

evaluating the impact of pesticides on aquatic and terrestrial non-target organisms.

DATES: The Aquatic workshop will be held on Tuesday, 22 June 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 23 June 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Terrestrial workshop will be held on Wednesday, 23 June 1999, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, 24 June 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: the Old Town Holiday Inn Select, 480 King Street (corner of King and Royal Streets), Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Ingrid Sunzenauer (7507C), or Gail Maske (7507C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are as follows: Ingrid Sunzenauer (703) 305-5196, Sunzenauer.Ingrid@epamail.epa.gov; and Gail Maske (703) 305-5245, maske.gail@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Availability

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and various support documents 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/fedrgrstr/>).

A copy of the prepared ECOFRAM draft reports can be obtained from the information contacts or electronically from OPP's Home Page under Pesticide Science, Ecological Risk Assessment Page, (<http://www.epa.gov/oppefed1/ecorisk/index.htm>) after May 20, 1999.

II. Purpose and Scope of the Scientific Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the scientific aspects of the probabilistic tools and methods for evaluating effects of pesticides to non-target species developed by the Terrestrial and Aquatic ECOFRAM Workgroups. Peer input reviews and comments will be presented by an invited group of scientists followed by a discussion session with ECOFRAM workgroup members. These participants in the workshop will include OPP's Environmental Fate and Effects Division, EPA's Office of Research and Development, members of some state governments and academia, and other stakeholders (some international interested parties). All have prepared reviews of the ECOFRAM's Draft Reports on probabilistic tools and methods for ecological risk assessment.

The workshop will focus on the technical reviews by the invited participants. Outside observers (interested parties who were not part of the technical review) will have an opportunity to comment on scientific and technical issues related to the document after the initial presentations. Additional comments may also be made at the closing discussions, after the reviewers have discussed the issues raised. OPP plans to discuss the results of this peer review workshop and related issues with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel at a later date.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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Extrapolation of the Benzene Inhalation Unit Risk Estimate to the Oral Route of Exposure and IRIS Summary for Benzene

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 30-day public comment period to review the draft documents entitled, Extrapolation of the Benzene Inhalation Unit Risk Estimate to the Oral Route of Exposure (NCEA-W-0517) and the IRIS [Integrated Risk Information System] Summary for Benzene. The documents were prepared by the EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office (NCEA-W) of the Office of Research and Development. EPA will use comments and recommendations from the public to assist in revising the document.

DATES: The comment period begins May 12, 1999 and ends June 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The documents are available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> under the What's New and Publications menus. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, telephone: 202-564-

3261; facsimile; 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document titles, Extrapolation of the Benzene Inhalation Unit Risk Estimate to the Oral Route of Exposure (NCEA-W-0517) and IRIS Summary for Benzene.

Comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20074; telephone number 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. Comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by June 11, 1999. Please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may be sent to benzene.new@epa.gov.

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be placed in a public record. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact Bob Sonawane (202-564-3292) or David Bayliss, (202-564-3294); mailing address: NCEA-W (8623D), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460; facsimile: 202-565-0078; e-mail: benzene.new@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Division, Office of Research and Development, prepared this document on the Extrapolation of the Benzene Inhalation Unit Risk Estimate to the Oral Route of Exposure. This document will serve as a source for updating the oral cancer unit risk estimate for benzene in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS).

Dated: April 29, 1999.

Arthur Payne,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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