

Community should be able to demonstrate success in dealing with cleanup and reuse issues.

The Showcase Communities Selection Board, which represents the participating Federal agencies, will evaluate the Statements of Interest. It will screen the applications to create a list of about 25 candidate communities which will then be invited to move into Phase II of the selection process.

During Phase II, the candidate communities will be invited to submit more detailed proposals which more fully describe their brownfields efforts. At that stage, communities will be encouraged to submit supporting materials which demonstrate the breadth of support for their application within the community. The Showcase Communities Selection Board will then evaluate and select the ten Brownfields Showcase Communities, using the detailed criteria listed below.

1. BROWNFIELDS POTENTIAL:

Describe the brownfields that exist, or are perceived to exist, in the community. Discuss the potential for environmental restoration and the type of reuse anticipated in the near-term.

2. COMMUNITY NEED: Describe how this is an area with social and economic conditions that would benefit from Federal assistance for brownfields cleanup and redevelopment.

3. LOCAL COMMITMENT: Describe the degree of local commitment to brownfields cleanup and redevelopment including existing community efforts and investment of community resources.

4. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS: Describe the Federal, State, and local agencies and organizations participating in the community's brownfields activities, including other programs and funds available for brownfields activities.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING: Describe the community's brownfields plan and how the brownfields plan is linked to broader strategies of economic redevelopment, job creation, increased environmental protection including improved air and water quality, green development, livability and sustainability.

6. MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY: Describe prior experience or knowledge in managing similar redevelopment, cleanup, and community participation activities. Also describe what specific planning and programmatic requirements have been met for Federal financing programs anticipated for use.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: Describe the extent to which low-income, minority, and other disadvantaged communities will

participate in the development of community brownfields redevelopment activities, including this application and the proposed Showcase Community project.

8. NATIONAL REPLICABILITY:

Describe how the community will serve as a model for other similarly situated communities in addressing brownfields redevelopment.

Communities that are invited to submit Phase II proposals should respond directly to these criteria in their proposals. Further application requirements and guidelines will be provided to the candidate communities to assist them in preparing their application. Note that in Phase I (the initial Statement of Interest) of the selection process, interested communities should consider the detailed criteria, but do not have to respond to each criterion.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

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Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00647; FRL-6497-5]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

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 the following sets of scientific issues being considered by the Agency pertaining to: Insect Repellent Product Performance Testing Guideline Evaluation and Implementing Probabilistic Ecological Assessments: A Consultation.

The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Paul Lewis or Laura Morris 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.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, through Friday, April 7, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00647 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Lewis or Laura Morris, Designated Federal Officials, FIFRA SAP (7101C), Office of Science Coordination and Policy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5369; fax number: (703) 605-0656; e-mail address: lewis.paul or morris.laura@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. 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 and Other Related Documents?

1. Electronically. You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, 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/>.

A meeting agenda and copies of EPA background documents for the meeting will be available by mid March, 2000. The meeting agenda and EPA primary background documents will be available on the FIFRA SAP web site at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00647. 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 12, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., 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 Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

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 OPP-00647 in the subject line on the first page of your response. Members of the public wishing to submit comments should contact the persons listed 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 the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the FIFRA 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 audiovisual 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 the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** 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.

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), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 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, CM 12, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 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 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-00647. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

II. Background

A. Purpose of the Meeting?

This 3-day meeting concerns several scientific issues undergoing consideration within the EPA/Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). The 2 session topics to be addressed during the 3-day meeting are indicated as follows:

The first session will focus on an evaluation of the insect repellent product performance testing guideline. Inconsistencies have developed in product performance testing and labeling of insect repellents. In order to minimize this variance, EPA has developed draft product performance testing guidelines and appropriate label language. This guideline recommends specific methods for conducting product performance testing of insect repellents. As a guideline, it does not impose mandatory requirements. It does, however, reflect the Agency's

considered recommendations for minimum steps necessary to develop reliable data on repellent product performance. In addition, the product performance testing guidelines are intended to supercede EPA, Pesticide Assessment Guidelines, Subdivision G: 95-9, "Treatments to control pests of humans and pests" and 95-10, "Mosquito, black fly, nonbiting midge, and biting midge."

A performance standard represents the minimum level of product performance which would normally be acceptable for protecting the public health, when required, or for economic control of a pest or pest combination at a specific site. These guidelines are concerned with product performance testing for evaluation of pesticides used to repel mosquitos, biting flies, fleas, chiggers and ticks from human skin and outdoor premises. EPA intends to use the data form guidelines studies to help determine the adequacy of the labeling of insect repellent products. The label language proposed by the Agency is intended to standardize and improve the information provided by the consumer. The Agency will be asking the Panel's advice on the adequacy of the proposed testing guidelines and protocols for human insect repellants.

The second session will entail a consultation on implementing probabilistic ecological assessments. The purpose of this consultation is to provide the FIFRA SAP with a progress report regarding the EPA/OPP/Environmental Fate and Effect Division's (EFED) initiative to revise the ecological assessment process. Following the recommendations of the May, 1996 FIFRA SAP and building on previous efforts within the Division, EFED began a new initiative in 1997 to revise the ecological assessment process. The main focus on this initiative is to identify, develop, and validate tools and methodologies to conduct probabilistic ecological assessments and improve risk characterization.

A key component of this initiative has been the Ecological Committee on FIFRA Risk Assessment Methods (ECOFRAM), which refers to the workgroups who have been developing recommendations for revising the assessment process. ECOFRAM completed their draft reports in May, which were reviewed by a peer input panel in June, 1999.

Another key component is EFED's Probabilistic Risk Assessment Implementation Team (Implementation Team), which is charged with developing an implementation plan to

incorporate probabilistic tools and methods to evaluate the ecological risk from pesticides. They are responsible for the technical evaluation and review of the ECOFRAM reports and workshop comments, which were used as a starting point for developing an approach for implementing changes to the current deterministic assessment process.

Thus, EFED will provide the Panel with an update regarding the progress of this initiative and seeks the Panel's comments and recommendations. EFED's presentation will include a summary of the ECOFRAM draft reports, the peer input panel comments, and an overview of the conceptual risk assessment model being proposed by the Implementation Team. This model is based on a tiered approach for implementing aquatic and terrestrial probabilistic assessments in OPP.

B. Panel Report

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 45 working days after the meeting, and will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number listed in Unit III. of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Steven Galson,

Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00439A; FRL-6498-9]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC); Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup. The workgroup was established to advise the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on ways of making information on inert ingredients more available to the public while working within the mandates of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and related

Confidential Business Information (CBI) concerns.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday March 21, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 625 First St., Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone number (703) 548-6300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cameo Smoot, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (703) 305-5454; e-mail address: smoot.cameo@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup is composed of participants from the following sectors: environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and trade associations; pesticide users; Federal, State and local governments; the general public; academia and public health organizations.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup will advise the United States Environmental Protection Agency, through the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), on potential measures to increase the availability to the public of information about inert ingredients (also called "other ingredients") under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Among the factors the workgroup will be asked to consider in preparing its recommendations are: existing law regarding inert ingredients and Confidential Business Information (CBI); current Agency processes and policies for disseminating inert ingredient information to the public, including procedures for the protection of CBI; the informational needs for a variety of stakeholders; and business reasons for limiting the disclosure of inert ingredient information.

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

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, 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/>. Additional information about the activities of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ppdc/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for this meeting under docket control number OPP-00439A. The administrative record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received and other information related to the Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting, including any information claimed as CBI. This administrative 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 administrative record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., 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.

III. How Can I Participate in this Meeting?

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup meeting is open to the public. Outside statements are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 5 minutes per individual or group. Oral statements will be accepted in the afternoon of Monday, March 20th only. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after the Workgroup meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent file in the administrative record referenced above in Section II (2) and will be provided to the Workgroup members for their information. The Agency requests that participants limit their use of fragranced products on behalf of persons attending who have expressed a concern about chemical sensitivity.

1. *By mail.* You may 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, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Please reference docket control number OPP-00439A on all comments submitted.