

of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Pesticide registrants seeking re-registration.

Estimated number of potential

Responses: 30.

Frequency of response: Once, after the Record of Decision is issued.

Estimated total annual Respondent burden: 90,725 hours.

Estimated total annual Capital, O&M costs: 0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1504.04 and OMB Control No. 2070-0107 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460;

and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 22, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA-USDA Committee To Advise on Reassessment and Transition; Notice of Establishment and Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of establishment and public meeting.

SUMMARY: The EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (CARAT) is being established in

accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act as a subcommittee under the auspices of the EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The purpose of CARAT is to provide advice and counsel to the Administrator of EPA and the Secretary of Agriculture regarding strategic approaches for pest management planning and tolerance reassessment for pesticides as required by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). CARAT is preceded by the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee and will be guided by the principles set forth by the Vice President for EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to work together to ensure smooth implementation of FQPA through use of sound science, consultation with stakeholders, increased transparency, and reasonable transition for agriculture.

DATES: The first meeting of CARAT will be held on Friday, June 23, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A background information session, with limited public seating, is being offered to the CARAT members on Thursday, June 22, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of CARAT will be held on June 23, 2000, at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone number: 703-907-5500. The NRECA Conference Center is located adjacent to the Ballston Metro Stop. The background information session, with limited public seating, will be held on June 22, 2000, for CARAT members at 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall #2, Rm. 1126 (Fishbowl), Arlington, VA 22202; telephone number: 703-305-7090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margie Fehrenbach or Terria Northern (7501C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-305-7090 or 703-305-7093; fax number: 703-308-4776; e-mail address: Fehrenbach.Margie@epa.gov or Northern.Terria@epa.gov.

I. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general; however, it may be of interest to persons who are concerned about implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (Public Law 104-170). Passed in 1996, this new law strengthens the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. CARAT was preceded by the Tolerance

Reassessment Advisory Committee which was established in 1998 in response to Vice President Gore's request for EPA and USDA to work together to ensure smooth implementation of FQPA. Since other entities may also 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**.

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document and Other Related Documents?

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/fedrgrstr/>. To access information about CARAT, go directly to the Home Page for EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/carat>.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemicals, Foods, Pesticides and Pests.

Dated: May 30, 2000.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Benchmark Dose Software

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Benchmark Dose Software (BMDS Version 1.2). BMDS was developed by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) as a tool to facilitate the application of benchmark dose methods to the assessment of hazardous pollutants. The software and supporting documentation are available to Agency