

Committee may also discuss and/or hear briefings on other issues of interest.

#### *Availability of Review Materials*

Information on the availability of background/review materials for the two subcommittee reviews is given under 1. above. If other materials are subsequently provided to the Committee for the March meeting, they will be available from Ms. Mary Winston at (202) 564-4538, or via e-mail at <winston.mary@epa.gov> approximately three weeks prior to the meeting dates.

#### *For Further Information*

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning these four meetings or wishing to submit brief oral comments for any of the meetings must contact Ms. Kathleen White Conway, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4559; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at <conway.kathleen@epa.gov>. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. Conway no later than noon Eastern Time one week prior to each meeting.

#### **Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings**

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week before the meeting), may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in the FY 1999 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0582.

#### *Meeting Access*

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this teleconference meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Ms. Conway at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

**Donald G. Barnes,**

*Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.*

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-34214; FRL-6486-9]

#### **Organophosphate Pesticides; Availability of Preliminary Risk Assessments**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of documents that were developed as part of the EPA's process for making reregistration eligibility decisions for the organophosphate pesticides and for tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). These documents are the preliminary human health risk assessments and related documents for mevinphos and phosalone. This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the preliminary risk assessments. Comments are to be limited to issues directly associated with the two organophosphates that have the risk assessments placed in the docket and should be limited to issues raised in those documents. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the preliminary risk assessments, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure our decisions under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information. The tolerance reassessment process will ensure that the United States continues to have the safest and most abundant food supply. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments are preliminary assessments only and that further refinements of the risk assessments will be appropriate for some, if not all, of these organophosphate pesticides. These documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate

that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

**DATES:** Comments on these assessments, identified by the docket control number for the particular organophosphate pesticide of interest, must be received on or before March 13, 2000. Use the table in Unit I.C. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" to determine the docket control number.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify the docket control number for the particular organophosphate pesticide of interest in the subject line on the first page of your response. Use the table in Unit I.C. to determine the docket control number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; e-mail address: [angulo.karen@epa.gov](mailto:angulo.karen@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. General Information**

###### *A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general, nevertheless, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in obtaining the preliminary risk assessments for mevinphos and phosalone, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. Since other entities also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

###### *B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?*

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select

"Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>. In addition, copies of the preliminary risk assessments for the two organophosphate pesticides may also be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-34215 for mevinphos, and OPP-34216 for phosalone. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

#### C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify the docket control number for the particular organophosphate pesticide of interest in the subject line on the first page of your response. Use the following table to determine the docket control number:

Chemical	OPP Docket no.
Mevinphos	OPP-34215
Phosalone	OPP-34216

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information

and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-34215 for mevinphos, and OPP-34216 for phosalone. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

#### D. How Should I Handle CBI That I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI 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. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

#### E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.

4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.

6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice.

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.

8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to the organophosphate pesticide of interest in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

## II. Background

EPA is making available preliminary risk assessments that have been developed as part of EPA's process for making reregistration eligibility decisions for the organophosphate pesticides and for tolerance reassessments consistent with the FFDCAs, as amended by the FQPA. The Agency's preliminary risk assessments for two organophosphate pesticides are available in the individual organophosphate pesticide dockets: Mevinphos and phosalone.

Included in the individual organophosphate pesticide dockets are the Agency's preliminary risk assessments. As additional comments, reviews, and risk assessment modifications become available, these will also be docketed for the two organophosphate pesticides listed in this notice. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments are preliminary assessments only and that further refinements of the risk assessments will be appropriate for the two organophosphate pesticides. These documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

As the preliminary risk assessments for the remaining organophosphate pesticides are completed and registrants are given a 30-day review period to identify possible computational or other clear errors in the risk assessments, these risk assessments and registrant responses will be placed in the individual organophosphate pesticide dockets. A notice of availability for subsequent assessments will appear in the **Federal Register**.

The Agency is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide written

comments and input to the Agency on the preliminary risk assessments for the pesticides specified in this notice. Such comments and input could address, for example, the availability of additional data to further refine the risk assessments, such as percent crop treated information or submission of residue data from food processing studies, or could address the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions as applied to these specific chemicals. Comments should be limited to issues raised within the preliminary risk assessments and associated documents. EPA will provide other opportunities for public comment on other science issues associated with the organophosphate pesticide tolerance reassessment program. Failure to comment on any such issues as part of this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commenter's opportunity to participate fully in later notice and comment processes. All comments should be submitted by March 13, 2000 at the address given under Unit I. Comments will become part of the Agency record for each individual organophosphate pesticide to which they pertain.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

Lois Rossi,

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30000/51A; FRL-6380-6]

### 1,3-Dichloropropene; Proposed Determination to Terminate Special Review

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

**ACTION:** Proposed Determination to Terminate Special Review.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice sets forth EPA's proposal to terminate the Special Review of 1,3-Dichloropropene (1,3-D). This proposal is based on Dow AgroSciences' changes to their product labels and EPA's determination that, with these label revisions, the benefits of 1,3-D use outweigh the risks. In making this determination, EPA considered several factors, including the risk reduction provided by numerous

mitigation measures that have been added to 1,3-D labels, the benefits of 1,3-D use and the risks and benefits of alternative soil fumigants, in particular the phase-out of methyl bromide production and imports by 2005. In December, 1998, EPA issued the Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) document for 1,3-D and has determined that all uses of 1,3-D are eligible for reregistration.

**DATES:** Comments, data and information relevant to the Agency's proposed decision, identified by the docket control number OPP-30000/51A, must be received on or before March 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method provided in the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phil Budig, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone (703) 308-8029. E-mail address: budig.philip@epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are a pesticide registrant with registered products which contain 1,3-D as an active ingredient, or if you are an agricultural producer using products containing 1,3-D as an active ingredient.

###### B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of Support Documents?

1. *By mail.* You may request copies of this document and supporting documents by writing 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 or calling 703-305-5805 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Be sure to include the docket control number [OPP-30000/51A] in your request.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number [OPP-30000/51A]. The official records consist of the documents specifically referred to in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as confidential

business information (CBI). The official record includes documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as documents that are referred to in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of any electronic comments, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is 703-305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and various support documents from the EPA Home page at the **Federal Register** - Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" ([www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/](http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/)).

###### C. How and to Whom do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically:

1. *By mail.* Submit comments 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.

2. *In person.* Deliver comments to Public Information and Records Integrity Branch in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov), or you can submit a computer disk by mail as described above in Unit I.C.1. Electronic submission on disks will be accepted in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [OPP-30000/51A]. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many federal Depository Libraries.

The record for the Special Review is kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address for the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch listed above.