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ADDRESSES: Materials, or written comments, may be transmitted to the Committee through Joe Sierra, Designated Federal Official, NACEPT/IIC, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601-F), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Sierra, Designated Federal Official for the Information Impacts Committee at 202-260-6839.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

Joseph A. Sierra,

Designated Federal Official.

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Community-Based Environmental Protection Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a two-day meeting of the Community-Based Environmental Protection Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues, and the Community-Based Environmental Protection Committee was formed to identify opportunities for harmonizing environmental policy, economic activity, and ecosystem management.

The meeting is being held to discuss recommendations the Committee plans to submit to EPA. Scheduling constraints preclude oral comments from the public during the meeting. Written comments can be submitted by mail, and will be transmitted to Committee members for consideration. **DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, and Thursday, July 18, 1996, at the U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office, 410 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland. On Wednesday, July 17, the Committee will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Thursday, July 18, the Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Mark Joyce, Office of

Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. EPA (1601F), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Joyce, Designated Federal Official, Direct line (202) 260-6889, Secretary's line (202) 260-9744.

Dated: May 23, 1996.

Mark Joyce,

Designated Federal Official.

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Chlorothalonil; Request for Exception to Worker Protection Standard's Prohibition of Early Entry Into Pesticide-Treated Areas to Harvest Muskmelons by Hand

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of receipt of petition for an exception; request for comment.

SUMMARY: EPA's Worker Protection Standard (WPS) permits the Agency to grant exceptions to restrictions on worker entry into pesticide-treated areas. This permission is found in 40 CFR 170.112(e). The State of Indiana has petitioned the Agency to allow workers to enter into muskmelon fields that have been treated with chlorothalonil, to engage in hand harvesting before the 48-hour restricted entry interval (REI) has expired. An REI is the amount of time that must expire after a pesticide application before workers are allowed to enter the treated area. The request covers the period of June 15 through August 30, 1996, the general range of time when muskmelons are harvested. This Notice acknowledges receipt of Indiana's petition and invites comments from the public on the substance of the petition.

DATES: Comments, data, or evidence should be submitted on or before July 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The Agency invites any interested person to submit written comments identified by docket number "OPP-30112" to: By mail: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-

docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-30112." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua First, Field Operations Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 1121, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall #2, Arlington, VA, (703-305-7437), e-mail: first.joshua@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. *Statutory Authority*

This Notice is issued under the authority of 40 CFR 170.112, authorized by section 25(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136w(a). Under FIFRA, EPA is authorized to mitigate unreasonable adverse effects that may result from exposure to pesticides, taking into account risks of pesticide exposure to human health and the environment and the benefits of pesticide use to society and the economy.

B. *The Worker Protection Standard*

Introduced in 1974, the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is intended to reduce the risk of pesticide poisonings and injuries among agricultural workers who are exposed to pesticide residues, and to reduce the risk of pesticide poisonings and injuries