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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. The Agency believes that a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in technical briefings on organophosphate pesticides, 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. 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/>. To access this document, 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/>.

To access information about organophosphate pesticides, you can also go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>. In addition, information about the cumulative process and the preliminary organophosphate cumulative risk assessment documents are found at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/cumulative>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record under docket control number OPP-34251. 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.

II. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

This meeting is open to the public. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 3 to 5 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so immediately before or after the meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be available for public inspection at the address listed in Unit I. of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Organophosphate pesticides.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Lois A. Rossi,

Director, Special Review and Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC) of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet via public teleconference on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are 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 (if any) is included below. Subsequent teleconference meetings of the EEC are planned for March 13, 2002, May 1, 2002, July 3, 2002, September 4, 2002 and November 6, 2002. Information concerning these meetings will appear in future **Federal Register** notices.

1. Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC)—January 30, 2002

The Environmental Engineering Committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), will conduct a public teleconference meeting on January 30, 2002 in Room 6450C location, USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The meeting will begin at 12:00 pm and adjourn no later than 2:00 pm. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 6450C, USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in the conference room noted above, however, the public may also attend through a telephonic link if lines are available. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Mary Winston (see contact information below).

Purpose of the Meeting

The primary purpose of this meeting will be to review for approval the reports of the EEC's Surface Impoundments Study Subcommittee and the Risk Reduction Options Selection Subcommittee, if available. If the reports are not available, the time will be used to update the EEC on other activities of the SAB and for planning the committee's FY2002 activities. The Surface Impoundments Study Subcommittee reviewed Industrial Surface Impoundments in the United States for the Office of Solid Waste as announced in **Federal Register** notices 66 FR 30917-30920 June 8, 2001 and 66 FR 9671-49672 September 28, 2001. At the request of the Committee, the Risk Reduction Options Selection Subcommittee has prepared an update of the risk reduction options selection methodology first proposed in the SAB's Toward Integrated Environmental Decision-Making (EPA-SAB-EC-00-011—Please see <http://www.epa.gov/sab/ecirp011.pdf>).

Availability of Review Materials

The availability of Industrial Surface Impoundments in the United States was

announced previously in the FRs cited above. The other task is self-initiated and there is no review document.

For Further Information—Please see below.

2. Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC)—January 31, 2002

The Environmental Engineering Committee of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will conduct a public teleconference meeting on January 31, 2002 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm (Eastern Daylight Time). The meeting(s) will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 6450C, USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in the conference room noted above, however, the public may also attend through a telephonic link if lines are available. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Mary Winston (see below).

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is for staff from EPA's Office of Research and Development to provide background briefings sufficient for the Committee to plan the requested review of the Risk Management Evaluation (RME) Protocol. The review will NOT be conducted on this conference call.

The draft RME Protocol document was developed from the lessons learned and success stories from the focused pilot RME program, as well as from a review of the latest developments in risk management, including from outside of EPA. The draft Protocol provides a structure and format for: (a) Compiling state-of-the-science in risk management and assessment associated with a specific risk or set of risks; (b) identifying, evaluating, and prioritizing promising long-term and short-term risk management options to manage these risks (e.g., control technologies, pollution prevention measures, process modifications, remediation, best management practices, market-based incentives, social and behavioral measures); (c) evaluating feasibility, performance (risk reduction potential), cost, and applicability of these risk management strategies; (d) identifying gaps in the available data; (e) recommending future research efforts to reduce these data gaps; and (f) developing and providing tools/models to evaluate, prioritize and optimize these risk management options and reduce uncertainties in the data.

The overriding purpose of the draft RME Protocol is to formalize a

foundation, structure and general approach for NRMRL, other ORD laboratories and centers, and others both within and outside of EPA, to identify areas where knowledge in risk management is currently sufficient to effectively manage risks, versus areas where additional research is required. In this way the Protocol will serve as a tool to assist ORD and other research groups in planning and prioritizing risk management research programs, as well as provide an approach to: (a) Analyze sources of potential, perceived or actual risk; (b) evaluate promising risk management options for adapting, preventing, and reducing these risks; and (c) evaluate the availability, cost and effectiveness of the identified options. It is envisioned that the RME Protocol will provide the basis for developing EPA risk management guidance documents.

Charge to the Subcommittee

The tentative charge, which will be the subject of further discussion and negotiation is:

(a) Is the document clear and internally consistent? Is it written at the proper level of technical depth and complexity? Is it adequately and appropriately referenced?

(b) Is the RME Protocol presented in the document logical, complete, and understandable?

(c) Is the RME Protocol an adequate and effective framework and guide for conducting risk management evaluations (RMEs)?

(d) Based on review of the draft RME Protocol and pilots, are risk management evaluations (RMEs) potentially effective and useful tools for enhancing risk management decisions, whether by EPA or others?

Availability of Review Materials

No review is being conducted at this meeting. The document to be eventually reviewed is still in the draft stages and unavailable to both the Committee and the public. When the review dates are set, an announcement will be published in the FR about the meeting and the availability of review materials. A one-page request for the review can be obtained from Ms. White (see below), or on the SAB website (www.epa.gov/SAB) prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning either of these teleconference meetings or who wishes to submit brief oral comments (3 minutes or less) must contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4559; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at white.kathleen@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. White no later than noon Eastern Time January 23, 2002. An agenda or information on participation in either of the above teleconference meetings may be obtained from Ms. Mary Winston, Management Assistant, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-4538, FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at winston.mary@epa.gov.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA 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 (unless otherwise indicated).

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 formats: 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 EPA 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. White at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, EPA Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34250; FRL-6816-5]

Preliminary Organophosphorous Cumulative Risk Assessment; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the preliminary cumulative risk assessment for the organophosphorous pesticides, which was developed as part of EPA's process for tolerance reassessments under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). The Agency is interpreting the results of these analyses, therefore, it is too soon to draw firm conclusions about risks or consider risk management possibilities. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the preliminary risk assessment, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure our decisions under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-34250, must be received on or before March 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-34250 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: angulo.karen@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 a wide range of stakeholders, 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 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**.

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EPA has made the preliminary cumulative risk assessment available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/cumulative/>.

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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-34250 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, Crystal Mall #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 electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described in this unit. 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-34250. 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