

indicates that the RfD is adequate for assessing risk to children. Also, the developmental toxicity NOAEL of 10 mg/kg/day is the same as the NOAEL for maternal toxicity, indicating that offspring are not more sensitive than parents.

In the 2-generation rat reproduction study, the NOAEL for reproductive toxicity and offspring survival was 101 mg/kg/day. This is 388-fold higher than the NOAEL for chronic toxicity upon which the RfD is based. The NOAEL for pup toxicity was no higher than the NOAEL for parental toxicity, indicating there is no unique sensitivity for offspring to furilazole.

Monsanto believes that these data do not indicate an increased prenatal or postnatal sensitivity of children and infants to furilazole exposure and concludes that the 100-fold uncertainty factor used in the RfD is adequate to protect infants and children.

F. International Tolerances

The Codex Alimentarius Commission has not established a maximum residue level for furilazole.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability of Letter From EPA to the State of Minnesota Pursuant to Section 118 of the Clean Water Act and the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Region 5 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to find that the State of Minnesota (Minnesota) has fulfilled its obligation under section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132 by adopting provisions in its water quality standards and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits program that EPA believes are consistent with section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and 40 CFR part 132. The basis for EPA's belief and its proposed course of action are described in a September 28, 1999 letter from Region 5 to the State. EPA invites public

comment on all aspects of that letter and on EPA's proposed course of action.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to Joan M. Karnauskas, Chief, Standards and Applied Sciences Branch (WT-15J), Water Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard., Chicago, Illinois, 60604. In the alternative, EPA will accept comments electronically. Comments should be sent to the following Internet E-mail address: karnauskas.joan@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted in an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. EPA will print electronic comments in hard-copy paper form for the official administrative record. EPA will attempt to clarify electronic comments if there is an apparent error in transmission. Comments provided electronically will be considered timely if they are submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) December 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan M. Karnauskas, Standards and Applied Sciences Branch (WT-15J), Water Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or telephone her at (312) 886-6090.

Copies of the September 28, 1999 letter described above are available upon request by contacting Ms. Karnauskas. The September 28, 1999 letter and materials submitted by Minnesota in support of its submission that EPA relied upon in preparing the letter (i.e., the docket) are available for review by appointment at: EPA, Region 5, 77 W Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois (telephone 312-886-3717); and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, Minnesota (telephone 651-296-3000). To access the docket material in Chicago, call Ms. Mary Willis at (312) 886-3717 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (central time) (Monday-Friday); in Minnesota, call Mr. Gary Kimball at (651) 297-8221 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (central time).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 1995, EPA published the Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System (Guidance) pursuant to section 118(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(2). (March 23, 1995, 60 FR 15366). The Guidance, which was

codified at 40 CFR part 132, requires the Great Lakes States to adopt and submit to EPA for approval water quality criteria, methodologies, policies and procedures that are consistent with the Guidance. 40 CFR 132.4 and 132.5. EPA is required to approve of the State's submission within 90 days or notify the State that EPA has determined that all or part of the submission is inconsistent with the Clean Water Act or the Guidance and identify any necessary changes to obtain EPA approval. If the State fails to make the necessary changes within 90 days, EPA must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the approved and disapproved elements of the submission and a final rule identifying the provisions of Part 132 that shall apply for discharges within the State.

EPA reviewed the submission from Minnesota for consistency with the Guidance in accordance with 40 CFR part 131 and 132.5. Based on its review to date, EPA believes that Minnesota has adopted provisions that are consistent with the Guidance. The basis for EPA's belief is set forth in the September 28, 1999 letter. Today, EPA is soliciting public comment regarding all aspects of that letter and on EPA's belief that Minnesota has adopted provisions that are consistent with the Guidance.

EPA intends to review any information provided to it within the next 45 days before taking further action pursuant to section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132 on Minnesota's submission.

Elissa Speizman,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

October 14, 1999.

Open Commission Meeting, Thursday, October 21, 1999

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, October 21, 1999, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	Common Carrier	TITLE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96-45).

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
2	Common Carrier	<p>SUMMARY: The Commission will consider reforming its high-cost universal service support mechanism for non-rural carriers.</p> <p>TITLE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96-45); and Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket No. 97-160).</p> <p>SUMMARY: The Commission will consider input values to be used in the forward-looking cost model to estimate universal service high-cost support for non-rural carriers.</p>
3	Mass Media and Office of Engineering and Technology	<p>TITLE: Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service.</p> <p>SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning the introduction of digital audio broadcasting.</p>
4	Engineering and Technology	<p>TITLE: Amendment of Parts 2 and 90 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate the 5.850-5.925 GHz Band to the Mobile Service for Dedicated Short Range Communications of Intelligent Transportation Services (ET Docket No. 98-95, RM-9096).</p> <p>SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Report and Order to allocate the 5.850-5.925 GHz band for Intelligence Transportation Service.</p>

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Maureen Peratino or David Fiske, Office of Public Affairs, telephone number (202) 418-0500; TTY (202) 418-2555.

Copies of materials adopted at this meeting can be purchased from the FCC's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) at (202) 857-3800; fax (202) 857-3805 and 857-3184; or TTY (202) 293-8810. These copies are available in paper format and alternative media, including large print/type; digital disk; and audio tape. ITS may be reached by e-mail: its_inc@ix.netcom.com. Their Internet address is <http://www.itsi.com>.

This meeting can be viewed over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. For information on these services call (703) 993-3100. The audio portion of the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. The meeting can also be heard via telephone, for a fee, from National Narrowcast Network, telephone (202) 966-2211 or fax (202) 966-1770. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, telephone (703) 834-0100; fax number (703) 834-0111.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.
DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.
- Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.
- Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.
- Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 28, 1999 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- Correction and Approval of Minutes.
- Advisory Opinion 1999-17: Governor George W. Bush for President Exploratory Committee by counsel, Benjamin Ginsberg.
- Advisory Opinion 1999-27: Alaska Federation of Republican Women by counsel, Timothy A. McKeever.
- Advisory Opinion 1999-28: Bacardi-Martini, USA, Inc. by counsel, Bobby Burchfield.
- Notice of Inquiry—Internet/FECA issues.

Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,
Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,
Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of August 24, 1999.

In accordance with § 271.5 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on August 24, 1999.¹ The directive was issued to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as follows:

The information reviewed at this meeting suggests continued solid expansion of economic activity. Nonfarm payroll employment has increased rapidly in recent months, and the civilian unemployment rate, at 4.3 percent in July, matched its average for the first half of the year. Manufacturing output continued to grow moderately on average in June and July. Total retail sales have grown less rapidly in recent months, while housing activity has

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting of August 24, 1999, which include the domestic policy directive issued at that meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.