

Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs). The information collected in this survey will be used to assess the general progress, status, and activity level of SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs. The information will also be used by Region IX staff to have a better understanding of their Region's actual implementation of EPCRA.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) introduced a fundamental change in the regulation of chemical facilities and the prevention of and preparedness for chemical accidents. This law seeks to improve emergency preparedness and reduce the risk of chemical accidents by providing information to citizens about the chemicals in their community. EPCRA is premised on the concept that the more informed local citizens are about chemical hazards in their communities the more involved they will be in prevention and preparedness activities. For this "informational regulation" to be effective, the public must receive accurate and reliable information, which is easy to understand and practical to use. EPCRA sought to create partnerships between all levels of government, the public and the regulated community to identify, prevent, plan, prepare and respond to hazardous material risks in our communities, and the purpose of this survey is to obtain input from these organizations to improve Region IX's EPCRA program.

The primary goals of this research are to: (1) track the progress of SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs by updating baseline data on a series of key performance indicators; and (2) probe current SERC, LEPC and CUPA practices and preferences regarding several important sets of issues—particularly including communications with local citizens, proactive accident prevention efforts, and the effectiveness of selected Region IX products and services. Region IX wants to improve customer service and meet the changing needs of hazardous material prevention and emergency response planning, which are influenced by new electronic capabilities and a rapidly expanding knowledge base of environmental issues.

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 this collection of information, was published on 5/14/99 (FRL-6341-7). No comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one and a half hour 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:** SERCs, LEPCs, CUPAs.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 190.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 285 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital and Operating and Maintenance Cost Burden:** \$0.

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.1905.01 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: August 12, 1999.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6424-8]

### Availability of FY 98 Grant Performance Reports for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of grantee performance evaluation reports.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's grant regulations (40 CFR 35.150) require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency (40 CFR 56.7) require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA recently performed end-of-year evaluations of seven state air pollution control programs [Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Mississippi Bureau of Pollution Control, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control] and 16 local programs [Knox County Department of Air Pollution Control, TN; Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, TN; Memphis-Shelby County Health Department, TN; Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Health Department, TN; Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District, KY; Western North Carolina Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, NC; Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection, NC; Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, NC; Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, FL; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL; Dade County Environmental Resources Management, FL; Jacksonville Air Quality Division, FL; Broward County Environmental Quality Control Board, FL; Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, FL; City of Huntsville Department of Natural Resources, AL; Jefferson County Department of Health, AL]. The 23 evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' performance under the grants awarded by EPA under authority of section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4 has prepared reports for each agency identified above and these reports are now available for public inspection. The Commonwealth of Kentucky's evaluation will be made

available for public review at a later date.

**ADDRESSES:** The reports may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Thomas, (404) 562-9064, at the above Region 4 address, for information concerning the state agencies in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and the local agencies in those states. Vera Bowers, (404) 562-9053, at the above Region 4 address, for information concerning the state agencies in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the local agencies in those states.

Dated: August 6, 1999.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34194; FRL-6099-5]

### Ethoprop, Fenamiphos, Phorate, and Terbufos, Revised Organophosphate Pesticide Risk Assessments; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA will hold a public meeting to present to interested stakeholders the revised risk assessments for four organophosphate pesticides: Ethoprop, fenamiphos, phorate, and terbufos. 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 assessments for the four organophosphates mentioned in this notice. In addition, representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide ideas on possible risk management for ethoprop, fenamiphos, phorate, and terbufos.

**DATES:** The technical briefing will be held on Thursday, September 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The technical briefing will be held at the Ramada Plaza-Old Town, 901 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA, (703) 683-6000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Angulo, Special Review and Registration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental

Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; e-mail address: angulo.karen@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, Including Copies of This Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and certain other available documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. 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/fedrgrstr/>.

A brief summary of the ethoprop, fenamiphos, phorate, and terbufos revised risk assessments are 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. To access information about the revised risk assessments, which are scheduled for release on the day of the technical briefing, for the four organophosphates mentioned in this notice, go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-34194. However, a docket control number was established for each of the chemicals in this document by previous **Federal Register** documents. A sequential alphabet designation is added to the docket control number each time a new **Federal Register** document in this subject category is published. Use the table in this unit to

determine the docket control number you need.

Chemical name	Docket control number
Ethoprop	34144B
Fenamiphos	34134A
Phorate	34137A
Terbufos	34139B

The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during the applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). 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 CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during the applicable comment period, 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. What Action Has EPA Taken?

This document announces the Agency's intention to hold a technical briefing for the organophosphate pesticides ethoprop, fenamiphos, phorate, and terbufos. The Agency is presenting the revised risk assessments for the chemicals listed in this notice to interested stakeholders. Technical briefings are 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 assessments, including: The major points (e.g., contributors to risk estimates); how public comment on the preliminary risk assessments affected the revised risk assessments; and the pesticide use information/data that was used in developing the revised risk assessments. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. In addition, representatives of the USDA will provide ideas on possible risk management for ethoprop, fenamiphos, phorate, and terbufos.

Technical briefings are part of the pilot public participation process that