

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6132-8]

Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 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), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), will hold its Executive Committee Meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 17-18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia 22202. On Monday, August 17, the meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will recess at 4:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, August 18, the meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will adjourn at 12:30 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items will include, but not limited to: State of ORD, Activities of the Science Advisory Board, and Issues Definition on Particulate Matter. Anyone desiring a draft BOSC agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton, (202) 565-2444. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; or by 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, NCERQA (MC 8701R), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-6853.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

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Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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[OPP-66257; FRL-6020-9]

Vinclozolin; Voluntary Termination of Uses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of receipt of request to terminate uses.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by BASF Corporation to amend its registrations for products containing 3-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-5-ethenyl-5-methyl-2,4-oxazolinedione, or vinclozolin, to terminate certain uses.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit VII. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

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 will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Mark Wilhite, Reregistration Branch I (7508W), Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20046. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Reregistration Branch I, 3rd Floor, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA; (703) 308-

8586, and e-mail: wilhite.mark@epamail.epa.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

Vinclozolin (trade names Curalan, Ornilan, and Ronilan) is a fungicide first registered in 1981 to control various types of rot caused by *Botrytis spp.*, *Sclerotinia spp.*, and other types of mold and blight causing organisms on lettuce (all types), onions, raspberries, stonefruit, strawberries, succulent beans, tomatoes, and turf on golf courses, commercial sites, and industrial sites. Vinclozolin is also registered for use on ornamental plants in greenhouses and nurseries. During its review of the vinclozolin toxicology data base for the purpose of making a decision concerning reregistration of vinclozolin under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act ("FIFRA"), EPA decided an additional tenfold margin of safety, as specified in the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, was required to protect the safety of infants and children. Given prior EPA risk assessments of the acute risk posed by vinclozolin, that use of the additional tenfold margin of safety would render aggregate exposure to vinclozolin under existing use patterns to be unacceptably high. BASF, the sole registrant of vinclozolin used on food commodities, recently requested amendment of its vinclozolin registrations to terminate two uses of vinclozolin in order to mitigate this risk.

There are several ongoing actions concerning vinclozolin. First, as mentioned above, EPA has been working to make a reregistration decision under FIFRA concerning vinclozolin. EPA plans to release a Reregistration Eligibility Decision in the next few months. Second, objections and hearing requests were filed in regard to EPA's establishment of a tolerance for vinclozolin on succulent beans published in the **Federal Register** of July 18, 1997 (62 FR 38464) (FRL-5727-9). EPA anticipates issuing a decision on the hearing requests and objections, as appropriate, shortly. EPA has made no final decision regarding the eligibility of vinclozolin for reregistration or as to the hearing requests or objections.

II. BASF Request to Amend Registrations

On June 30, 1998, BASF submitted a written request to EPA seeking to amend the registrations for vinclozolin. Specifically, BASF requested that EPA amend registration numbers 7969-53, 7969-57, 7969-62, and 7969-85 to terminate the use of vinclozolin on