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The P2 Alternative is based on a list of specified pollution prevention, recycle, and reuse practices which are listed on Table 8 (61 FR 57553) of the final rule. Modification of these practices is allowed with acceptable justification (as listed on Table 8 or as approved by the permitting/control authority). The Alternative also requires certain paperwork for compliance with the alternative (i.e., initial certification, periodic certification, and on-site compliance paperwork). This paperwork documents the facility's choice between zero discharge and the P2 Alternative; any justifications allowing modification to the listed P2 practices on Table 8; the treatment technologies that are being used to obtain a "P2 allowable discharge," as defined in the regulation; the method by which the facility has chosen to demonstrate that the treatment system is well operated and maintained; and the rationale for choosing the method of demonstration.

The PFPR Meetings (and the guidance manual) have been designed to provide detailed guidance to industry and Regional/State/Local regulators, including guidance on conducting the P2 audit, completing/approving the compliance paperwork for the regulation, selecting/approving the "appropriate" treatment technologies, setting up treatability tests, evaluating test results, and demonstrating/enforcing compliance in lieu of analytical methods and national numerical limitations.

The agenda and breakout session summaries for the meetings are as follows:

Preliminary Agenda for the Pesticide Formulating, Packaging, and Repackaging Pollution Prevention Workshops

(Note: Agenda is subject to change prior to first workshop)

Day 1

8:00 am Registration and Check-in
9:00 am Welcome and Workshop Structure
9:20 am Overview of PFPR Effluent Guidelines and Standards

A basic overview of effluent guidelines and standards, pollution prevention (P2), the EPA P2 hierarchy, PFPR operations, and compliance with the PFPR rule.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Pollution Prevention Equipment and Practices

A discussion of the P2 equipment and practices effective for PFPR operations.

12:00 pm Lunch On Your Own

1:15 pm The PFPR Pollution Prevention Audit

Explanations of compliance with the P2 Alternative through the P2 Audit.

Introduction to the audit checklist and an example audit.

3:00 pm Break

3:15 PM P2 Audit Group Exercise

Participants work in groups to complete audit tables for an example facility.

4:00 pm Description of Treatment Technologies

5:00 pm Day 1 Wrap-up

Day 2

8:30 am Day 2 Introduction

8:45 am The PFPR Treatability Test

Discussion of various treatability test issues, including how to determine if a treatability test is necessary, how to plan the test, how to document and evaluate the test results, and how to make a final compliance decision.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Compliance Documentation

Discussion of the required compliance documentation, including initial and periodic certification statements and on-site compliance paperwork required by the rule.

11:45 am Lunch On Your Own

1:00 pm Breakout Session I

Registrants attend a breakout session offered during this time period.

2:00 pm Breakout Session II

Registrants attend a breakout session offered during this time period.

3:00 pm Break

Day 2—continued

3:15 pm Workshop Conclusion

Summarize the highlights of breakout sessions. Provide sources of additional information and answer remaining questions.

Day 2 Breakout Sessions—Topic Descriptions

1. *Approval of Modifications to P2 Practices and Use of BPJ:* Review a case study of a fictitious facility referencing listed modifications from Table 8 of the final rule and a case study of a facility seeking approval for an unlisted modification. Explore the issues of proper documentation and the approval process for unlisted modifications.

2. *Treatability Test Results Evaluation and Determination of Equivalent Systems:* Work through a detailed example using treatability test data from an EPA-sponsored test using wastewater from an actual PFPR facility. Explore how to determine whether a system is equivalent to Table 10 technologies, how to choose a compliance scheme, and how treatability test data may be useful in determining permit or pretreatment agreement limits. Evaluate the data from both the facility and permitting control authority perspective.

3. *Installation and Optimization of Treatment Systems:* Open discussion on

the issues surrounding treatment system installation and operation. Review case study materials on useful operating parameters, issues involved with scale-up, and cost considerations.

4. *How to Determine Whether a System Is Well Operated and Maintained:* Complete a group exercise on treatment system compliance issues. Develop the rationale for the operation and maintenance of a PFPR treatment system, and review the proper documentation of and approval process for the treatment system compliance methodology.

Dated: June 5, 1997.

James Hanlon,

Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00485; FRL-5724-4]

Proposed Reduced-Risk Initiative Guidelines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is soliciting comments on a proposed expedited review policy as required by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996. The proposal is available in a draft Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice entitled "Draft Guidelines for Expedited Review of Conventional Pesticides under the Reduced-Risk Initiative and for Biological Pesticides" which is available upon request.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket control number "OPP-00485," must be received on or before July 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The PR Notice is available by contacting the person whose name appears under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Submit written comments identified by the docket control number OPP-00485 by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments directly to the OPP docket which is located in Rm. 1132 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under Unit V. of this

document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Richard Keigwin (7505C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 713A, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5447, e-mail: keigwin.richard@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the draft PR Notice are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

This **Federal Register** notice announces the availability of the draft PR Notice and solicits comment on the proposed policy. If, after reviewing any comments, EPA determines that changes to the Notice are warranted, the Agency will revise the draft PR Notice prior to release.

I. Purpose

The Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) requires EPA, not later than 1 year after enactment, to develop procedures and guidelines, and to expedite the review of applications for registration that meet such guidelines. An application for registration or amendment of either a conventional or a biological pesticide shall qualify for expedited review if the proposed use of the pesticide may reasonably be expected to accomplish one or more of the following:

1. Reduce the risks of pesticides to human health.
2. Reduce the risks of pesticides to nontarget organisms.
3. Reduce the potential for contamination of groundwater surface water or other valued environmental resources.

4. Broaden the adoption of integrated pest management strategies, or make such strategies more available or more effective.

The purpose of the proposed PR Notice is to provide the process and criteria to guide applicants in developing their reduced-risk submissions. This proposed PR Notice will supersede the criteria published in **Federal Register** Notices of July 20, 1992 (57 FR 32140) and January 22, 1993 (58 FR 5854), and PR Notice 93-9, July 21, 1993. The goal of the Reduced-Risk Pesticide Initiative and of the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division is to encourage the development, registration, and use of lower-risk pesticide products which would result in reduced risks to human health and the environment when compared to existing alternatives. The major incentive which EPA offers for reduced-risk pesticides is expedited registration review.

II. Applicability

The proposed PR Notice will apply to all applicants seeking any type of registration action for a biological pesticide and to all applicants seeking to register as reduced-risk certain chemical pesticide products containing a new active ingredient, or a new use of an active ingredient.

III. Contents of the PR Notice

The main sections of the proposed PR Notice address the following topics:

1. *Characteristics of acceptable and unacceptable submissions.* A review of most reduced-risk submissions received by the Agency to date serves as the basis for guidance on what reduced-risk rationales have been found acceptable and on what problems caused rejection of the application.
2. *Guidelines for reduced-risk rationales.* In this section, the required organization and substance of a reduced-risk application are described in detail. Basically, a full discussion of the characteristics and potential risks of the pesticide must be provided in a standard format, with appropriate references to applicable data.
3. *Guidelines for FQPA rationale.* An explanation of how the proposed application complies with the requirements of FQPA is necessary. Appendix A to the notice gives additional guidance.

IV. Issues

The Agency invites comments on any issues regarding these proposed Reduced-Risk Pesticide guidelines. In particular, the Agency invites comments on the following issues.

1. The Agency's reduced-risk program initially sought to develop "bright line" criteria that clearly indicated what criteria a pesticide had to meet to be considered safe. Instead, experience indicated that reduced-risk was more readily defined in relative terms through comparisons with relevant alternatives. The Agency seeks comment on the appropriateness of determining reduced-risk status using a weight-of-evidence approach that relies heavily on comparative criteria rather than relying on more absolute criteria that would define a "safe" pesticide.

2. While a new active ingredient may have a similar chemical structure to chemicals already on the market, it may not necessarily share a common mode of toxicity. Such a determination will be made during the tolerance reassessment process over the next 10 years. In the absence of a formal determination by the Agency on common mode of toxicity, should the reduced-risk committee accept candidates that meet all of the other reduced-risk criteria but may share a common mode of toxicity with other pesticides already on the market?

3. Members of the Food Quality Protection Act Advisory Committee expressed concerns that if the scope of the reduced-risk program is expanded too broadly, too many applications will qualify, the program will be overwhelmed, and the average review time will grow thereby negating the only incentive available for companies to develop reduced-risk pesticides. The Agency invites comments on the trade off between expanding the scope of the program and slower registration times.

4. How should EPA measure success of its reduced-risk pesticide initiative?

5. What other incentives beyond expedited registration should the Agency consider to increase the development and registration of reduced-risk pesticides, biopesticides, and other safer pest management tools?

V. Public Record

The official record for this document, as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPP-00485" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPP-00485." Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Administrative practice and procedure,
Agricultural commodities, Pesticides
and pests.

Dated: June 12, 1997.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER NUMBER: 97-15453.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE & TIME:
Thursday, June 19, 1997, 10:00 a.m.,
Meeting open to the public.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA: Final Draft of the Second National Voter Registration Act Report to Congress.

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, June 24, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C. Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration. Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, June 26, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Advisory Opinion 1997-7: Sue Harris DeBauche, State Chair, The Virginia Reform Party aka The Virginia Independent Party.

Advisory Opinion 1997-8: Grace M. Anderson, Campaign/Finance Director, Texans for Lamar, Smith.

Regulations: Who Qualifies as a "Member" of a Membership Association: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,
Telephone: (202) 219-4155.

Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1163-DR]

Kentucky; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Kentucky, (FEMA-1163-DR), dated March 4, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Kentucky, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of March 4, 1997:

Clay County for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

Lacy E. Suiter,

Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Open Meeting, Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, FEMA announces the following committee meeting:

NAME: Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy.

DATES OF MEETING: August 17-19, 1997.

PLACE: Building J, Room 268, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

TIME: August 17, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; August 18, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; August 19, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA: August 17-19, 1997 Review National Fire Academy Program Activities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact the Office of the Superintendent, National Fire Academy, U.S. Fire Administration, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-1117, on or before August 4, 1997.

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available for public viewing in the Office of the Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request 30 days after the meeting.

Dated: June 6, 1997.

Carrye B. Brown,

U.S. Fire Administrator.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Announcing an Open Meeting of the Board

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 1997

PLACE: Board Room, Second Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

STATUS: The entire meeting will be open to the public.