

submissions. A copy of the NOA, instructions for its completion, section 17 of FIFRA, and 19 CFR 12.112 is attached to further explain and document this reporting requirement.

The purpose of this reporting requirement is to help insure that pesticides and devices entering the U.S. comply with U.S. laws governing such products. Uniform reporting of information submitted for pesticides arriving in the customs territory of the U.S. is necessary to monitor compliance with FIFRA, to identify the responsible party in cases of violations, and to determine specific information regarding the source of any pesticide in question. The information permits EPA to stop ineffective, unregistered, suspended, canceled, misbranded, contaminated, or otherwise violative products from being imported into the country, track those that do enter, and minimize adverse environmental impacts that might arise from the importation of violative products. Additionally, by requiring brokers/agents to offer documentation to Customs and EPA of the importation of registered pesticides, the flow of commerce for approved products is facilitated. The information collected is used by EPA regional pesticide enforcement and compliance staff, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and Office of Pesticide Programs. U.S. Customs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, and other Federal agencies also make use of this information.

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 January 5, 1999. No comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.30 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:** Persons importing pesticide products and devices.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 7,000 annually.

**Estimated number of responses:** 7,000 annually.

**Frequency of response:** Once per shipment of pesticide or device imported.

**Estimated total annual hour burden:** 2,100 hours.

**Estimated total annualized cost burden:** \$0.

Please send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing the respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR 152.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0020 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, 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 Office for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 24, 1999.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide

Disposal Working Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, June 10 and 11, 1999. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal will meet on Monday, June 10, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, June 11, 1999, from 8:30 to noon. Please note that on Thursday, June 10, 1999, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a closed session. This session is open only to representatives of EPA and all state co-regulators.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: The Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington-Crystal City, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall #2, Arlington, VA; (703) 305-5306; fax: (703) 305-1850; e-mail: lyon.elaine@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tentative agenda of the SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal includes the following:

1. Update on Isomer **Federal Register** Notice.
2. States' concerns with coordination efforts between the Office of Pesticide Programs and the Office of Water regarding conflicts in laws and regulations.
3. Conditional Registration Issues - ground water concerns and impacts on the states.
4. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Rule.
5. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) issues.
6. Efforts by EPA and the Texas Department of Agriculture on aquatic herbicide issues.
7. Surface water issues.
8. Update from the Office of Pesticide Programs.
9. Update from the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
10. Other topics as appropriate.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: May 25, 1999.

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