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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC)**

**Risk Assessment Subcommittee
Workshop Announcement**

Workshop on EPA Chemical Risk Assessment Principles and Practices

The Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) is hosting a workshop in response to a white paper on “Risk Assessment Principles and Practices,” recently issued by EPA’s Office of the Science Advisor (www.epa.gov/osa). The white paper documents current risk assessment practices at EPA, and the BOSC will address issues in Chapter 4 of the white paper, “Use of Default and Extrapolation Assumptions.” Other professional societies are providing feedback on the white paper in the areas of probabilistic methods in risk assessment, methods of uncertainty analysis, and ecological risk assessment. The BOSC workshop will focus on providing constructive feedback for refining EPA’s current practices, or suggesting alternative approaches for default and extrapolation assumptions. Specifically, this workshop will cover three topics:

- Use of default assumptions and uncertainty factors
Speakers include: Hillary Carpenter, Minnesota Department of Health; Mike Dourson, Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA); and Jennifer Sass, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- Extrapolation from high to low doses
Speakers include: Rory Conolly, CIIT Centers for Health Research; Tom Starr, TBS Associates; and Lauren Zeise, California EPA
- Extrapolation between species
Speakers include: Mel Andersen, CIIT Centers for Health Research; Jim Bus, Dow Chemical Corporation; and Susan Sumner, RTI International

Each topic will be discussed for a half day. EPA will present the current process, followed by three invited non-Agency experts to suggest improvements to the Agency in these technical areas.

When and Where

February 2-3, 2005
National Academy of Sciences
Auditorium
2101 Constitution Ave., NW (entrance at 2100 C St., NW)
Washington, DC 20418

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To REGISTER, download a meeting agenda, find area hotel information and other meeting information, visit the BOSC website: www.epa.gov/osp/bosc/ra_work.htm. There is no fee to attend this meeting.