

is soliciting nominations for Members and Consultants (M/Cs). As part of this effort, the Agency is publishing this notice to describe the purpose of the SAB and to invite the public to nominate appropriately qualified candidates to fill upcoming vacancies. This process supplements other efforts to identify qualified candidates.

The SAB is composed of non-Federal government scientists and engineers who are employed on an intermittent basis to provide independent advice directly to the EPA Administrator on technical aspects of public health and environmental issues confronting the Agency. Members of the SAB are appointed by the Administrator—generally in October—to serve two years terms with some possibilities for reappointment. Consultants are appointed throughout the year, as the need arises, by the Staff Director of the Science Advisory Board to serve renewable one-year terms and serve on SAB committees, as needed. Many individuals serve as Consultants prior to serving as Members.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to serve on the SAB. Nominees should be qualified by education, training and experience to evaluate scientific, engineering and/or economics information on issues referred to and addressed by the Board. The principal criteria in the membership selection process are:

- a. Technical competence.
- b. Independence.
- c. Ability to work in a committee environment.
- d. Overall balance of technical points of view on the SAB Historically, between 15 and 20 new Members and between 30 and 40 new consultants are appointed each year.

Members and Consultants most often serve in association with one of the following standing committees: Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Drinking Water Committee, Ecological Processes and Effects Committee, Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, Environmental Engineering Committee, Environmental Health Committee, Integrated Human Exposure Committee, Radiation Advisory Committee, and Research Strategies Advisory Committee.

Members and Consultants can expect to attend 1–6 meetings per year, based upon the activity of the committee on which they serve. M/Cs generally serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) (40 CFR part 3, subpart F or EPA

Ethics Advisory 88–6 dated 7/6/88) and receive compensation, in addition to reimbursement at the Federal government rate for travel and per diem expenses while serving on the SAB. SGEs are required to complete an application package, including a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, telephone number, fax number, email address (if available) and SAB committee of primary interest. Nominations should include a current resume or curriculum vitae that addresses the nominee's background, experience, qualifications, and specific areas of expertise (e.g., genetic toxicologist, resource economist, etc.).

Information on the nominees will be evaluated and entered into the SAB's M/C data base which will be consulted whenever vacancies arise and/or when special expertise is needed for particular reviews. This request for nominations does not imply any commitment by the Agency to select individuals to serve as a Member of or Consultant to the Science Advisory Board from the responses received.

Nominations should be submitted to: Ms. Carolyn Osborne, Project Coordinator, Science Advisory Board, USEPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 Tel: (202) 260–9644 no later than May 15, 1998. Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in the Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available at the SAB Website URL <http://www.epa.gov/science1> or by calling (202) 260–8414 or by INTERNET at BARNES.Don@EPAMAIL.GOV.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Stakeholder Meetings on the Public Review Draft Guidelines for the Certification and Recertification of the Operators of Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Announcement of Stakeholder Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold three regional public meetings to gather information and collect opinions from parties who will be affected by or are otherwise interested in the Guidelines for the Certification and Recertification of the Operators of Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems. EPA will consider the comments and views expressed at these meetings in developing the final guidelines. EPA encourages the full participation of all stakeholders throughout this process.

**DATES AND LOCATIONS:** The stakeholder meetings regarding the Public Review Draft Guidelines for the Certification and Recertification of the Operators of Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems will be held as follows:

- (1) Thursday, April 23, 1998, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. PT., San Francisco, CA.
- (2) Tuesday, June 2, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET., Washington, DC.
- (3) Tuesday, June 9, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT., Dallas, TX.

**ADDRESSES:** The April 23, 1998 stakeholder meeting will be held in the American Samoa Room, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA. The June 2, 1998 stakeholder meeting will be held in the WIC Conference Room 17, U.S. EPA Headquarters, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC. The June 9, 1998 stakeholder meeting will be held in the Arkansas Room, U.S. EPA Region VI, 1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor, Dallas, TX.

To register for a meeting, please contact the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1–800–426–4791, or Jenny Jacobs of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260–2939. Participants registering in advance will be mailed a packet of materials before the meeting. Interested parties who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call and should register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline. Conference lines are limited and will be allocated on the basis of first-reserved, first served.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1–800–426–4791. For information on the activities related to these guidelines, contact: Jenny Jacobs, U.S. EPA at (202) 260–2939 or e-mail at [jacobs.jenny@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:jacobs.jenny@epamail.epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 direct the EPA, in cooperation with the States, to publish

guidelines in the **Federal Register** specifying minimum standards for certification and recertification of operators of community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems. The final guidelines are required to be published by February 6, 1999. States then have two years to adopt and implement an operator certification program that meets the requirements of these guidelines. After that date, if a State has not adopted and implemented an approved program, the EPA must withhold 20 percent of the funds a State is otherwise entitled to receive in its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) capitalization grants under section 1452 of SDWA.

**Elizabeth Fellows,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### National Drinking Water Advisory Council, Open Meetings

Under section 10(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on April 29, 1998 until 6 p.m. and April 30, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., in the Auditorium at the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Research Center (ERC), located on the corner of Alexander Drive and Route 54, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the opportunity for the Council to discuss and make recommendations on the EPA's plans to meet future needs to support the sound science requirements for upcoming programmatic deadlines. In addition, the Council will be briefed on and discuss the NDWAC working groups and the Drinking Water Strategic Needs Assessment Project. Presentations will also be held on the draft First Annual Compliance Report and the Water Conservation Plan Guidelines.

This meeting is open to the public. The Council encourages the hearing of outside statements and will allocate one hour on April 30, 1998, for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to ten minutes and it is preferred that only one person present the statement. Any outside parties interested in presenting

an oral statement should petition the Council by telephone at (202) 260-2285 or by E-Mail at [shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov) by April 23, 1998.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received prior to the meeting will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Ms. Charlene Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is Area Code (202) 260-2285 or E-Mail [shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petition

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of petition (PP 7F4822), submitted by Monsanto Company, proposing the establishment of a regulation for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the plant pesticide, active ingredient, *Bacillus thuringiensis variety kurstaki* (B.t.k.) insect control protein (CryIIA), when used in or on all food and feed crops.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-800, must be received on or before May 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSEES:** By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (7502C), Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM

#2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, 22202.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION". No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part of the information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI 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. 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Willie H. Nelson, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8682; e-mail: [nelson.willie@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:nelson.willie@epamail.epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has received petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals/microbials in or on various food commodities under section 408 elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on petitions.

The official record for this notice of filing, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice of filing under docket control number [PF-800] (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 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official 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](mailto:opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov)