Responses to Major Comments on Technical Support Document

Public Health Goal For Heptachlor and Heptachlor Epoxide In Drinking Water

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INTRODUCTION

The following are responses to major comments received by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) on the proposed public health goal (PHG) technical support document for heptachlor and heptachlor epoxide as discussed at the PHG workshop held on October 6, 1998, or as revised following the workshop. Some commenters provided comments on both the first and second drafts. For the sake of brevity, we have selected the more important or representative comments for responses. Comments appear in quotation marks where they are directly quoted from the submission; paraphrased comments are in italics.

These comments and responses are provided in the spirit of the open dialogue among scientists that is part of the process under Health and Safety Code Section 57003. For further information about the PHG process or to obtain copies of PHG documents, visit the OEHHA web site at www.oehha.org. OEHHA may also be contacted at:

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RESPONSES TO MAJOR COMMENTS RECEIVED

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water

Comment 1: No major comments were received. A few minor comments and suggested clarifications were received.

Response 1: All of the comments and clarifications were adopted in the revised PHG draft.