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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34180; FRL-6068-2]

Chlorine gas; Availability of Reregistration Eligibility Decision Document for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces availability of and starts a 60-day public comment period for the Reregistration Eligibility Decision document (RED) for the active ingredient Chlorine gas. The RED for this chemical is the Agency's formal regulatory assessment of the health and environmental database of the subject chemical and presents the Agency's determination regarding which pesticidal uses are eligible for reregistration.

DATES: Written comments on these decisions must be submitted by May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of comments, identified with the docket control number [OPP-34180] and the case number (listed in this document), should be submitted to: by mail: 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, Virginia.

Comments may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under Unit III. of this document. No Confidential Business

Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as confidential business information (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 docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket without prior notice (including comments and data submitted electronically). The public docket and docket index, including printed paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI will be available for public inspection in room 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

To request a copy of the RED, or RED Fact Sheet, contact the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Rm. 119 at the address given above, or call (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions on the RED listed, contact Patrick Dobak at (703) 308-8180 or, e-mail: dobak.pat@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Availability

Electronic copies of this document and various support documents are available from the EPA home page at the Federal Register--Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov.fedrgstr/>).

Electronic copies of the REDs and RED Fact Sheets can be downloaded from EPA's World wide web site at <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/REDs/>.

II. Reregistration Eligibility Decisions

The Agency has issued a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) document for Chlorine gas. Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended in 1988, EPA is conducting a reregistration program to reevaluate existing pesticides to ensure they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. The data base to support the reregistration of this chemical is substantially complete.

Please note that the Chlorine Gas RED was finalized and signed prior to August 3, 1996. On that date, the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) became effective, amending portions of both the pesticide law (FIFRA) and the food and

drug law (FFDCA). Therefore, this RED does not address any issues raised by FQPA. Since chlorine gas is exempt from tolerances, the tolerance assessment procedures required under FQPA are not applicable.

The Agency is not formally performing an FQPA review as part of this RED. However, registrants whose products are registered for use for drinking water treatment are required to perform two 2-generation reproduction studies and three developmental studies on three particular halogenated water disinfection byproducts. These studies will better characterize the reproductive and developmental risks that may be associated with exposure to these particular compounds. These compounds are bromodichloromethane, dichloroacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid.

Chlorine products registered for use in non-residential swimming pools, pulp and paper mill processes, and industrial food processing plants and cooling towers are being reclassified as Restricted Use Pesticides due to chlorine's extreme acute toxicity plus many associated human poisoning incidents. These products must bear Restricted Use Pesticide labeling no sooner than October 1, 2000, and no later than April 1, 2001.

Chlorine products registered for drinking water, sewage and wastewater treatment uses and residential pool use will be considered unclassified. The Agency does not support classifying commercial applications of residential pools as a Restricted Use because few related accidents or incidents have been reported. Additionally for water treatment, applicators already are trained and certified by the states to perform these uses.

The Chlorine Gas RED also is requiring extensive label revisions for all products. This is intended to address the potential for exposure to chlorine gas and to facilitate enforcement actions in cases of misuse and improper distribution. The specific labeling requirements included in the RED are also available as an attachment to the RED Fact Sheet.

All registrants of products containing the active ingredient listed in this document, have been sent this RED and must respond to labeling requirements and product specific data requirements (if applicable) within 8 months of receipt. Products containing other active ingredients will not be reregistered until those other active ingredients are determined to be eligible for reregistration.

The reregistration program is being conducted under Congressionally-

mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes both the need to make timely reregistration decisions and to involve the public. Therefore, EPA is issuing this RED as a final document with a 60-day comment period. Although the 60-day public comment period does not affect the registrant's response due date, it is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary amendments to the REDs. All comments will be carefully considered by the Agency. If any comment significantly affects a RED, EPA will amend the RED by publishing the amendment in the **Federal Register**.

III. 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-34180] (including comments submitted electronically as described in this unit). 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 "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [OPP-34180]. Electronic comments on

this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34179; FRL-6068-1]

Availability of Reregistration Eligibility Decision Documents for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces availability of and starts a 60-day public comment period for the Reregistration Eligibility Decision documents (REDs) for the active ingredients Dacthal (DCPA), Alachlor, Methomyl, Thiodicarb, and Hydramethylnon. The REDs for the chemicals listed are the Agency's formal regulatory assessments of the health and environmental database of the subject chemicals and present the Agency's determination regarding which pesticidal uses are eligible for reregistration.

DATES: Written comments on these decisions must be submitted by May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of comments, identified with the docket control number [OPP-34179] and the case number (listed in the table in this document), should be submitted to: by

mail: 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.

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To request a copy of any of the listed REDs, or RED Fact Sheets, contact the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, room 119 at the address given above, or call (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions on a RED listed, contact the appropriate Chemical Review Manager:

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Methomyl	0028	Tom Myers	308-8589	myers.tom@epa.gov
Thiodicarb	2675	Tom Myers	308-8589	myers.tom@epa.gov
Hydramethylnon	2585	Dean Monos	308-8074	monos.dean@epa.gov

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Electronic copies of the REDs and RED Fact Sheets can be downloaded from EPA's World wide web site at "<http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/REDs/>."

II. Reregistration Eligibility Decisions

The Agency has issued Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) documents for the pesticidal active ingredients listed above. Under the Federal Insecticide,

Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended in 1988, EPA is conducting an accelerated reregistration program to reevaluate existing pesticides to make sure they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. The data base to support the reregistration of each of the chemicals listed above is substantially complete.