Evaluation Procedures and Suitability Index Models for CERCLA Application;" U.S. Department of the Interior; prepared by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Biological Services, Western Energy and Land Use Team, Fort Collins, CO 80526-2699, 1987; available from (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; PB88-100151; price: \$12.95; ph: (703) 487-4650.

4. Type B Technical Information Document: "Approaches to the Assessment of Injury to Soil Arising from Discharges of Hazardous Substances and Oil;" U.S. Department of the Interior; prepared by Pacific Northwest Laboratory, Richland, WA; Contract DE-AC06-76RLO 1830; 1987;