

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00553; FRL-6030-4]

**FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel;
Notice of Public Meeting****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of scientific issues being considered by the Agency in connection with guidance for conducting small-scale prospective ground water monitoring studies and proposed revised guidance for conducting terrestrial field dissipation studies. A preliminary document was drafted in March 1998, and additional issues for clarification were identified. Following review by the FIFRA SAP, the guidance document will be forwarded to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) as a proposed test guideline.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 30 working days after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1300 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the hotel is (703) 979-9799.

By mail, submit (1 original and 30 copies) written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this notice. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice 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 will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

The Panel's agenda and report of their recommendations may be obtained from the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch or from the FIFRA SAP Website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/SAP/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Larry C. Dorsey, Designated Federal Official (DFO), FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7501), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail: Rm. 117S, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA; (703) 305-5369; e-mail: dorsey.larry@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information**

At the meeting, the Agency will present its guidance document for small-scale prospective ground water monitoring studies for review. Data from these prospective studies may be used to evaluate the potential of a pesticide and its degradates to leach through the soil. The Agency will also present revised guidance for conducting terrestrial field dissipation studies. A joint U.S. EPA-Canada workgroup under the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Technical Working Group on Pesticides is developing revised guidance for conducting terrestrial field dissipation studies in the United States and Canada. The terrestrial field dissipation studies should assess the most probable routes and rates of pesticide dissipation under actual use conditions at representative field sites.

Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should contact the DFO at the address or the telephone number given in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section of this notice to confirm that the meeting is still scheduled and that the agenda has not been modified or changed. Interested persons are encouraged to file written comments before the meeting. To the extent that time permits and upon advanced written request to the DFO, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair

of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral presentations before the Panel are generally limited to approximately 5 minutes. Oral presentations will only be permitted as time permits, the Agency urges the public to submit written comments instead of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral comments and/or send written comments should notify the DFO and submit 1 original and 30 copies. Submit written comments as early as possible to ensure that the Panel will have the necessary time to consider and review the comments.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket control number OPP-00553 (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 record is located at the Virginia address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this notice.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

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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 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP-00553. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pests and pesticides, Water pollution.

Dated: September 9, 1998.

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