

discussions, panelists will be preselected from stakeholder groups, including industry, government, academia, and public interest groups.

#### *B. How Should I Prepare for the Workshop?*

The workshop will be a working meeting, with participants expected to provide thoughtful discussion and concrete suggestions on the topics identified above. EPA requests attendees to participate in all sessions to ensure productive collaboration and adequate representation of stakeholder perspectives. EPA also requests that participants review relevant background documents prior to the meeting. A tentative agenda and related documents will be made available at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides>. EPA supports the goals of green conferencing and strongly encourages participants at this meeting to recycle, reduce the use of paper products and bulk mailings, and use mass transit. The meeting location is within walking distance of the Crystal City Metro Stop on the Blue and Yellow Lines. More about green conferencing can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/greenmeetings/>.

### III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

Preregister for this workshop by contacting Teresa Bullock at American Farmland Trust by email [tbullock@niu.edu](mailto:tbullock@niu.edu), by telephone (815-753-9347) or by fax (815-753-9348). You must preregister on or before February 2, 2004 or you can register on site the day of the workshop.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, FIFRA, Plant-Incorporated Pesticides, Experimental Use Permits, Biotechnology, Biopesticides.

Dated: January 8, 2004.

**Janet L. Andersen,**

*Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0055; FRL-7340-8]

#### Questions and Answers for the New Chemicals Program; Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the availability of, and opportunity to comment on, the "Questions and Answers for the New Chemicals Program (Q&A)." The Q&A document is intended to explain and clarify the requirements of TSCA section 5 and selected EPA regulations implementing TSCA section 5, and to provide useful information to persons subject to these requirements.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket ID number OPPT-2003-0055, must be received on or before March 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information contact:* Barbara Cunningham, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

*For technical information contact:* Virginia Lee, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-0883; e-mail address: [lee.virginia@epa.gov](mailto:lee.virginia@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. General Information**

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

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to those persons who are involved in the manufacture or import of chemical substances subject to TSCA section 5. 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 technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### *B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2003-0055. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and

other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

The Q&A is available electronically at <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/newchems/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. EPA

intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

#### *C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. If you wish to submit CBI or information that is otherwise protected by statute, please follow the instructions in Unit I.D. Do not use EPA Dockets or e-mail to submit CBI or information protected by statute.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed in this unit, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you

in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets.* Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once in the system, select "search," and then key in docket ID number OPPT-2003-0055. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by e-mail to [oppt.ncic@epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epa.gov), Attention: Docket ID Number OPPT-2003-0055. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail.* Send your comments to: Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

3. *By hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in EPA East Bldg., Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC, Attention: Docket ID Number OPPT-2003-0055. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal

holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930.

#### *D. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?*

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### *E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

We invite you to provide your views on the various options we propose, new approaches we have not considered, the potential impacts of the various options (including possible unintended consequences), and any data or information that you would like the Agency to consider during the development of the final action. You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
4. Offer alternative ways to improve the document.
5. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
6. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

## II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is announcing the availability of and soliciting comments on the "Questions and Answers for the New Chemicals Program (Q&A)." It is not a substitute for applicable legal requirements, nor is it a regulation itself. Thus, it does not impose legally binding requirements on any party, including EPA or the regulated community.

In addition to the Q&A being available electronically and in the EPA docket, it is also available upon request from the TSCA Hotline.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

**Charles M. Auer,**

*Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7610-1]

### Notice of Tentative Approval and Solicitation of Request for a Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of West Virginia

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

**ACTION:** Notice of tentative approval and Solicitation of Requests for a Public Hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provision of section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended, and the rules governing National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation that the State of West Virginia has revised its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. West Virginia has adopted a Radionuclides Rule to establish a new maximum contaminant level (MCL) for uranium and revise monitoring requirements. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. Therefore, EPA has decided to tentatively approve these program revisions. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing.

**DATES:** Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted by February 17, 2004. This determination shall become effective on February 17,

2004, if no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. Comments may also be submitted electronically to Jennie Saxe at [saxe.jennie@epa.gov](mailto:saxe.jennie@epa.gov). All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.
- Environmental Engineering Division, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, 815 Quarrier Street, Suite 418, Charleston, WV 25301-2616.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennie Saxe, Drinking Water Branch (3WP22) at the Philadelphia address given above; telephone (215) 814-5806 or fax (215) 814-2318.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing. All comments will be considered, and, if necessary, EPA will issue a response. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by [insert date 30 days from date of publication], a public hearing will be held.

A request for public hearing shall include the following: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such a hearing; and (3) the signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

Dated: December 15, 2003.

**Thomas Voltaggio,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, EPA, Region III.*

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Farm Credit Administration Board; Amendment to Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), the Farm Credit Administration gave notice on January 6, 2004 (69 FR 659), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) scheduled for January 8, 2004. This notice is to amend the agenda by adding an item to a closed session of that meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanette C. Brinkley, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4009, TTY (703) 883-4056.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parts of this meeting of the Board were open to the public (limited space available), and parts of this meeting were closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The agenda for January 8, 2004, is amended by adding the following item to a closed session as follows:

#### Closed Session\*

##### Reports

- Examination issue.

\*Session closed—exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8).

Dated: January 13, 2004.

**Jeanette C. Brinkley,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in open session at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, to consider the following matter:

*Summary Agenda:* No matters are scheduled

*Discussed Agenda:* Memorandum and resolution re: Joint Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Community Reinvestment Act Regulations.