

"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.

The Agency also will present statistical methodology for the use of composite data in acute dietary exposure assessment. The Agency has identified a reliable, statistical methodology for applying existing information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Pesticide Data Program (PDP) report to acute dietary risk assessments. This methodology consists of extrapolating pesticide residue data from composite samples of fruits and vegetables to single serving sizes of fruits and vegetables. Estimates of probable residues present on single serving sizes of fruits and vegetables will be applied to a probabilistic approach such as, the Monte-Carlo method, in order to estimate dietary (food) risks.

The final session will focus on estimating pesticide concentrations in drinking water. Passage of FQPA has led to the development of tools, policies, and methods for estimating pesticide concentrations in drinking water. As presented at the July 29, 1998 SAP meeting, the Agency proposed to replace the existing small edge of a field pond with a reservoir and factor in the extent of crop coverage into its screening-level drinking water exposure assessments. The proposed SAP session is designed to provide a progress report on the development of "Watershed-Derived Percent Crop Areas" (previously termed "crop area factors") as presented at the July 1998 SAP meeting as well as to seek scientific advice on implementation of the Watershed-Derived Percent Crop Areas in the FQPA drinking water exposure assessment using the proposed index reservoir modeling scenario.

Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Paul Lewis at the address listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

II. Availability of Review Materials

A meeting agenda is currently available, and copies of EPA primary background documents for the meeting will be available no later than May 3, 1999. The meeting agenda and EPA primary background documents will be available on the EPA web site -- <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/SAP/> or may be obtained by contacting the 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.

III. Written Comments and Oral Presentations at the Meeting

Members of the public wishing to submit comments should contact either Larry Dorsey or Paul Lewis at the address or the telephone number given under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" to confirm that the meeting date and the agenda have 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 either Larry Dorsey or Paul Lewis, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard, etc). 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 5 minutes. The Agency also urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify either Larry Dorsey or Paul Lewis and submit 40 copies of the summary information. The Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

IV. Panel Report

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 listed in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

V. Public Docket and Submission of Electronic Comments

A public record has been established for this notice under docket control number "OPP-00598" (including comments and data submitted electronically). A public version of this record, including printed versions of electronic comments, which does not include information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public

record is located in Rm. 119 of the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address listed in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data also will be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6/7/8.0 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPP-00598." Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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 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.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: April 26, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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High Production Volume (HPV) Chemical Initiative; Periodic Update Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.