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C. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting through the mail, in person, or electronically. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00670 in the subject line on the first page of your request. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits, and upon advanced written request to the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT," interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the FIFRA SAP 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 person 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.* You may submit a request to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* 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 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 request electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov." Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Use WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to identify by docket control number OPP-00670. You may also file a request online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

II. Background

A. Purpose of the Meeting

This 2-day meeting concerns the evaluation of the human carcinogenic potential of malathion. In accordance with the EPA Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment (Preliminary Draft, July 1999), the EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs, has proposed to classify malathion as having "suggestive evidence of carcinogenicity but not sufficient to assess human carcinogenic potential" by all routes of exposure. This classification was based on the following factors: (1) occurrence of liver tumors in male and female B6C3F1 mice and in female Fischer 344 rats only at excessive doses; (2) the presence of a few rare tumors, oral palate mucosa in females and nasal respiratory epithelium in male and female Fischer 344 rats. These tumors cannot be distinguished as either treatment-related or due to random occurrence; (3) the evidence for mutagenicity is not supportive of a mutagenic concern in carcinogenicity; and (4) malaoxon, a structurally-related chemical, is not carcinogenic in male or female Fischer 344 rats. With the exception of one nasal and one oral tumor in female rats, all other tumor types were determined to occur at excessive doses or were unrelated to treatment with malathion. The toxicology data considered included chronic toxicity, carcinogenicity, subchronic toxicity, and mutagenicity studies on malathion and as well as carcinogenicity and mutagenicity studies on malaoxon.

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 I. of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: July 13, 2000.

Steven Galson,

Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of teleconference.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2) notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), The Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), will hold its Executive Committee Meeting (Teleconference).

DATES: The Teleconference will be held on August 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: On Thursday, August 10, 2000, the teleconference will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will adjourn at 12:00 Noon. All times noted are Eastern Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire agenda of the BOSC Executive Committee teleconference will be dedicated to the discussion and approval of the BOSC Ad-Hoc Subcommittees' Reviews of ORD's Particulate Matter Research Program. The teleconference is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to speak on the teleconference should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460; or telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, NCER (MC 8701R), 1200

Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 564-
6853.

Dated: July 12, 2000.

Peter W. Preuss,

*Director, National Center for Environmental
Research.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6838-9]

Proposed Additions to the Final Guidelines for the Certification and Recertification of the Operators of Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems; Proposed Allocation Methodology for Funding to States for the Operator Certification Expense Reimbursement Grants Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of
comments.

SUMMARY: In this Notice, the
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
is seeking comment on proposed
additions to the Final Guidelines for the
Certification and Recertification of the
Operators of Community and
Nontransient Noncommunity Public
Water Systems, which were published
in the **Federal Register** on February 5,
1999 (64 FR 5916). Specifically, EPA is
seeking comment on the approach and
schedule for review of State operator
certification programs for the purpose of
making Drinking Water State Revolving
Fund (DWSRF) withholding
determinations, and the intent of the
term "validated exam". EPA is also
seeking comment on the proposed
allocation methodology and program for
funding that will be used to award
grants to States for the Operator
Certification Expense Reimbursement
Grants Program.

DATES: Submit written comments on or
before September 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on
this **Federal Register** notice to the
Operator Certification Comment Clerk,
Water Docket MC-4101 (Docket #W-98-
07), United States Environmental
Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania
Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20460.
Please submit an original and three
copies of your comments and enclosures
(including references). Those who
comment and want EPA to acknowledge
receipt of their comments must enclose
a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No

facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.
Comments may be hand-delivered to
EPA's Water Docket, Room EB57, 401 M
Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.
Comments may also be submitted
electronically to ow-docket@epa.gov.
Electronic comments must be submitted
as an ASCII file avoiding the use of
special characters and forms of
encryption. Electronic comments must
be identified by Docket #W-98-07.
Comments and data will also be
accepted on disks as a WordPerfect 8
file. Electronic comments on this notice
may be filed online at many Federal
Depository Libraries.

The record for these proposals has
been established under Docket #W-98-
07, and includes supporting
documentation as well as printed paper
versions of electronic comments. The
record is available for review at EPA's
Water Docket, Room EB57, 401 M Street
SW, Washington DC 20460. For access
to the Docket materials, call (202) 260-
3027 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Eastern Time for an appointment and
reference Docket #W-98-07.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
technical inquiries, contact Jenny
Jacobs, Office of Ground Water and
Drinking Water (4606), U.S. EPA, 1200
Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington,
DC, 20460. The telephone number is
(202) 260-2939 and the e-mail address
is jacobs.jenny@epa.gov. For copies of
this document, contact the Safe
Drinking Water Hotline, toll free at (800)
426-4791. Copies can also be obtained
from EPA's website at [http://
www.epa.gov/ogwdw/opcert/opcert.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/opcert/opcert.htm).
Copies of EPA's Final Guidelines for the
Certification and Recertification of the
Operators of Community and
Nontransient Noncommunity Public
Water Systems may be obtained by
contacting the Safe Drinking Water
Hotline or EPA's website at [http://
www.epa.gov/ogwdw/opcert/
opguide.html](http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/opcert/opguide.html).

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I. Proposed Additions to the Final Guidelines for the Certification and Recertification of the Operators of Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems

A. Background

The operator certification guidelines
were developed to meet the
requirements of section 1419(a) of the
Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as
amended in 1996. Section 1419(a)
directs the United States Environmental
Protection Agency (EPA) to develop
guidelines specifying minimum
standards for certification and
recertification of operators of
community and nontransient
noncommunity public water systems
and to publish final guidelines by
February 6, 1999. The final guidelines
were published in the **Federal Register**
on February 5, 1999 (64 FR 5916)—see
Docket #W-98-07, Operator Cert., II-
A.1. Pursuant to section 1419(b) of the
SDWA, beginning two years after the
date on which EPA publishes guidelines
for the certification (and recertification)
of operators of community and
nontransient noncommunity public
water systems (or February 5, 2001),
EPA shall withhold 20 percent of the
funds a State is otherwise entitled to
receive under SDWA section 1452
unless a State has adopted and is
implementing a program that meets the
requirements of EPA's operator
certification guidelines. Section 1452
establishes a Drinking Water State
Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to
assist public water systems to finance
the costs of infrastructure needed to
achieve or maintain compliance with
SDWA requirements and to further the
public health objectives of the Act.
Section 1452 authorizes EPA to award
capitalization grants to States, which in
turn provide low cost loans to eligible
systems and other types of assistance.
Under section 1452, States can also set
aside a portion of their capitalization
grant to use for State program
management purposes relating to
implementation of the public water
system supervision, source water
protection, operator certification and
capacity development programs. States
must meet the requirements contained
in EPA's operator certification
guidelines to avoid DWSRF
capitalization grant withholding. There
are no other sanctions for States with
operator certification programs that do
not meet the requirements of the