

(USDA) established the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC) on April 30, 1998. The TRAC was established as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. It provides a forum for a broad range of interest groups to provide input on a variety of matters including tolerance reassessment and reregistration. The organophosphate pesticides' tolerance reassessment and reregistration eligibility decision activities are being brokered through the TRAC process.

To ensure the public has full access to the documents and analysis providing the basis for its regulatory decision making, the Agency has established public dockets for the organophosphate pesticides currently undergoing tolerance reassessment and reregistration. The public dockets include preliminary human health risk assessments and where available, ecological risk assessments that have been conducted by the Agency. Registrants' corrections to these assessments, rebuttal comments, and other public comments on the Agency's risk assessments have been docketed also.

Isofenphos, is in the first group of 9 of a total of 43 organophosphates that are slated to have tolerance reassessment and reregistration eligibility decision made via the TRAC's enhanced stakeholder involvement process. However, since the sole technical registrant, Bayer Corporation has elected to voluntarily cancel its existing registrations on a schedule that the Agency believes is consistent with the scheduling goals fundamental to the TRAC process, the Agency is proposing to cancel Bayer's registrations consistent with the terms and conditions described in this notice. The information currently available to the Agency on the human health environmental consequences of allowing Bayer Corporation's proposed phased cancellation of isofenphos products is not expected to trigger imminent hazard or other unreasonable adverse effect concerns. Moreover, the Agency believes that given the declining market for isofenphos, it is unlikely distribution, sale, or use of existing stocks of a relatively small volume of canceled products would pose significant human health or environmental risks. The public is invited to provide comment on this Agency action and is encouraged to consider all documentation and risk assessments currently available in providing those comments.

IV. Existing Stocks

If the Agency grants any or all of the requested cancellations, it is likely that the Agency will establish an existing stocks provision consistent with the following schedule. Bayer Corporation requested in its December 11, 1998 voluntary cancellation letter a 1-year existing stocks provision for its end-use product Oftanol 2 Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 3125-342). The effective date of cancellation for this product will be September 30, 1999. Any remaining product inventory will be depleted subject to a 1-year existing stock provision, whereby Bayer Corporation may sell and distribute all remaining inventory until September 30, 2000.

EPA will continue to permit, after September 30, 2000 (EPA Reg. No. 3125-342) and December 31, 1999 (EPA Reg. No. 3125-326), the sale, distribution and use of existing stocks of product containing isofenphos already in the channels of distribution by persons other than the registrant or supplemental registrants, (i.e., stocks already in the hands of dealers or users). EPA will also continue to permit the sale, distribution and use of existing stocks of the following product registrations already in the hands of dealers or users:

- Oftanol 5% Granular Turf and Ornamental Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 3125-435
- Oftanol 5% Granular Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 3125-330
- Oftanol 1.5% Granular Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 3125-331
- Lawn Food and Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 3125-350

EPA believes it is appropriate to allow sale and use until stocks already in the channels of distribution are exhausted rather than impose a time limit on use of existing stocks, so that persons who have legally purchased stocks of isofenphos will be able to sell or use those stocks without violating the cancellation order (although the Agency may place restrictions if such stocks are not exhausted in a reasonable time). Continued use of existing stocks of a canceled product until such stocks are exhausted would likely be permitted, provided that such use is consistent with the previously-approved labeling for the product.

V. Public Record and Electronic Submission of Comments

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, has been established for this rulemaking under docket control number [OPP-64039] (including comments and data submitted

electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp@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 in 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [OPP-64039]. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Lists of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Product registrations

Dated: January 7, 1999.

Jack E. Housenger,

Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34169; FRL-6056-9]

Increasing Transparency For the Tolerance Reassessment Process; Availability of Preliminary Risk Assessments for Seven Organophosphates

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of documents that were developed as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's process for making reregistration eligibility decisions for the organophosphate pesticides and for tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). These documents are the preliminary human health risk assessment and related documents for chlorethoxyfos

and tetrachlorvinphos, the ecological risk assessment and related documents for azinphos methyl, and the human health and ecological risk assessments and related documents for ethyl parathion, methidathion, phosmet, and propetemphos. This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the preliminary risk assessments. Comments are to be limited to issues directly associated with the seven organophosphates that have risk assessments placed in the docket and should be limited to issues raised in those documents. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the preliminary risk assessments, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure our decisions under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information. The tolerance reassessment process will ensure that the United States continues to have the safest and most abundant food supply. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments are preliminary assessments only and that further refinements of the risk assessments will be appropriate for some, if not all, of these seven pesticides. These documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

DATES: Written comments on these assessments must be submitted on or before March 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments in triplicate 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, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as Confidential Business Information (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 without prior notice.

To request a copy of any of the preliminary risk assessments and related documents listed in this notice, contact or visit the OPP Pesticide

Docket at the addresses given in this unit, or call (703) 305-5805. The Docket staff will inform callers as to which of the documents can be sent directly from the docket and which need to be requested from the Freedom of Information Act Office due to their bulk. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given in this unit from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Copies of the preliminary risk assessments for the seven organophosphate pesticides may also be accessed at: <http://www.epa.gov/opprrd1/op>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 703-308-8004; e-mail address: angulo.karen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

EPA is making available preliminary risk assessments that have been developed as part of EPA's process for making reregistration eligibility decisions for the organophosphate pesticides and for tolerance reassessments consistent with the FFDCA as amended by the FQPA. Available in the individual pesticide dockets are the Agency's preliminary human health assessment for chlorethoxyfos and tetrachlorvinphos, the ecological effects risk assessment for azinphos methyl, and the human health and ecological effects risk assessments for the following four organophosphate pesticides: ethyl parathion, methidathion, phosmet, and propetemphos.

Included in the individual pesticide dockets are the Agency's preliminary risk assessments. As additional comments, reviews, and risk assessment modifications become available, these will also be docketed for the seven organophosphate pesticides listed in this notice. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments are preliminary assessments only and that further refinements of the risk assessments will be appropriate for some, if not all, of these seven pesticides. These documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate

that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

As the preliminary risk assessments for the remaining organophosphate pesticides are completed and registrants are given a 30-day review period to identify possible computational or other clear errors in the risk assessment, these risk assessments and registrant responses will be placed in the individual pesticide dockets. A notice of availability for subsequent assessments will appear in the **Federal Register**.

To provide users with the most recent information on the seven organophosphates, EPA has also included in each docket the Agency's July 7, 1998, "Hazard Assessment of the Organophosphates" and the Agency's July 9, 1998, "FQPA Safety Factor Recommendations for the Organophosphates." In general, these two documents were completed at a different time than the seven individual pesticide preliminary risk assessments discussed in this notice. The Agency notes that where the preliminary risk assessments are inconsistent with the Hazard Assessment and FQPA Assessment, these Assessments will supersede the relevant portions of the preliminary risk assessments and will be incorporated into the revised individual pesticide risk assessments. The Agency also notes that these documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced, and as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

The Agency is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide written comments and input to the Agency on the preliminary risk assessments for the chemicals specified in this notice. Such comments and input could address, for example, the availability of additional data to further refine the risk assessments, such as percent crop treated information or submission of residue data from food processing studies, or could address the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions as applied to these specific chemicals. Comments should be limited to issues raised within the preliminary risk assessments and associated documents. EPA will provide other opportunities for public comment on other science issues associated with the organophosphate tolerance reassessment program. Failure to comment on any such issues as part of this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commenter's opportunity to participate

fully in later notice and comment processes. All comments should be submitted by March 16, 1999 at the address given under "ADDRESSES." Comments will become part of the Agency record for each individual pesticide to which they pertain.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under the following docket control numbers. When submitting written or electronic comments regarding the seven organophosphates, use the following docket control numbers:

Chemical	OPP Docket no.
Azinphos methyl	OPP-34131A
Chlorethoxyfos	OPP-34170
Ethyl parathion	OPP-34171
Methidathion	OPP-34172
Phosmet	OPP-34173
Propetempfos	OPP-34174
Tetrachlorvinphos	OPP-34175

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List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: January 8, 1999.

Jack E. Housenger,

Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

PLACE: Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20507.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Announcement of Notation Votes, and
2. Panel of Community/Advisory Groups

Note: Any matter not discussed or concluded may be carried over to a later meeting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission meetings.) Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTD) at any time for information on these meetings.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer, on (202) 663-4070.

Dated: January 13, 1999.

Frances M. Hart,

Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), that the February 11, 1999 regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) will not be held. The Board will hold a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 1999. An agenda for that meeting will be forthcoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Floyd Fithian, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Floyd Fithian,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

January 5, 1999.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before February 16, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0028.

Title: Application for Authorization in the Auxiliary Broadcast Services.

Form Number: FCC 313.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit entities; State, Local, or Tribal Government.