

agree to participate in a research study on soil ingestion.

*Title:* Soil Ingestion Research, (EPA ICR No. 1965.01).

*Abstract:* This ICR supports research to examine the amount of soil ingested. Soil is ingested in two ways, incidental ingestion from everyday hand to mouth activity and ingestion resulting from inhaled particles of soil that are deposited in upper and middle respiratory tract and swallowed. The ingestion of soil is important because contaminated soils from a hazardous waste site poses risks to individuals exposed to contaminated soil. This research should help any environmental program concerned with contaminated soils but is specifically being sponsored by Superfund. This research will evaluate ingestion by comparing the amount of trace metals that are ingested in food with the amount of metals that are excreted, any amount in excess of the ingested trace metals is attributed to incidental soil ingestion. Because of the possibility of trace metal ingestion from a variety of sources (like food and toothpaste), a questionnaire to identify and characterize sources of trace metals that can affect daily variation in trace metals is an important part of the experimental design of these studies. About 20 study volunteers are paid and are expected to participate in this study for about two weeks. Each night the study participants would participate in a questionnaire that will later be used to help interpret daily variations in trace metals. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Burden Statement:* During the study, paid research subjects would fill out a questionnaire on a daily basis. Questions could take 5 minutes. This reporting burden would involve approximately 20 research subjects who are expected to participate in a study for 2 weeks. This information would be collected by the researchers at the research institution conducting the study and the data would be maintained by this group, not the Federal government. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes 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.

Dated: October 24, 2000.

**Elaine F. Davies,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00687A; FRL-6755-2]

### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Announcement of change of Public Meeting Dates

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a change in the dates of a public meeting of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel which was originally published in the **Federal Register** of November 3, 2000. Meetings were scheduled to be held on December 6, 7, and 8, 2000. The December 6 meeting has been dropped, therefore, meetings will only be held on December 7 and 8, 2000.

**DATES:** Meetings of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel will be held on December 7 and 8, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the Sheraton Hotel is (703) 486-1111. Requests to participate 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 originally published notice of November 3, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Olga Odiott, Designated Federal Official, Office of Science Coordination and Policy, (7101C), Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5369; fax number: (703) 605-0656; e-mail address: [odiott.olga@epa.gov](mailto:odiott.olga@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

#### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), FIFRA, and 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. Purpose of this Notice

EPA is announcing a change in dates of a public meeting of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel which was published in the **Federal Register** of November 3, 2000 (65 FR 66245) (FRL-6753-4). Meetings had been scheduled to be held on December 6, 7, and 8, 2000, but because the session on the LifeLine™ Model Review will not be taking place at this time, the meetings will be held only on December 7 and 8, 2000.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: November 16, 2000.

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