

information on the location and condition of swimming beaches and the agencies and persons responsible for maintaining and issuing advisories or closings for those beaches at freshwater sites (the Great Lakes and others) and saltwater (estuarine and coastal) sites around the Nation. Responses to the questionnaire (either on paper or electronically via the Internet) are required to determine compliance with water quality standards, to assess public health risks, and to determine what steps EPA should take next, if any. Completion of the questionnaire and map marking will be voluntary.

EPA will assemble the information (maps and questionnaire responses) into electronic database and graphic formats that can be readily analyzed and shared with responsible parties (e.g., EPA program and regional offices, other federal, state, tribal, county, and city agencies), as well as the public. The nationwide collection of information is being phased in, beginning with a pilot survey of Great Lakes and other selected beaches in 1998. When the survey is fully implemented, it is estimated that 2,000 respondents will be involved each year. The estimated annual cost for the survey per respondent is anticipated to decrease each year, since respondents will only be requested to provide information that has changed during the year.

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** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 5/5/97 (**Federal Register** vol. 62, no. 86, pp. 24442-24443); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.33 hours 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: County or other entity public health and environmental protection agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2000.

Frequency of Response: One time per year.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 4160 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$160,000.

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. 1814.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE 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: December 30, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5947-2]

Local Government Advisory Committee; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. appl.2 section 9(c). The purpose of LGAC is to provide advice and counsel to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with enhancing the Agency's partnership with local governments in order to provide more efficient and effective

environmental protection. It is determined that LGAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Zabinski Ney, Designated Federal Officer, LGAC, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW (1502), Washington, DC 20460 or via electronic mail at <ney.denise@epamail.epa.gov>.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

Denise Zabinski Ney,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5946-2]

EPA's National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of a Joint Requirements Planning Meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a three-day Joint Requirements Planning (JRP) meeting on EPA's development of a National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base (NCOD). The JRP is a structured meeting designed to gather requirements on a new information system from a varied body of stakeholders with an interest in the system. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking review and comment from key national, state, individual stakeholders, and other interested parties concerning the data elements to be included in the development of the NCOD.

DATES: The Joint Requirements Planning Meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base will be held on January 26-28, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Systems Development Center (SDC), Suite 300, conference rooms 1-3. The SDC is located at 200 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. For additional information, please contact Harriet Colbert, at phone: (202) 260-2302, fax: (202) 260-3762, or by e-mail at colbert.harriet@epamail.epa.gov. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting Harriet Colbert by January 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information and logistics for the meeting, please contact Harriet Colbert, at phone: (202) 260-2302, fax: (202) 260-3762, or by e-mail at colbert.harriet@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base

Section 126(g)(1) of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (SDWA) requires the Administrator to assemble and maintain a National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD) by using information on the occurrence of both regulated and unregulated contaminants in public water systems and reliable information from other public and private sources. This NCOD will be a collection of data of documented quality on unregulated and regulated chemical or microbial contaminants likely to occur in drinking water systems. The purpose of the data system is to support the identification and selection of contaminants for future regulation or other appropriate actions and to support the review of existing regulations for possible modification. The database must be developed no later than three years after the date of enactment of the SDWA Amendments. Therefore, SDWA requires the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) to develop the NCOD by August 6, 1999.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

At the May 1997 NCOD Stakeholders meeting, there was general concurrence that the primary user of the database will be EPA. Stakeholders such as industry, environmental groups, states, and the general public are secondary users. As a result of the meeting, the NCOD Team established a system development strategy. The strategy will serve as a "road map" over the next two years for developing the first release of the data base to meet the statutory requirements. One of the major steps in implementing the development strategy is to determine what the needs are and specify what types of data are required to meet those needs. User requirements will serve as the foundation upon which the database will be developed.

Discussion materials will be available at the meeting. The main issue for discussion at the meeting will be the review and comment on data elements that are needed to allow sound scientific analysis to support contaminant identification, contaminant selection, regulatory development, and regulatory re-examination. The data elements were

identified at two previous JRP meetings held in October and November, 1997. The first was for EPA staff interested in the NCOD. The draft baseline set of data elements were identified at that meeting. The second meeting was with EPA stakeholders to review and comment on the draft baseline data elements. The third and final JRP will combine the attendees of both previous meetings and additional interested parties.

The public is invited to provide comments on the issue listed above or other issues related to the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base during the January 26-28 meeting.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

William R. Diamond,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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U.M.I. Agrochemicals Ltd.; Approval of a Pesticide Product Registration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of an application to register the pesticide product Foli-R-Fos 400, containing an active ingredient not included in any previously registered product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Rita Kumar, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. CS51B6, Westfield Building North Tower, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8291; e-mail: kumar.rita@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the **Federal Register-Environmental Documents** entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of June 19, 1996 (61 FR

31104; FRL-5376-2), which announced that U.I.M. Agrochemicals (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., 30-42 Railway Terrace, Rocklea, Brisbane Market, Qld. 4106 Australia, had submitted an application to register the product Foli-R-Fos 400 (69579-R), containing the new active ingredient Mono- and di-potassium salts of phosphorous acid at 45.5 percent, an active ingredient not included in any previously registered product.

The application was approved on November 5, 1997, as Foli-R-Fos 400 as a systemic fungicide for the suppression of Phytophthora and Pythium in ornamentals and bedding plants and for Phytophthora in conifers and Pythium in turf (EPA Registration Number 69579-1).

The Agency has considered all required data on risks associated with the proposed use of Mono- and di-potassium salts of phosphorous acid, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature of the chemical and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health safety determinations which show that use of Mono- and di-potassium salts of phosphorous acid when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

More detailed information on this registration is contained in an EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on Mono- and di-potassium salts of phosphorous acid.

A copy of the fact sheet, which provides a summary description of the pesticides, use patterns and formulations, science findings, and the Agency's regulatory position and rationale, may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are available for public inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, CM #2, Arlington, VA 22202 (703-305-5805). Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed