

Information Center. The past six Focus Group meetings were held on April 11–12, 1996, September 11–12, 1996, February 19–20, 1997, May 20–21, 1997, October 8–9, 1997, and March 18–19, 1998.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC): Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a conference call meeting of the Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup. The workgroup was established to advise the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee on ways of making information on inert ingredients more available to the public while working within the mandates of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and related Confidential Business Information concerns.

DATES: The meeting will be held by conference call on Tuesday, October 17, 2000 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public may listen to the meeting discussions on site at: Crystal Mall #2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; conference Room 1123. Seating is limited and will be available on a first come first serve basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Cameo Smoot, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (703) 305–5454. Office locations: 11th floor, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. E-mail smoot.cameo@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup is composed of a participants from the following sectors: environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and pesticide users; Federal, State and local governments; the general public; academia and public health organizations.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup, will advise the EPA through

the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), on potential measures to increase the availability to the public of information about inert ingredients (also called “other ingredients”) under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Among the factors the workgroup has been asked to consider in preparing its recommendations are: existing law regarding inert ingredients and Confidential Business Information (CBI); current Agency processes and policies for disseminating inert ingredient information to the public, including procedures for the protection of CBI; informational needs for a variety of stakeholders; and business reasons for limiting the disclosure of inert ingredient information.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup meeting is open to the public. Written public statements are welcome and should be submitted to the OPP administrative docket OPP–00439A. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after the conference call. These statements will become part of the permanent file and will be provided to the Workgroup members for their information.

How and to Whom Do I Submit the 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–00439A 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, CM #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 and/or data electronically by e-mail to: “*opp-docket@epa.gov*,” or you can submit a computer disk as described above in paragraphs 1. and 2. of this section. 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–00439A. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, pesticides, inerts, PPDC.

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Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Policy on Alternative Dispute Resolution

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document publishes the draft final policy of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the use of alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”). The Agency is requesting public comment on this draft document. This document replaces the Interim Statement of Policy on Alternative Dispute Resolution (65 FR 13383) which was issued on March 13, 2000.

The draft final policy is published in the **Federal Register** to affirm EPA’s commitment to the use of ADR in Agency activities. The draft final policy discusses the types of situations in which ADR should be considered, how EPA is organized to support ADR, confidentiality of information in ADR processes, efforts to promote a commitment to and awareness of ADR within the Agency, and how the success of ADR will be measured. Nothing in this document creates any right or benefit by a party against the United States.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please address comments to W. Robert Ward, Dispute Resolution Specialist, by mail at Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center, U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200