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2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve this notice.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Background

EPA is making available preliminary risk assessments that have been developed as part of EPA's process for making reregistration eligibility decisions for the organophosphate pesticides and for tolerance

reassessments consistent with the FFDCA, as amended by the FQPA. The Agency's preliminary human health and ecological risk assessments for one organophosphate pesticides are available in the individual organophosphate pesticide docket: Chlorpyrifos.

Included in the individual organophosphate pesticide docket is the Agency's preliminary risk assessments. As additional comments, reviews, and risk assessment modifications become available, these will also be docketed for the one organophosphate pesticide listed in this notice. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments are preliminary assessments only and that further refinements of the risk assessments will be appropriate for the one organophosphate pesticide. These documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

As the preliminary risk assessments for the remaining organophosphate pesticides are completed and registrants are given a 30-day review period to identify possible computational or other clear errors in the risk assessment, these risk assessments and registrant responses will be placed in the individual organophosphate pesticide dockets. A notice of availability for subsequent assessments will appear in the **Federal Register**.

The Agency is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide written comments and input to the Agency on the preliminary risk assessments for the chemicals specified in this notice. Such comments and input could address, for example, the availability of additional data to further refine the risk assessments, such as percent crop treated information or submission of residue data from food processing studies, or could address the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions as applied to these specific chemicals. Comments should be limited to issues raised within the preliminary risk assessments and associated documents. EPA will provide other opportunities for public comment on other science issues associated with the organophosphate tolerance reassessment program. Failure to comment on any such issues as part of this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commenter's opportunity to participate fully in later notice and comment processes. All comments should be submitted by December 27, 1999 at the

address given under Unit I. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." Comments will become part of the Agency record for each individual organophosphate pesticide to which they pertain.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: October 21, 1999.

Lois Rossi,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-66272; FRL-6387-8]

Methyl Parathion, Receipt of Requests for Cancellation; Cancellation Order

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Receipt of requests for voluntary cancellation; cancellation order.

SUMMARY: The companies that hold the pesticide registrations of pesticide products containing methyl parathion (*O,O*-dimethyl-*O*-(4-nitrophenyl) phosphorothioate) have asked EPA to cancel their registrations for these products. Pursuant to section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA is announcing the Agency's receipt of these voluntary cancellation requests from the registrants. These requests for voluntary cancellation are the result of an agreement regarding the registration of products containing methyl parathion reached between EPA and the registrants. Given the risks associated with use of methyl parathion under the existing terms and conditions of use, EPA is granting the requests for voluntary cancellation. The voluntary cancellation is effective today, with the publication of this document in the **Federal Register**, which contains the Cancellation Order. As of today, any distribution, sale, or use of canceled methyl parathion products will only be permitted if such distribution, sale, or use is consistent with the terms of the Cancellation Order set forth in this document.

DATE: The cancellations are effective on October 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Deziel, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental

Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone number: 703-308-8173, e-mail address: deziel.dennis@epa.gov.

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture, sell, distribute, or use methyl parathion products. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions in Unit II of this document. The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, does not apply because this action is not a rule, for purposes of 5 U.S.C. 804(3). If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain copies of this document and certain other available support documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. You may access this document by selecting "Laws and Regulations" on EPA's Home Page and then looking 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 the risk assessment for methyl parathion, go to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs or go directly <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/op/methyl-parathion.htm>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number 66272. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any 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

an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is 703-305-5805.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number 66272 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is 703-305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number 66272. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

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II. Receipt of Requests for Voluntary Cancellation

In a memorandum of agreement ("Agreement") effective August 2, 1999, EPA and all registrants of products containing methyl parathion agreed to take several steps to reduce the risks associated with the use of methyl parathion. Methyl parathion is one of the most toxic and widely used organophosphate pesticides. EPA initiated the negotiations with registrants after methyl parathion was found to pose unacceptable dietary risks, especially to children. Among other things, the registrants agreed to cancel the use of methyl parathion on all fruits, many vegetables, and all non-food and non-feed uses. The crop uses that the registrants agreed to cancel are listed under "Uses To Be Canceled" in Table 1 below. Canceling these crop uses considerably reduces risks to children through food, and mitigates some of the risks of concern to workers and non-target species in the environment, such as honeybees.

TABLE 1.— USES TO BE CANCELED OR MAINTAINED

Uses To Be Canceled	Uses To Be Maintained
Food/Feed Uses: Apples, artichokes, birdsfoot trefoil, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cherries, clover, collards, filberts, garden beets, grapes, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard greens, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, rutabagas, sorghum, spinach, succulent beans, succulent peas, tomatoes, turnips, vetch.. Non-Food Uses: Christmas trees, chrysanthemums, daisies, field grown ornamentals, flowering plants, forest, grasses grown for seed, guayule, jojoba, marigolds, any mosquito larvicide use, nursery stock, non-agricultural land, roadside areas, wasteland..	Food/Feed Uses: Alfalfa ¹ , almonds ² , barley, cabbage ¹ , corn, cotton, dried beans, dried peas, grass (including rangeland and pastures), hops, lentils ² , oats, onions, pecans ¹ , rape seed (canola) ¹ , rice, rye ¹ , soybeans, sugar beets ¹ , sunflower ¹ , sweet potatoes ² , walnuts ² , wheat, white potatoes Non-Food Uses: No non-food uses remain.

¹ Emulsified Concentrate formulation only² Microencapsulated formulation only

In order to cancel these crop uses, the Agreement provides that existing registrations of methyl parathion products will be replaced with new registrations of these products without the uses identified in Table 1 above as "Uses to be Canceled." As part of the Agreement, the registrants agreed to submit voluntary requests for cancellation of all existing registrations of pesticide products containing methyl parathion. The products for which cancellation was requested are listed in Table 2 of this notice. These include Special Local Need (SLN) registrations that authorize the use of the product on any crop listed under "Uses To Be

Canceled" in Table 1 of this notice. The Agreement also provides that any registrant that desires to continue to hold a registration for any pesticide product containing methyl parathion must submit an application for registration pursuant to section 3(c)(7)(A) of FIFRA and consistent with the terms of the Agreement. Among other things, applications for registration of manufacturing-use products must include in the "Directions for Use" section of the label a statement that the product may only be reformulated for uses identified in Table 1 of this notice as "Uses To Be Maintained" that the registrant

previously supported under a registration listed in Table 2 of this notice. Any SLN registrations that authorize the use of a methyl parathion product on any use to be maintained will automatically be supported by the new product registration issued by EPA. The Agreement further provides that requests for voluntary cancellations may be expressly conditioned on EPA's grant of such applications for registration. Thus, the issuance of new registrations and the cancellation of existing registrations will effectively cancel the methyl parathion uses that the registrants agreed to cancel.

TABLE 2.—COMPANY NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND PRODUCT NAMES

Company	Registration No	Product	SLNs
FMC Corporation Agricultural Products Group	279–2149	Methyl Parathion 2 Thioden 3EC	
.....	279–2609	Methyl Parathion 1.0 Thioden 2.0 C.O. EC	
Griffin L.L.C.	1812–399	Griffin Methyl Parathion Technical	WA980020
.....	1812–405	Declare	ID980005
Wilbur-Ellis Company	2935–527	Methyl Parathion 5 Spray	NV97000100
.....	2935–528	Methyl Parathion 4 Spray	WA97001800
.....	2935–482	Ethyl–Methyl Parathion 6–3 Spray	TX97000900
Elf Atochem North America Inc.	4581–292	Penncap–M Microencapsulated Insecticide	AR99009 AL97000300 CA97002400 ID84001000 IL99000700 IN88000200 IN88000700 LA96000100 MN97000100 MO95000100 MS97000600 NM82000400 WA82005400 WI95000500

TABLE 2.—COMPANY NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND PRODUCT NAMES—Continued

Company	Registration No	Product	SLNs
Cheminova Agro A/S	4787–28	Cheminova Methyl Parathion Technical	
Cheminova Inc.	67760–29	Cheminova Methyl Parathion 4EC	ID97001300 OR97002000 TX97000600 WA970003400
Amvac Chemical Corporation	5481–175	Methyl Parathion 5	
.....	5481–307	Methyl Parathion 4 Emulsifiable	
.....	5481–330	Durham Methyl Parathion Granules 2	
.....	5481–437	Parathion E/M 6–3	
Helena Chemical Company	5905–198	Helena Brand Malathion-Methyl Parathion Emulsifiable Liquid	
.....	5905–528	Helena 4 LB. Methyl Parathion	
Terra International, Inc.	9779–344	Riverside Methyl Parathion 4	
Drexel Chemical Co.	19713–37	Drexel Methyl Parathion 4E	
.....	19713–281	Drexel Methyl Parathion 4	
Platte Chemical Company, Inc.	34704–794	Methyl Parathion 4EC	
.....	34704–795	Methyl Parathion 5–E	
Micro–Flo Company	51036–284	Methyl Parathion 4EC	

Under section 6(f)(1)(A) of FIFRA, registrants may request, at any time, that EPA cancel any of their pesticide registrations. Section 6(f)(1)(B) of FIFRA requires that EPA provide a 30-day period in which the public may comment before the Agency may act on the request for voluntary cancellation. However, such comment period may be waived upon a registrant's request. In addition, section 6(f)(1)(C) of FIFRA requires that EPA provide a 180-day comment period on a request for voluntary termination of any minor agricultural use before granting the request, unless (1) the registrants request a waiver of the comment period, or (2) the Administrator determines that continued use of the pesticide would pose an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment. The registrants have requested that EPA waive any applicable comment period before taking action on their requests to cancel the registrations of the products identified in Table 2 of this notice. In light of this request and to expedite the risk mitigation measures set forth in the Agreement, EPA is granting the request to waive the comment periods and is canceling the registrations today with the publication of this document in the **Federal Register**.

As part of the Agreement negotiated with the registrants, EPA agreed to allow continued distribution and sale of existing stocks of canceled products through December 1, 1999, and continued use of such stocks pursuant to the terms of the existing labels through December 31, 1999. The Agreement also called on EPA to grant the voluntary cancellation requests as expeditiously as possible. Because of the risks associated with the use of methyl parathion, the Agency's agreement to the expeditious granting of cancellation requests, and the Agency's issuance of new registrations pursuant to the Agreement, the Agency is granting the requested cancellations to be effective on October 27, 1999.

III. Cancellation Order

The registrants have requested voluntary cancellation of the registrations of the pesticide products identified in Table 2 of this notice. Pursuant to section 6(f) of FIFRA, EPA hereby grants the requests for voluntary cancellation and orders that the registrations of the pesticide products identified in Table 2 of this notice be canceled. Any distribution, sale, or use of existing stocks of these products that is not consistent with the terms of this Order will be considered a violation of

section 12(a)(2)(K) of FIFRA and/or section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA.

For purposes of this Order, the term "existing stocks" is defined, pursuant to EPA's existing stocks policy at 56 FR 29362, Wednesday, June 26, 1991, as those stocks of a canceled pesticide product that were in the United States and that were packaged, labeled, and released for shipment prior to the effective date of the cancellation.

A. Existing Stocks Provision

1. *Distribution or sale by registrants.* The distribution or sale of existing stocks by registrants will not be lawful under FIFRA after December 1, 1999, except for the purpose of shipping such stocks for relabeling or repackaging, for export consistent with the requirements of section 17 of FIFRA, or for proper disposal.

2. *Distribution or sale by other persons.* The distribution or sale of existing stocks by persons other than registrants will not be lawful under FIFRA after December 1, 1999, except for the purpose of shipping such stocks for relabeling or repackaging, for export consistent with the requirements of section 17 of FIFRA, or for proper disposal.

3. *Use of existing stocks.* The use of existing stocks will not be lawful under

FIFRA after December 31, 1999, except for the purposes of producing (e.g., repackaging or relabeling) new manufacturing-use and end-use products that conform with the terms of the Agreement. Persons applying such existing stocks as part of a service of applying methyl parathion products prior to December 31, 1999, shall not be considered to be engaged in the distribution or sale of pesticides, unless such persons also deliver unapplied methyl parathion pesticides. Any use of existing stocks of canceled product prior to January 1, 2000, must be in accordance with either the directions for use contained in the Agreement or the existing labeling of that product.

B. Notification of Possession of Canceled Products

No later than November 1, 1999, and pursuant to section 6(g) of FIFRA, any producer or exporter, registrant, applicant for a registration, applicant or holder of an experimental use permit, commercial applicator, or any person who distributes or sells any pesticide, who after the publication of this Notice possesses any stocks of the pesticide products identified on Table 2 of this notice, shall notify EPA and appropriate State and local officials of: (1) Such possession; (2) the quantity of canceled methyl parathion pesticide product possessed; and (3) the place at which the canceled methyl parathion pesticide product is stored.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: October 12, 1999.

Lois Rossi,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00569B; FRL-6388-2]

Pesticides; Policy Issues Related to the Food Quality Protection Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of the revised version of the pesticide science policy document entitled "Threshold of Regulation (TOR) Policy—Deciding Whether a Pesticide With a Food Use Pattern Requires a Tolerance." This notice is the twelfth in

a series concerning science policy documents related to Food Quality Protection Act and developed through the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vivian Prunier, Environmental Protection Agency (7506C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-9341; fax: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: prunier.vivian@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture or formulate pesticides. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide producers	32532	Pesticide manufacturers Pesticide formulators

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action affects certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

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, the science policy documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the Office of Pesticide Programs' Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>. On the Office of Pesticide Programs' Home Page select "FQPA" and then look up the entry for this document under "Science Policies." You can also go directly to the listings at the EPA Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then

look up the entry to this document under "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can go directly to the **Federal Register** listings <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *Fax on demand.* You may request a faxed copy of the revised science policy paper, as well as supporting information, by using a faxphone to call (202) 401-0527. Select item 6042 for the paper entitled "Threshold of Regulation (TOR) Policy—Deciding Whether a Pesticide With a Food Use Pattern Requires a Tolerance." You may also follow the automated menu.

3. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00569B. In addition, the documents referenced in the framework notice, which published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 1998 (63 FR 58038) (FRL-6041-5) have also been inserted in the docket under docket control number OPP-00557. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any 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 an applicable comment period is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. Background for the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC)

On August 3, 1996, the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) was signed into law. Effective upon signature, the FQPA significantly amended the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Among other changes, FQPA established a stringent health-based standard ("a reasonable certainty of no harm") for pesticide residues in foods to assure protection from unacceptable pesticide exposure; provided heightened health protections