

- (c) To learn the status of the Natural Attenuation Research Subcommittee report and the Commentary on Measures of Environmental Technology Performance
- (d) To discuss report related items, such as the inclusion of one-paragraph biographies for contributors to commentaries and reports and the preparation of brief summaries of reports for distribution to journals and newsletters

The other four conference calls will be similarly used to further the Committee's various activities and approve reports. The agendas for these calls will be announced in subsequent Federal Register Notices or may be obtained closer to the meetings from the Designated Federal Office (DFO) or Management Assistant.

*Availability of the written materials in advance of the conference call meetings:* Any written materials prepared in advance of the conference calls will be made available to the public by E-mail before the meeting. For e-mail copies, please contact Ms. Kathleen White Conway, Designated Federal Officer, at [conway.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:conway.kathleen@epa.gov). A limited number of paper copies will be available from Ms. Mary Winston at (202) 564-4538, and via e-mail at: [winston.mary@epa.gov](mailto:winston.mary@epa.gov)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the conference call meetings or wishing to submit brief oral comments must contact Ms. Kathleen White Conway, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4559; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [conway.katheen@epa.gov](mailto:conway.katheen@epa.gov). Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. Conway no later than noon Eastern Time one week prior to the meeting.

#### **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:* 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 both e-mail their comments to the DFO in MSWord and WordPerfect formats (suitable for IBM-PC/Windows 95/98) and provide 5 paper 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), because this is a conference call meeting, any comments to be mailed to the Subcommittee in advance of the meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by noon at least a week before the meeting. E-mailed comments will be accepted until the day before the meeting, although earlier submission is encouraged; these should be sent in both MSWord and WordPerfect comments (suitable for IBM-PC/Windows 95/98).

#### *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 FY2000 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 this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Ms. Winston at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

#### **Cancellation of a Previously Announced Advisory Committee Meeting**

The January 11-12, 2001 face-to-face meeting, and February 28, 2000 teleconference meeting of the EPA Science Advisory Board's Drinking Water Committee (DWC), as advertised in the December 20, 2000 **Federal Register** (65 FR 79831) have been canceled. The issue under review by the DWC at these meetings has been delayed. The meetings will be rescheduled at a later date.

Dated: December 21, 2000.

**Donald G. Barnes,**

*Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-34145C; FRL-6763-4]

### **Organophosphate Pesticides; Availability of Interim Risk Management Decision Documents**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the interim risk management decision document for the organophosphate pesticide fenthion. This decision document has been developed as part of the public participation process that EPA and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information contact:* Carol Stangel, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8007; e-mail address: [stangel.carol@epa.gov](mailto:stangel.carol@epa.gov).

*For technical information contact:* For questions on the IRED in this document, contact the Chemical Review Manager listed in the table in Unit I.B.2. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

#### **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 interim risk management decision documents for fenthion, 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", "Regulations and Proposed Rules," 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/>. In addition,

copies of the pesticide interim risk management decision documents released to the public may also be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/REDS>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control numbers OPP-34145C. 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.

For questions on the IRED in this document, contact the Chemical Review Manager listed in this table:

Chemical name	Case No.	Chemical Review Manager	Telephone no.	E-mail address
Fenthion	0290	Tracy Truesdale	(703) 308-8073	truesdale.tracy@epa.gov

### III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA has assessed the risks of fenthion and reached an Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED) for this organophosphate pesticide. The Agency believes that currently registered uses of fenthion pose unreasonable adverse effects to human health and the environment, and that mitigation measures are necessary. EPA will conduct a public process in the near future to identify the best ways to reduce the risks associated with fenthion exposure. This process will include a public comment period on the risk mitigation proposed in this interim RED, as well as a stakeholder meeting. At the conclusion of this process, the Agency will announce a final determination on the risk mitigation it believes must be adopted in order for products containing fenthion to remain eligible for reregistration.

The interim risk management decision documents for fenthion were made through the organophosphate pesticide pilot public participation process, which increases transparency and maximizes stakeholder involvement in EPA's development of risk assessments and risk management decisions. The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998, as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical

junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate pesticide risk assessments and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998, to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation.

EPA worked extensively with affected parties to reach the decisions presented in the interim risk management decision document for fenthion. As part of the pilot public participation process, numerous opportunities for public comment were offered as these interim risk management decision documents were being developed. In addition, the Agency will provide further opportunity for public involvement through a stakeholder meeting to discuss risk mitigation options and approaches for fenthion.

The risk assessments for fenthion were released to the public through a notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 1998 (63 FR 48213) (OPP-34141; FRL-6030-2) and October 14, 1999 (64 FR 55712) (OPP-34145A; FRL-6389-2).

EPA's next step under FQPA is to complete a cumulative risk assessment and risk management decision encompassing all the organophosphate pesticides, which share a common mechanism of toxicity. The interim risk management decision documents on fenthion cannot be considered final until this cumulative assessment is complete.

When the cumulative risk assessment for all organophosphate pesticides has been completed, EPA will issue its final tolerance reassessment decision for

fenthion and further risk mitigation measures may be needed.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

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**Lois Rossi,**

*Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6926-1]

#### ILCO Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed settlement.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to enter into two settlement agreements with a total of 19 parties for response costs at the ILCO Superfund Site pursuant to section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1). EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlements for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlements should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. Copies of the