

individual pesticides to working with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to obtain more regional- and national-scale monitoring data on multiple pesticides to exploring design considerations for a national survey of pesticides in drinking water with various government agencies and industry groups and associations.

Also as a result of the comments, OPP has identified two issues regarding drinking water that will be addressed in separate science policy papers within the next 6 months. EPA plans to issue papers on the following issues: (1) approaches for utilizing available data and models to develop quantitative estimates of pesticide concentrations in drinking water and estimates of people exposed for pesticides which pose a particularly high potential for contaminating drinking water; and (2) the effectiveness of water treatment in reducing pesticide levels in drinking water and an approach for addressing treatment issues in the assessment process.

#### IV. Issues Raised in Comments

EPA published a draft version of the document described in Unit III. on January 4, 1999 (64 FR 162) and comments were filed under docket control number OPP-00577. The public comment period ended on February 26, 1999. The Agency received comments from eight different organizations. All comments were considered by the Agency in revising the document.

Many of the comments were similar in content, and pertained to general issues concerning the proposed policy or specific sections within the draft document. The comments addressed a broad range of issues and, in many instances, provided no general consensus. These differences in opinion highlight the difficulties the Agency faces in improving its existing science-based policy for estimating pesticide concentrations in drinking water. The Agency grouped the comments according to the nature of the comment and the issue or section of the document which they addressed. For the substantive comments that follow, contrasting opinions are presented, along with EPA's response. The full text of the Agency's comments and response to the comments document is available as described in Unit I.B.1.

#### V. Policies Not Rules

The policy document discussed in this notice is intended to provide guidance to EPA personnel and decision-makers, and to the public. As a guidance document and not a rule, the policy in this guidance is not binding on either EPA or any outside parties.

Although this guidance provides a starting point for EPA risk assessments, EPA will depart from its policy where the facts or circumstances warrant. In such cases, EPA will explain why a different course was taken. Similarly, outside parties remain free to assert that a policy is not appropriate for a specific pesticide or that the circumstances surrounding a specific risk assessment demonstrate that a policy should be abandoned.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Draft Guidance for Improving Air Quality Through Economic Incentive Programs

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is announcing the extension of the public comment period on the draft guidance for States that wish to use an economic incentive program (EIP) to achieve air quality improvements (62 FR 50086, September 15, 1999). The draft guidance, "Draft Economic Incentive Program Guidance" (EPA-452/D-99-001, September 1999), is a comprehensive update of EPA's 1994 EIP rule and guidance (59 FR 16690, April 7, 1994). It also incorporates some components of EPA's 1995 proposed model rule for open market trading (60 FR 39668, August 3, 1995, and 60 FR 44290, August 25, 1995), as well as comments received on that proposed rule.

**DATES:** Written comments on this draft must be received on or before December 10, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on this proposal (two copies are preferred) to: Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), Room M-1500, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Attention: Docket

No. A-99-27, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The docket may be inspected between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays, excluding legal holidays, and a reasonable fee may be charged for copying. The Air Docket may be called at (202) 260-7548. Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: A-and-R-Docket@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 file format (version 6.1 or earlier versions) or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number A-99-27. Electronic comments on this draft may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To allow sufficient time to review the draft guidance for improving air quality through economic incentive programs before submitting comments, EPA is extending the public comment period on this proposal from September 15, 1999 to December 10, 1999.

#### Electronic Availability

You can obtain electronic copies of the draft EIP guidance for review and comment from the OAR Policy and Guidance section of EPA's Technology Transfer Network Website (TTNWeb). The Uniform Resource Location (URL) for the home page of the web site is <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg>. You can find the draft EIP guidance on this web site under the heading titled "What's New." If you need additional assistance with these web sites, call the TTNWeb Helpline at (919) 541-5384.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

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#### FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

##### Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following