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Access to Confidential Business Information by Eastern Research Group, Inc. and its Identified Subcontractors, Avanti Corporation and BeakerTree Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractors and subcontractors, Eastern Research Group Inc (ERG) of Lexington, MA; Avanti Corporation of Alexandria, VA; and BeakerTree Corporation of Fairfax, VA, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data occurred on or about January 3, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information***A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all who manufacture, process, or distribute industrial chemicals. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

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

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004 is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under EPA contract number EP-W-17-005, contractors and subcontractors ERG of 110 Hartwell Ave, Suite 1, Lexington, MA; Avanti of 6621 Richmond Highway, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA; and BeakerTree of 13402 Birch Bark Court, Fairfax, VA are assisting the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in preparing assessments for EPA's new and existing chemical review programs. They will also assist in

reviewing TSCA CBI environmental data submitted by EPA.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number EP-W-17-005, ERG, Avanti and BeakerTree required access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. ERG, Avanti and BeakerTree personnel were given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA has provided ERG, Avanti and BeakerTree access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract is taking place at EPA Headquarters and ERG's site located at 14555 Avion Parkway, Suite 200, Chantilly, VA, in accordance with EPA's *TSCA CBI Protection Manual*.

Access to TSCA data, including CBI, will continue until November 3, 2021. If the contract is extended, this access will also continue for the duration of the extended contract without further notice.

ERG, Avanti and BeakerTree personnel were required to sign nondisclosure agreements and were briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

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