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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Technical Workshop to Peer Review Toxicology Testing Initiative on Styrene-Acrylonitrile Trimer

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a workshop to be conducted by the Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor, for the external scientific peer review of the proposed toxicology testing initiative and associated experimental protocols for styrene-acrylonitrile (SAN₂) trimer, a contaminant at the Reich Farm Superfund site in Ocean County, New Jersey, which has migrated into the ground water. The peer review workshop is being organized to assist in conducting the most scientifically credible and relevant testing for carcinogenicity of the trimer, particularly during the perinatal period, and for chronic non-cancer health effects. The one-day workshop will be held in Toms River, New Jersey, on March 7, 2000, and will be open to members of the public as observers. It will be conducted in accordance with EPA's 1998 Peer Review Handbook. Stakeholders in the issue who have additional information which is relevant to the testing initiative are invited to submit written comments and/or make brief oral comments at the peer review workshop.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers. There will be a 30-minute session at the commencement of the workshop in which observers will have the opportunity to make brief

comments relevant to the proposed testing initiative. Observers who wish to make such comments should register to do so with ERG by March 1, 2000. The time allotted for each comment will be limited based upon the number of persons requesting to make comments, but will be no more than five (5) minutes. Interested parties who wish to submit written comments for consideration by the peer reviewers should submit them so that ERG receives them on or before February 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the L. Manuel Hirshblond Meeting Room, at the Township of Dover Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753. Since seating capacity is limited, please contact Ms. Meg Vrablik of ERG, by telephone, at 781-674-7374; by facsimile, at 781-674-2906; or by E-mail, at mvrablik@erg.com, by March 1, 2000, to register to attend the workshop as an observer. Also please register with Ms. Vrablik to make brief comments at the workshop. Kindly send written comments to Ms. Vrablik at Eastern Research Group, Inc., 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421-3136, by February 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register and for logistical inquiries, contact Ms. Vrablik or Ms. Kate Schalk at Eastern Research Group at the above numbers. For information on documents cited in this notice, contact Dr. Dorothy Canter, US EPA, at 202-260-2230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Spent process streams from the manufacture of styrene acrylonitrile polymer by Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) were disposed of at the Reich Farm property in Ocean County, New Jersey. The waste contains SAN₂ trimer, a chemical mixture which has migrated from the Reich Farm property into groundwater. Levels of SAN₂ trimer measured in water drawn from groundwater wells have been in the parts per billion and lower. The site is on the National Priorities List (NPL) of hazardous waste sites, and remedial activities are currently underway.

Increased incidences of certain forms of cancer in children, specifically certain types of leukemia, neuroblastoma, and brain and central nervous system cancers, have been observed in Ocean County, Dover Township and Toms River. To develop scientific data on the toxicologic and carcinogenic potential of the SAN₂ trimer and to address concerns of citizens in the area about the toxicity of

this previously untested mixture, UCC undertook an initial round of toxicology experiments, which consisted of genotoxicity studies, an acute toxicity study in rats and a 14-day repeated dose study in rats. The results from these studies are now available.

The Interagency Workgroup for the Toxicity Testing of the SAN₂ Trimer was formed to provide guidance to UCC on the testing of the SAN₂ trimer. In late 1998, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences joined the Workgroup based upon its commitment to perform rodent carcinogenicity studies which include perinatal exposures. The current governmental agencies represented on the Workgroup are the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, NTP, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Representatives of UCC and the consultant representing the Ocean County Department of Health also participate in the Workgroup.

The Workgroup has met four times since November 1998, evaluating the results of the studies previously performed by UCC, and reviewing additional studies proposed to be performed by the NTP and UCC. The Workgroup has developed a consensus testing strategy with associated experimental protocols. A key step in the finalization of this testing strategy will be the external peer review workshop on March 7, 2000. The Workgroup also formed a subgroup which developed a group of pharmacokinetics studies that will be conducted concurrently with the range finding studies of the NTP toxicity testing initiative.

Twelve independent scientists with expertise in general toxicology, carcinogenesis, developmental toxicology, neurotoxicology, pharmacokinetics, genetic toxicology, biostatistics, veterinary pathology, and analytical chemistry were selected by ERG from among the experts nominated by stakeholders for possible service on the peer review panel. In making the selections, ERG determined that the panel members had no real or perceived conflicts of interest. The panel will evaluate only those issues which are relevant to the toxicologic potential of the SAN₂ trimer.

Following the peer review workshop, ERG will prepare a summary report on the workshop which will present the panel's recommendations. This report will be available to interested parties

and will be posted on EPA's website. The Interagency Workgroup will address the panel recommendations in finalizing the toxicology testing initiative for the SAN₂ trimer.

Dated: January 21, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Receipt of Requests To Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by registrants to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations. The companies that hold the pesticide registrations of pesticide products containing bendiocarb (2,2-dimethyl-1,3-benzodioxol-4-yl methylcarbamate) have asked EPA to cancel their registrations for these products. EPA has identified certain potential risks associated with some of the current uses of bendiocarb as well as many data gaps. Following publication of this Notice and a 30-day public comment period, EPA intends to carry out cancellation in four steps over a period of 24-months, with the residential uses posing the greatest potential exposure to children being phased out earlier than uses that present less exposure. The proposed existing stocks provisions are outlined below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 2000. Following public comment, EPA intends to make the cancellations effective according to the following schedule: June 30, 2000 for bendiocarb technical; October 31, 2000 for end-use products labeled for use in and around homes; and December 31, 2001 for all other products containing bendiocarb.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Diane Isbell, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-308-8154; e-mail address: isbell.diane@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. You may potentially be affected by this action if you manufacture, sell, distribute, or use pesticide products containing the active ingredient bendiocarb. Bendiocarb is the common name for an insecticide of the carbamate class; its trade names are Ficam and Turcam. The chemical name for bendiocarb is 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-benzodioxol-4-yl methylcarbamate. AgrEvo Environmental Health and AgrEvo USA Company are the sole technical manufacturers of bendiocarb. Bendiocarb is presently registered in the United States and is used to control household, turf and ornamental plant insects, mosquitoes and fire ants. Specific uses include: household or domestic dwellings (indoor and outdoor), residential and ornamental turf, outdoor recreation areas, nonagricultural buildings and structures, eating establishments, food processing plants, hospitals, warehouses, greenhouses, ornamental plants, aircraft and buses. There are no current registered uses on food crops in the United States; however, there are tolerances for bendiocarb use on spot and/or crack and crevice treatment in food and feed handling establishments (40 CFR 180.530).

Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, 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 information in this notice, 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/>. To access this document, 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/fedrgstr/>. A copy of the bendiocarb reregistration Fact Sheet is available at <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/REDs/factsheets/0409fact.pdf>.

2. *Fax on Demand.* You may request to receive a faxed copy of this document and any available information by using a faxphone to call (202) 401-0527 and selecting item number [insert item number].

3. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number [OPP-66275]. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced 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). 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 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.

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 docket control number [OPP-66275] in the subject line on the first page of your response.

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, 401 M St., SW., 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 Highway, Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8 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