

Highest Rank in Any Other Ecological Exposure Compartment x Highest Rank in a Related Ecotoxicity Effects Compartment

Specially Targeted Priorities

Mixtures
Naturally Occurring Non-Steroidal Estrogens
Nominations

V. Purpose and Structure of the Workshop

The first day of the workshop will provide an overview of the EDSP, including a discussion of the Agency's overall approach to priority setting, how pesticide active ingredients are being addressed differently than other chemicals, the current status of standardization and validation activities, and the projected time lines for chemical selection and testing. The second and third days of the workshop will focus on the EDPSD. The Agency held a workshop in January 1999, to discuss the basic design of the EDPSD. The EDPSD is now a functional database and the Agency seeks comment on the specific hazard and exposure data elements included in the database, the ranking algorithms, and the priority lists that result from various ranking options.

The workshop will be structured around discussion of the specific issues listed in the agenda by invited participants. A limited amount of time will be allotted for additional comment by other meeting attendees. Participants may also submit written comments during or after the meeting. Please submit comments no later than 30 days following the workshop. Comments should be sent to the docket address listed in Unit III. and should reference the docket control number OPPTS-42212.

VI. Agenda

Monday, June 5 Overview of the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program

10:00 a.m. Welcome
10:15 a.m. Overview of the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program
10:45 a.m. Standardization and Validation Activities
11:00 a.m. Overview of Priority Setting
11:15 a.m. Questions
11:30 a.m. OPP Activities to Prioritize Pesticide Active Ingredients
12:00 noon Questions on Prioritization of Active Ingredients
12:15 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Public Comments on the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program, Standardization/Validation Activities, or the OPP Actives Approach
3:00 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. Demo of EDPSD version 2
5:00 p.m. End of Demo

Tuesday, June 6 Panel Discussion of the Priority Setting Database (Exposure and Effects)

9:00 a.m. Overview of the Current Status of the EDPSD
9:15 a.m. Completeness of Data Sources used in Exposure Compartments
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Ranking Algorithms Used in Exposure Compartments
12:00 noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. Quality of the Data in Exposure Compartments
2:30 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m. Completeness of Data Sources used in Effects Compartments
4:00 p.m. Ranking Algorithms Used in Effects Compartments
5:00 p.m. End of day

Wednesday, June 7 Panel Discussion of the Priority Setting Database (Effects, Combined Exposure and Effects Compartments, and Weights)

9:00 a.m. Quality of the Data in Effects Compartments
10:00 a.m. Definition and Ranking Procedure of the Combined Compartments
10:45 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Discussion of Database Default Weights and Ranked List of HPV/Inerts
12:00 noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. Continue Discussion of Database Default Weights and Ranked List of HPV/Inerts
3:00 p.m. Public Comments on EDPSD
4:00 p.m. End of Workshop

The overall objective of the panel discussions is to address the key issues that bear upon the ability of the EDPSD to accomplish its intended purpose of setting Tier 1 priorities. These issues include:

Are the exposure and effects data sources adequate? Are any important data sources missing?

Are the compartment definitions clear? Should any compartments be added? Should any existing compartments be split or combined?

Does the ranking algorithm for each compartment make sense, e.g., rank based on average concentration in monitoring compartments, rank based on lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL) in effects compartments?

Certain compartments have a lot of ties in their rankings. How should you break ties in rankings in the chemical selection process, e.g., if you want to pick the top 10 chemicals from a given compartment and there are 15 chemicals tied at rank #6, what do you do?

With respect to the EPA default scenario: Do the overall category weightings make sense, i.e., cumulative weights for exposure vs. effects vs. combined compartments? Do the cumulative weights for human health

vs. ecological concerns make sense? Do the individual compartment weights make sense? Suggested alternatives?

Is the EDPSD sufficiently transparent in terms of its operation and documentation, i.e., is the basis of the ranking readily understandable to the user?

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Endocrine disruptors, Pesticides.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34225; FRL-6588-7]

Organophosphate Pesticide; 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 and ecological risk assessments and related documents for diazinon. This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the preliminary risk assessments. Comments and data are to be limited to issues directly associated with the organophosphate pesticide, diazinon, and its preliminary risk assessments. 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 may be appropriate. 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 and data on these assessments, identified by docket control number OPP-34225, must be received on or before July 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and data 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 OPP-34225 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; e-mail address: 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 diazinon, 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 one organophosphate pesticide 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-34225. 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 and data through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-34225 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, 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-34225. 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 or collection activity.
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 this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

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 FFDCA, as amended by the FQPA. The Agency's preliminary human health and ecological risk assessments for one organophosphate pesticide are available in the individual organophosphate pesticide docket: Diazinon.

Included in the individual organophosphate pesticide docket is the Agency's preliminary risk assessments. As additional comments, reviews, and risk assessment modifications become available, these will also be docketed for the one organophosphate pesticide 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 one organophosphate pesticide. 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 organophosphate pesticide docket for diazinon. 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 data and input to the Agency on the preliminary risk assessments for the chemical specified in this notice. Such comments and data 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 this specific chemical. Comments and data should be limited to issues raised within the preliminary risk assessments and associated documents. EPA will provide other opportunities for public comment and data 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 and data should be submitted by July 18, 2000 at the address given under Unit I. Comments and data will become part of the Agency record for this organophosphate pesticide.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-943; FRL-6558-2]

Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for Certain Pesticide Chemicals in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number PF-943, must be received on or before June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF-943 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Joanne I. Miller, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-6224; e-mail address: miller.joanne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Cat-egories	NAICS	Examples of poten-tially affected entities
Industry	111 112 311 32532	Crop production Animal production Food manufacturing Pesticide manufac-turing

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have 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/>. 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/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number PF-943. 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