

the DFO listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

The meeting of the NAC/AEGL Committee will be open to the public. Oral presentations or statements by interested parties will be limited to 10 minutes. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the DFO to schedule presentations before the NAC/AEGL Committee. Since seating for outside observers may be limited, those wishing to attend the meeting as observers are also encouraged to contact the DFO at the earliest possible date to ensure adequate seating arrangements. Inquiries regarding oral presentations and the submission of written statements or chemical specific information should be directed to the DFO.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Health.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

William H. Sanders, III,

Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00587; FRL-6064-9]

EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee: Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC) will hold two "update" meetings to provide status reports on recent policy developments, organophosphate risk assessments and refinements, and the overall status of tolerance reassessments. TRAC was established in 1998 as a subcommittee under the auspices of the EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT), in response to Vice President Gore's request for EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to work together to ensure implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA).

DATES: The East Coast TRAC Update meeting will be held on February 25, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The West Coast TRAC Update meeting will

be held in Phoenix, AZ on March 2, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The East Coast TRAC meeting will be held at the Hotel Washington, 15th & Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC (202-638-5900). (Approximately two blocks from the Metro Center station).

The West Coast TRAC Update meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Phoenix North, 2577 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ (602-375-1777).

The official record is available in the Docket for inspection during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, excluding Federal holidays, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), Room 101, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, telephone: 703-305-5805 or the EPA TRAC World Wide Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/trac>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By Mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Terria Northern, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501-C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number and e-mail address: CM #2, Rm. 1119, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone number 703-305-7090; e-mail addresses: Fehrenbach.Margie@epa.gov or Northern.Terria@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) (Pub. L. 104-170) was passed in 1996. This new law strengthens the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. The TRAC was established by EPA and USDA to provide policy guidance on sound science, ways to increase transparency in decision-making, strategies for a reasonable transition for agriculture and ways to enhance consultations with stakeholders, as pesticide tolerances are reassessed, including those for organophosphates.

The TRAC is co-chaired by EPA Acting Deputy Administrator Peter Roberston and USDA Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger. The TRAC is composed of experts that include farmers, environmental and public interest groups representatives, public health officials, pediatric experts, pesticide companies, food processors and distributors, academicians, Federal agencies, tribal, State and local governments.

The TRAC meetings are open to the public under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463. Outside statements will be limited to 3-5 minutes by each person or organization. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so

before or after a TRAC meeting. These statements will become part of the official record and will be provided to the TRAC members. The official record will be available for public inspection at the address listed under "Addresses" at the beginning of this document.

Agenda topics: Update on Science Policy Framework Development, overall status of tolerance reassessment, progress on organophosphate preliminary risk assessments and refinements, risk management process, transition strategies and other relevant issues.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemical, Foods, Pesticides and pests.

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Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00584; FRL-6060-4]

Rodenticide Stakeholder Workgroup; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Rodenticide Stakeholder Workgroup. The Rodenticide Stakeholder Workgroup is a workgroup of the Pesticide Programs Dialogue Committee (PPDC). The Rodenticide Stakeholder process is to develop a risk mitigation strategy to protect young children from rodenticide products while preserving the public health benefits of these products. The meeting will involve and potentially affect products with the following active ingredients: brodifacoum, bromadiolone, bromethalin, chlorophacinone, cholecalciferol, difethialone, diphacinone (and its sodium salt), pival (and its sodium salt), red squill (scilliroside), warfarin (and its sodium salt) and/or zinc phosphide. Anyone interested in these products may attend.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 1999, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: The Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington,

Virginia 22202; Telephone number (703) 486-1111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Michael McDavit or Dennis Deziel, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office locations and telephone numbers: 6th floor, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202; Michael McDavit, (703) 308-0325; Dennis Deziel, (703) 308-8173. E-mail: mcdavit.michael@epamail.epa.gov., and deziel.dennis@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability. As background information, electronic copies of the Rodenticide Cluster and Zinc Phosphide REDs and RED fact sheets are available on the internet. See <http://www.epa.gov/REDs>. Additional information concerning the schedule and activities of the Rodenticide Stakeholder Workgroup will in the future also be posted on the Agency's web page.

The Rodenticide Stakeholder Workgroup is composed of a balanced group of participants from the following sectors: Federal agencies and State, local, and Tribal governments; consumer and environmental/public interest groups, including representatives from the general public; medical community; the public health community; pesticide/rodenticide industry; and user groups.

Rodenticide Stakeholder Workgroup meetings are open to the public. Outside statements are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 5 minutes per individual or group. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Workgroup meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent file and will be provided to the Workgroup members for their information.

The Agency is concerned about accidental poisonings of young children by rodenticide products. Data collected by the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) for 1995 showed approximately 15,000 exposure cases to children younger than 6 years of age. Of the total number of human exposure cases involving rodenticides in 1995, almost 6,500 were significant enough to result in treatment at a health care facility.

During the Rodenticide Cluster Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) and the Zinc Phosphide RED process, the Agency investigated several regulatory measures that could mitigate these risks, but wanted to ensure that

any adopted measures were consistent with public health values and priorities. Therefore, the Agency is initiating a rodenticide stakeholder process to develop a risk mitigation strategy to protect young children from rodenticide products while preserving the public health benefits of these products. The stakeholder process will consist of a series of meetings that will be open to the public. The workgroup is made up of individuals or representatives from organizations who will discuss and analyze several mitigation proposals, ultimately concluding with recommendations to the PPDC and the Agency on how to further mitigate risks to young children from rodenticide poisonings.

The Rodenticide Stakeholder Workgroup will hold its first meeting March 30, 1999, at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. The Agency envisions holding three more meetings. The Agency proposes the following tentative dates for the other three meetings: May 6; June 10, and July 14, 1999. Specific times and locations will be announced.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

Lois Rossi,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34162A; FRL-6065-8]

Chlorfenapyr; Availability of Risk and Benefit Assessments; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 20, 1999, EPA issued a Notice of Availability of Risk and Benefit Assessments for the pesticide chlorfenapyr. The document announced the availability of risk and benefit assessments related to EPA's consideration of American Cyanamid's application for registration of the pesticide chlorfenapyr (Pirate®, Alert®) on cotton. The Agency issued the Notice of Availability of Risk and Benefit Assessments to: (1) Present its

assessment of the risks posed by chlorfenapyr residues in the environment; (2) present its assessment of the benefits arising from use on cotton; and (3) request public comment on key scientific and policy questions raised by this application for registration. EPA has received a large number of comments on this Notice. Because of the broad interest in this matter and the complexity of the issues, and the large influx of comments late in the comment period, EPA believes that providing additional time to the public to comment would be helpful. Therefore, EPA is extending, until March 2, 1999 the comment period for persons wishing to submit comments on the materials referred to in the Notice of Availability.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to EPA by March 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the docket control number OPP-34162 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, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice 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. 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 holidays. Paper copies of the risk and benefit assessments will be made available in the OPP docket at the address listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Sibold, Chemical Review Manager, PM Team 10, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.