

to assist the members of PESP in researching and implementing programs to reduce pesticide risk. There are currently 102 members of PESP, ranging from pesticide users in utility rights-of-way to growers of tree fruits to pest control businesses serving homes and schools.

II. Authority

This cooperative agreement will be made under section 20 of FIFRA, as amended.

III. Cooperative Agreement

1. *Duration amount.* This cooperative agreement will be issued for a limit of \$5 million in funding over a 5-year project period. Actual funding will depend on future appropriations.

2. *Evaluation criteria.* Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- The applicant has a demonstrated ability to effectively develop research and technology transfer projects that meet the goal of pesticide risk reduction.

- The applicant has a demonstrated ability to effectively communicate the outcomes of the projects to the appropriate audiences.

- The applicant has a demonstrated ability to develop an impact assessment to accurately reflect the project's outcomes.

- The applicant is national in scope.

- The applicant has demonstrated expertise in bringing together diverse interests and perspectives as represented by U.S. pesticide users, both agricultural and non-agricultural, to engage in constructive dialog.

- The applicant has a demonstrated ability to integrate varied competing interests toward reducing pesticide risk.

- The applicant has a working knowledge of PESP and pesticide regulation, including FIFRA, FQPA, FFDCA, and state laws.

- The applicant is able to translate broad-based national goals into specific, practical programs.

- The applicant's organization contains a diversity of pesticide interests and knowledge, including, but not limited to: research and emerging technologies, food processing, education, regulation, economics, and marketing.

- The applicant has appropriate financial controls and expertise in managing projects.

3. *Proposal format.* Proposals must be typewritten, double-spaced in 12 point or larger print using 8.5 x 11 inch paper with minimum 1 inch lateral and vertical margins. Pages must be numbered in order starting with the proposal narrative and continuing

through appendices. An original and five copies are required.

- Cover page. Include the following information on the cover page: project title, project coordinator, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address.

- Abstract. The abstract will be a stand-alone document, not to exceed one page, containing the specifics of what is proposed and what you expect to accomplish regarding reducing pesticide risk.

- Table of contents. A one page table listing the different parts of your proposal and the page number on which each part begins.

- Proposal narrative. Containing the following sections, not to exceed 10 pages:

- i. Project title. A brief description of the project.

- ii. Approach and methods. Detail how your organization will undertake the following:

- a. Development process for pesticide risk reduction research and technology transfer projects with PESP partners and supporters.

- b. Management process for these projects.

- c. Strategy for communication of project results to pesticide users and the public at large.

- iii. Organizational qualifications. Detail your organization's expertise and capabilities to achieve the goals of the project.

- iv. Impact assessment. Detail how you will evaluate the success of the projects in terms of measurable environmental results.

- Appendices. These appendices must be included in the grant proposal in addition to the 10-page narrative. Additional appendices are not permitted.

- i. Major participants. This appendix should list all individuals having a major role in the proposal. Provide name, organizational affiliation or occupation, and a description of the role each will play in the project. A brief resume (up to two pages) should also be submitted for each individual listed.

- ii. Budget. Please outline, in a one-page table format, a budget including the following categories: personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, other (with details on content of other), indirect costs (include only if you have an audited indirect cost rate established with a Federal agency), and total funding requested. The total funding requested should be no more than the maximum of \$5 million.

In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, the Agency will

treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after its deadline. Applicants should take this factor into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

Dated: February 2, 1998.

Janet L. Andersen,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00523; FRL-5770-2]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a two-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 Common Mechanism of Action of Organophosphate Insecticides, Special Sensitivity of Infants and Children to Pesticides, Monte Carlo Analyses for Dietary and Residential Exposure Scenarios, Monte Carlo Analysis for Organophosphate Insecticides and Post Application Exposure Guidelines. The Agency will present a session updating their progress on the common mechanism of action of organophosphate insecticides, as requested by the SAP at their March 20, 1997, meeting. A special sensitivity of infants and children to pesticides session will encompass three 10x safety factor case study presentations. Two sessions on Monte Carlo analyses are scheduled. The Agency will discuss its policy for review of Monte Carlo analyses for dietary and residential exposure scenarios. In addition, the Agency is soliciting SAP comments on a proposed Monte Carlo analysis for organophosphate insecticides. This analysis was prepared by the Environmental Working Group. The post application exposure guideline session will entail presentations on transferable residue monitoring techniques, human activity patterns and, exposure assessment methods for antimicrobial treated articles.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and March 25, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Comments should be received by March 13, 1998, to ensure that the Panel Members will have the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Crystal City Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202. The telephone number for the hotel is: (703) 920-3230.

By mail, submit written comments (one original and 20 copies) to: Paul I. Lewis, Designated Federal Official for the FIFRA/Scientific Advisory Panel, (7509C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by delivery service, bring comments to: Rm. 819-B, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under Supplementary Information of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Paul I. Lewis, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Rm. 819B, CM#2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; telephone: (703) 305-5369; e-mail: Lewis.Paul@epamail.epa.gov.

A meeting agenda is currently available and copies of EPA primary background documents for the meeting will be available no later than February 20, 1998, and may be obtained by contacting: 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; Office location: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.; telephone: (703) 305-5805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should contact Paul I. Lewis at the address or the phone number given above to confirm that the meeting is still scheduled and that the agenda has not been modified or changed. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits and upon advanced written request to the Designated Federal Official, 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 statements before the Panel are limited to approximately five minutes. As oral statements only will be permitted as time permits, the Agency urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify the Designated Federal Official and submit twenty copies of the summary information. Please note that comments should be received by March 13, 1998, to ensure that the Panel Members will have the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information marked CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. An edited copy of the comment that does not contain the CBI material must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket. All comments and materials received will be made part of the public record and will be considered by the Panel.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket control number "OPP-00523" (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 address in "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT".

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 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP-00523. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 30 working days after the meeting and may be obtained by

contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, at the address or telephone number given above.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) office and are *not* available from the SAB Office. Public drafts of SAB reports are available to the Agency and the public from the SAB office. Details on availability are noted below.

1. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on Thursday and Friday, February 26-27, 1998 in the Jupiter Room of the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024, Phone (202) 479-4000. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am on February 26th and 8:30 am on February 27th, ending no later than 5:00 pm on either date.

Charge to the Committee—The Science Advisory Board (SAB) has been asked to review and comment on the FY1999 Presidential Budget proposed for EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD). The RSAC will consider how well the budget request: a) reflects priorities identified in the EPA and ORD strategic plans; b) supports a reasonable balance in terms of attention to core research on multimedia capabilities and issues and to media-specific problem-driven topics; and c) balances attention to near-term and to