

expertise and experience enables the Council to function in a timely and strategic manner. Critical issues, challenges, and solutions for addressing them are identified and presented to the Administrator for consideration. The Council usually meets 4–5 times annually and the average workload for the members is approximately 10 to 15 hours per month. Members serve on the Council in a voluntary capacity; however, EPA does provide reimbursement for travel expenses associated with official government business.

Maintaining a balance and diversity of expertise, knowledge, and judgement is an important consideration in the selection of members. Potential candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- Occupy a senior position within their organization
- Broad experience outside of their current position
- Experience dealing with public policy issues
- Membership in broad-based networks
- Extensive experience in the environmental field
- Recognized expert in the subject matter to be addressed by NACEPT

EPA is seeking nominees for representation from all sectors, in particular federal, state, local and tribal agencies, academia, environmental justice organizations, grassroots organizations, and NGOs.

Nominations for membership must include a resume and short biography describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee and the nominee's current business address and daytime telephone number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer for NACEPT, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 233-0090, e-mail: [whitt.gwen@epa.gov](mailto:whitt.gwen@epa.gov).

Dated: August 29, 2002.

**Gwendolyn Whitt,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 7372-8]

### Chesapeake Bay Program—Fiscal Year 2003 Supplemental Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) is issuing a Supplemental Requests for Initial Proposals (RFIP) to implement a specific outcome that will further goals of the Chesapeake 2000 agreement. One project received no responses in the first Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP) dated May 29, 2002, therefore this supplemental RFIP is being issued. Up to \$75,000 dollars may be available for Fiscal Year 2003 for implemental of activities to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. Any non-profit organization, federal, state or local government agency, interstate agency, college or university is eligible to submit proposals in response to this Request for Initial Proposals. Funding will be provided to an applicant under the authority of the Clean Water Act, Section 117.

The RFIP will be available starting September 3, 2002 at the following Web site: <http://www.gov/r3chespk/> You may also request a copy by calling Robert Schewack at 410-267-9856 or by e-mail at [shewack.bob@epa.gov](mailto:shewack.bob@epa.gov) All proposals must be postmark NLT September 17, 2002.

**Diana Esher,**

*Deputy Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 6724-2]

### Developing Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information From External Sources; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on September 20, 2002 to obtain public input on factors and considerations to be used to assess the quality of information voluntarily provided by external sources to the Agency or obtained by EPA from external sources for specific purposes. In addition, EPA is seeking comments

from the public on the draft EPA document, "Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources." EPA developed this document as part of the *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA Information Quality Guidelines). The EPA Information Quality Guidelines were developed pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies* (OMB Guidelines, 67 FR 8452, February 22, 2002).

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on September 20, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time, EDT). Written comments must be received on or before September 20, 2002, 11:59 p.m. EDT. For information on dates for submission of written comments, requests to present oral comments, or requests for special seating arrangements, see Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency East Building, Public Hearing Room 1153, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Comments may be submitted by e-mail, mail, courier or in person. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions on submitting comments and public meeting information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Schweer, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7203M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-8469; fax number: (202) 564-8482; e-mail address: [assessment.factors@epa.gov](mailto:assessment.factors@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 persons or entities who develop or collect information which is voluntarily submitted to EPA or obtained by EPA for its use. 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**.

*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>. You may obtain electronic copies of the draft "Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources" from the Information Quality Guidelines Home Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/oei/qualityguidelines/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established a docket for this meeting under docket ID number OEI-10014. The docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other material information, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). The public version of the docket, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during the applicable comment period, is available for inspection at: EPA Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20460. The docket is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number is (202)566-1752.

*C. How Can I Request To Participate in the Public Meeting?*

You may submit a request to present oral or written comments at the meeting and you may provide written comments prior to the meeting via electronic mail (e-mail), mail, by courier, or in person. To ensure proper receipt of your request and/or comments, it is imperative that you identify docket ID No. OEI-10014 in the subject line of the first page of your request/comments. The request to present brief oral comments (*i.e.*, limited to approximately 5 minutes) should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment. Although requests to present oral comments are accepted until the date of the meeting,

to the extent that time permits, interested persons who have not submitted a request may be permitted to present oral comments. EPA will not be recording or transcribing the public meeting. To facilitate EPA's consideration of your planned comments, EPA recommends that you provide EPA with a written record of those comments you want EPA to consider, either prior to or at the public meeting. Comments must be received on or before September 20, 2002, 11:59 p.m. EDT.

To ensure timely receipt, e-mail ([assessment.factors@epa.gov](mailto:assessment.factors@epa.gov)) is the Agency's preferred method for submitting requests to participate in the meeting and for submitting comments. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. If you submit your request and/or written comments by U.S. mail, send them to: U.S. EPA, EPA Docket Center (7407), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. If you submit requests and/or comments in person, by courier, or other shipping method, deliver them to: EPA Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The docket is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 566-1752.

Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

## II. Background

In response to OMB's guidelines (67 FR 8452, February 22, 2002), EPA has developed *Draft Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency* (Draft EPA Information Quality Guidelines; 67 FR 21234, April 30, 2002). The Draft EPA Information Quality Guidelines are available at EPA's site, <http://www.epa.gov/oei/qualityguidelines>. The Draft EPA Information Quality Guidelines address the various sources of information submitted to or obtained by the Agency for use in making decisions, and, in particular, discuss one category of information that includes information voluntarily submitted to the Agency or information that the Agency obtains from external third party sources. During development of these guidelines, EPA requested comments and held a public meeting. Subsequently, EPA developed a document, "Assessment Factors for

Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources," that specifically addresses assessment factors and considerations relevant to evaluating and using external sources of data and information. EPA is holding a public meeting on September 20, 2002 to obtain public input on factors and considerations they feel are useful to assess the quality of information voluntarily provided by external sources to the Agency or obtained by EPA for specific purposes. In addition, EPA is seeking comments from the public on the document, "Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources."

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, data quality, information quality.

Dated: August 20, 2002.

### Elaine Stanley,

*Director, Office of Information Analysis and Access, Office of Environmental Information.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0198; FRL-7197-5]

### Benomyl; Receipt of Request For Registration Cancellation

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by Hi-Yield Chemical Company to cancel the registration for their product containing methyl 1-(butylcarbamoil)-2-benzimidazole carbamate, or benomyl. No other registrants hold registrations for benomyl. Prior to acting on this request, EPA is providing a 30-day period for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on the requested cancellation of product and use registrations must be submitted by October 9, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Demson Fuller, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8062; fax number: (703) 308-7042; e-mail address: [fuller.demson@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:fuller.demson@epamail.epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**