

Local Air Pollution Control Officials. These modifications to the previous regulations were issued as final rules on May, 10, 1979 (44 FR 27558) and are contained in 40 CFR part 58.

Major amendments which affect the hourly burdens were made in 1983 for lead, 1987 for PM-10, 1993 for enhanced monitoring for ozone, and 1997 for PM_{2.5}. The specific required activities for the burden include establishing and operating ambient air monitors and samplers, conducting sample analyses for all pollutants for which a national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) has been established, preparing, editing, and quality assuring the data, and submitting the ambient air quality data and quality assurance data to EPA.

Some of the major uses of the data are for judging attainment of the NAAQS, evaluating progress in achieving/maintaining the NAAQS or State/local standards, developing or revising SIP's, evaluating control strategies, developing or revising national control policies, providing data for model development and validation, supporting enforcement actions, documenting episodes and initiating episode controls, documenting population exposure, and providing information to the public and other interested parties.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the collection of information was published on August 3, 1998 (63 FR 41251); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4,624 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements, train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of

information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: State and local air pollution control agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly, Semi-Annually, Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,404,606 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$73,643,000.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0940.16 and OMB Control No. 2060-0084 in any correspondence. Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 29, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34131B; FRL-6079-9]

Azinphos-Methyl, Revised Pesticide Risk Assessment; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold a public meeting to present the revised risk assessment for one organophosphate pesticide, azinphos-methyl, to interested stakeholders. This public meeting, called a "Technical Briefing," will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the data, information, and methodologies that the Agency used in revising its risk assessment for azinphos-methyl. In addition, representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will also provide ideas on possible risk management for azinphos-methyl.

DATES: The technical briefing will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The technical briefing will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1126, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Barry O'Keefe, Special Review and Registration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8035; e-mail address: okeefe.barry@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply To Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. The Agency believes that a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in technical briefings on organophosphates, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates, the chemical industry, pesticide users, and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of This Document or Other Documents Discussed in This Notice?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and other related documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access information about organophosphate pesticides, you can also go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>. In addition, a brief summary of the azinphos-methyl revised risk assessment is now available at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/status.htm/>, as well as in paper as part of the public version of the official record as described in Unit I.B.2. of this document.

2. *In person or by telephone.* If you have any questions or need additional information about this document, you may contact the person identified in the

"FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

In addition, the Agency has established an official record for the organophosphate azinphos-methyl under docket control number OPP-34131B. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this document. This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). The public version of the official record is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. Background

This document announces the Agency's intention to hold a technical briefing for the organophosphate pesticide, azinphos-methyl. The Agency is presenting the revised risk assessments for azinphos-methyl to interested stakeholders. This technical briefing is designed to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to become even more informed about an organophosphate's risk assessment. EPA will describe in detail the revised risk assessment: Including the major points (e.g., contributors to risk estimates); how public comment on the preliminary risk assessment affected the revised risk assessment; and the pesticide use information/data that was used in developing the revised risk assessment. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. In addition, representatives of the USDA will provide ideas on possible risk management.

The technical briefing is part of the pilot public participation process that EPA and USDA are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998 as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation

process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate risk assessment and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998 in response to Vice President Gore's directive to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation.

On the day of the technical briefing, in addition to making copies available at the meeting site, the Agency will also release for public viewing the azinphos-methyl revised risk assessments and related documents to the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch and the OPP Internet web site that are described in Unit I.B.1. of this document. In addition, the Agency will issue a **Federal Register** notice to provide an opportunity for a 60-day public participation period during which the public may submit risk management and mitigation ideas, and recommendations and proposals for transition.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00598; FRL-6079-2]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 3-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 policy for the use of the FQPA 10x Safety Factor, statistical methods for the use of composite data in acute dietary exposure assessment, and the use of watershed-derived percent crop areas as a refinement tool in FQPA drinking water exposure assessments for tolerance reassessment. The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25; Wednesday, May 26; and Thursday, May 27, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the hotel is: (703) 486-1111.

By mail, submit written comments (one original and 40 copies) to: The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by delivery service, bring comments to: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Comments and data also may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epa.gov. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under Unit V. of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Larry C. Dorsey or Paul I. Lewis, Designated Federal Officials, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7101C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Rm. 117T, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-5369; e-mail: Dorsey.Larry@epa.gov or Lewis.Paul@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Purpose of the Meeting**

The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) will present its policy for the use of the FQPA 10x Safety Factor. Topics to be discussed are the OPP FQPA 10x Safety Factor policy paper, including presentations on toxicological and exposure considerations, and the OPP FQPA Standard Operating Procedures. In addition, EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, in implementing the testing provision of the Toxic Substances Control Act, will discuss a proposed toxicology test battery that will be used for the testing of industrial/commercial chemicals to which there is a high likelihood of exposure to children. This toxicology test battery represents a subset of the core toxicology data set recommended in the OPP FQPA 10x Safety Factor policy paper. OPPT is seeking scientific input/advice specifically on the appropriateness of using this subset for this TSCA-related testing purpose.