ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that a committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the date and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

1. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)—June 19, 2000

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), will hold a public teleconference call on June 19, 2000 from 1 pm–3 pm Eastern Daylight Time.

Purpose of the Meeting—The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to continue work on a self-initiated project to offer advice to the Agency on the content and design of an ecological report card. The Committee met on April 25–26, 2000 to discuss a proposed conceptual framework for reporting on ecological condition, and will meet in Washington, DC on September 20–22, 2000 to apply the framework to several Agency examples or programs. The June 19 teleconference call will provide an opportunity for Committee members to discuss the materials they are drafting to describe the conceptual framework. The Committee may also receive briefings from Agency staff on EPA activities relating to ecological indicators, and may discuss programs/projects that may be suitable case examples for the September EPEC meeting. The output of the Committee deliberations, following the September meeting, is expected to be a report to the Agency describing a proposed framework, with illustrative case examples relevant to EPA programs.

For Further Information—Instructions about how to participate in the teleconference call may be obtained by contacting Ms. Mary Winston, Management Assistant to the Committee, the week prior to the meeting (no later than June 14) at (202) 564–4538 or via e-mail at winston.mary@epa.gov. For additional information on the project, contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 564–4561 or via e-mail at sanzone.stephanie@epa.mail. Any member of the public wishing to submit brief oral comments (5 minutes or less) must contact Ms. Sanzone at Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564–4561; FAX (202) 501–0582; or via e-mail. Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. Sanzone no later than noon Eastern Daylight Time on June 12, 2000.

Providing Oral or Written Comments At SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting 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. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting.

Written Comments: Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following format: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM–PC/Windows 95/98 format)). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information—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 FY1999 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564–4533 or via fax at (202) 501–0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at SAB meetings, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: June 1, 2000.

Donald G. Barnes,
Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

For Further Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 29, 2000, EPA issued a notice of availability for the draft Pesticide Registration Notice paper titled: “List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance.” The comment period would have ended May 30, 2000. In order to solicit additional public comment, EPA has decided to extend the comment period to July 30, 2000.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP–00648, must be received by EPA on or before July 30, 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 OPP–00648 in the...
 subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 
Kevin Sweeney, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305–5063; fax number: (703) 305–6596; e-mail address: sweeney.kevin@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, but may be of particular interest to manufacturers of pesticides intended for use against public health pests, and those responsible for public health programs involved in the control or regulation of public health pests. Since you may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by the notice being made available today. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of the notice to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT” section.

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

1. Electronically. You may obtain electronic copies of this document and the draft Pesticide Registration Notice from the EPA Home Page at the following web address: http://www.epa.gov/opppmd/PR—Notices/index.html#2000. You can also go directly to the Federal Register listings: http://www.epa.gov/fedreg/. 

2. Fax on demand. You may request a faxed copy of the draft science policy paper, as well as supporting information, by using a faxphone to call (202) 401–0527. Select item 6125 for the paper titled “List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance.” You may also follow the automated menu.

3. In person. The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established under docket control number OPP–00648, (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of any electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 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–00648 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 Avenue., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. In person or by courier. Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 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 mail your computer disk to the address identified above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. 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 standard computer disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP–00648. 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.

II. What Action Is EPA Taking?

The Agency has issued the draft Pesticide Registration Notice titled “List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance” and solicited comments on it. The background on this document can be found in the previous Federal Register notice published on March 29, 2000 (65 FR 16615) (FRL–6498–2). Due to a need to gain additional public comment, EPA has decided to extend the comment period to July 30, 2000.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Public health pests, Public health pesticides.

Dated: June 1, 2000.

Marcia E. Mulkey,
Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7a of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7a(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the Federal Register.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.