

organophosphorous pesticides cause this response as their critical and common effect. When acetylcholinesterase is inhibited, acetylcholine accumulates and cholinergic toxicity results due to continuous stimulation of cholinergic receptors throughout the central and peripheral nervous systems which innervate virtually every organ in the body. Cholinergic effects associated with exposures to OP pesticides have been found in both humans and animals.

OPP proceeded with the methodology and risk assessment development in a step by step process. The approach to the risk assessment was evaluated using a case study of 3 organophosphorous pesticides. That assessment was reviewed by the SAP (September and December, 1999), who recommended that OPP proceed with a more comprehensive case study. OPP developed the hazard, dose-response and exposure assessment for twenty four OP pesticides and brought it to the SAP for comment in September and December of 2000. Based on the comments, the hazard and dose-response assessment was revised and again reviewed by the SAP in September, 2001.

The exposure assessment of the OP pesticides presented here incorporates probabilistic approaches in all pathways considered: Food, drinking water, and residential/non-occupational. The methodology for conducting a preliminary cumulative risk assessment for the organophosphorous pesticides presented here is a first time that the Agency has assessed risk combining multiple sources of exposure for multiple chemicals acting via a common mechanism of toxicity. The general methodology and the specific approach have been under development for 5 years and have been subject to extensive peer review and public comment.

B. Panel Report

The Panel will prepare a report of its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days. The report will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I. of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy

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Notice of the Eighth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; announcement meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Eighth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. The purpose of this Task Force, consisting of federal, state, and tribal members, is to lead efforts to coordinate and support nutrient management and hypoxia-related activities in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico watersheds. The major matter to be discussed at the meeting is the implementation of the Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating, and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. The Plan was developed in fulfillment of a requirement of section 604(b) of the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research Control Act (Pub. L. 105-383—Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998) and was submitted as a Report to Congress on January 18, 2001. The public will be afforded an opportunity to provide input to the Task Force during open discussion periods. The meeting coincides with a meeting of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission in the vicinity, and will afford opportunities for exchange between the participants of both meetings. The meeting room accommodates approximately 125 people.

DATES: The two-day meeting will be held from 2 p.m.–5:30 p.m., February 7, 2002 and from 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., February 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Suites Downtown, 200 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, MO 63102. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel. For reservations, call (314) 621-8200 or 1-800-925-1395. When making room reservations, use the group name "EPA Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Meeting." (Internet: <http://www.radisson.com/stlouismo>)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary Belefski, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), Mail Code 4503F, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; Phone (202)-260-7061; E-mail: belefski.mary@epa.gov. For additional information on logistics and accommodations, contact Ansu John, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030; Phone: (703) 385-6000; E-mail: ansu.john@tetratech-ffx.com.

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Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

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Notice of Public Meeting of the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

Notice is hereby given that the National Environmental Education Advisory Council, established under section 9 of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (the Act), will hold a public meeting on January 31 and February 01, 2002. The meeting will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel, 411 University Street, Seattle, WA, 98101 from 9 am to 5 pm on Thursday, January 31st and Friday, February 1st. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the Council with an opportunity to advise EPA's Office of Communications, Education and Media Relations (OCEMR) and the Office of Environmental Education (OEE) on its implementation of the Act. Members of the public are invited to attend and to submit written comments to EPA following the meeting.

For additional information regarding the Council's upcoming meeting, please contact Ginger Keho, Office of Environmental Education (1704), Office of Communications, Education and Media Relations, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 or call (202) 564-0453.

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Ginger Keho,

Designated Federal Official, National Environmental Education Advisory Council.

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