

Programs" See <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html> for more details.

#### 5. Other Submission Requirements

Please do not submit additional items. Unnecessary materials (cover letters, unrequested forms or binders) create extra burden for the reviewers and failure to follow instructions may lower your score. To ensure fair and open competition, EPA will respond to questions submitted by email through June 21, 2004. Send questions to [aging.info@epa.gov](mailto:aging.info@epa.gov). Questions and responses will be posted no later than two working days at: <http://www.epa.gov/aging/grants.htm>.

### Section V—Application Review Information

#### A. Administrative Review

The pre-application package will undergo an initial administrative review that will cover eligibility, threshold criteria, completeness and timeliness (see deadline above).

#### B. Review and Selection Process for Pre-Application Proposals (Maximum Score: 100 points)

(1) Applications that pass the administrative review will be evaluated by a team of reviewers. Reviewers will score each full proposal based on how well it:

(a) Demonstrates a proven track record and is viewed as an authority in working on the issues dealt with in the pre-application proposal. The project must demonstrate that the recipient has the personnel skills and experience necessary to ensure success. (20 points)

(b) Demonstrates the project (1) Addresses a clear and previously unmet significant community need; (2) identifies who will benefit from the project; (3) involves the community in planning for and execution of the project; (4) provides lasting results. (20 points)

(c) Establishes reasonable/realistic goals and objectives (including reasonable time frames); (1) Clearly outlines a cogent strategy for achieving, tracking, and demonstrating meaningful environmental results; (2) outlines how project's results will be evaluated; and (3) outlines how the project will be sustained beyond the funding cycle. (10 points)

(d) Provides a mechanism for disseminating project results, such as product deliverables and lessons-learned, ability to be replicated in and disseminated to appropriate audiences. (15 points)

(e) Outlines a clear and cost effective budget for proposed project (10 points).

(f) Overall likely success and value of the project (10 points).

(g) Demonstrates effective and substantial involvement of older adults in all aspects of the project. Includes a diverse team of older adults with expertise, experience and skills (15 points).

#### (2) Other Factors:

Selecting officials may also select applications based on geographical location, program balance and diversity. For geographical location selecting officials will consider the location of the projects as they relate to EPA regions. Selecting officials will also look for urban and rural demonstration projects. Based on the funding priorities described in Section I, a variety of priorities will be considered to achieve program balance. Socio-economic need may also be considered a criteria for selection of pre-application proposals.

### Section VI—Award Administration Information

#### A. Award Notices

Successful pre-applicants will be notified on or about August 16, 2004. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed through a letter or fax sent to the Project Director provided by the applicant in the pre-application proposal by August 30, 2004. For successful applicants who are asked to submit a full proposal, you can expect to receive a written notice signed by the EPA grants officer in the fall of 2004. Successful applicants must receive this document before the award can draw funds. This document will serve as the authorizing document. The award notice will be faxed to the key contact that the applicant in the full proposal.

#### B. Administrative Requirements

Reporting requirements include the standard quarterly financial and performance reports, a quality assurance plan if environmental data is collected. The quarterly reports can be submitted by e-mail, followed by a hard copy that is signed and shipped by a private company or through the postal service.

#### C. Reports and Work Products

Financial and other reporting requirements will be identified in the EPA grant award agreement. Grant recipients must submit formal quarterly progress reports, unless otherwise instructed in the award agreement. If environmental information is collected then a quality assurance plan may be required. Two copies of the final report and two copies of all work products must be sent to the EPA project officer within 90 days after the expiration of

the budget period. This submission will be accepted as the final requirement, unless the EPA project officer notifies you that changes must be made.

### Section VII. Agency Contact

Kathy Sykes, Senior Advisor, Aging Initiative, U.S. EPA, Office of Children's Health Protection, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Room 2512 Ariel Rios North, Washington, DC 20004-2403, [sykes.kathy@epa.gov](mailto:sykes.kathy@epa.gov), phone: (202) 564-3651, fax: (202) 564-2733, Web site: [www.epa.gov/aging](http://www.epa.gov/aging).

### Section VIII. Other Information

#### A. Resources

First time Federal fund recipients are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the regulations applicable to assistance agreements found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40, Part 31 for State and local government entities. See <http://www.epa.gov/docs/epacr40/chapt-1.info/subch-B.html>. You may also obtain a copy of the CFR Title 40, Part 31 at your local U.S. Government Bookstore, or through the U.S. Government Printing Office.

#### B. Regulatory References

EPA's general assistance regulations at 40 CFR part 31 apply to state governments.

#### C. Dispute Resolution Process

Procedures are in 40 CFR 30.63 and 40 CFR 31.70.

#### D. Shipping and Mailing Addresses and Information

Applicants who need more information about this grant or clarification about specific requirements of this solicitation notice, should periodically check the web page for posted information <http://www.epa.gov/aging/grants.html>.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

**William H. Sanders III,**

*Acting Director, Office of Children's Health Protection.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0099; FRL-7353-6]

### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** There will be a 3-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide,

and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review dermal sensitization issues for exposures to pesticides.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from May 4 to 6, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m., eastern daylight time.

**Comments.** For the deadlines for the submission of requests to present oral comments and the submission of written comments, see Unit I.E. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**Special seating.** Requests for special seating arrangements should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209. The telephone number for the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge is (703) 807-2000.

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

**Requests to present oral comments, and special seating.** To submit, requests for special seating arrangements, or requests to present oral comments, notify the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket ID number OPP-2004-0099 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Lewis, DFO, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7201M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-8450; fax number: (202) 564-8382; e-mail addresses: [lewis.paul@epa.gov](mailto:lewis.paul@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 who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), FIFRA, and the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. 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 DFO 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 OPP-2004-0099. 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 Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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/>.

EPA's position paper, charge/questions to FIFRA SAP, FIFRA SAP composition (i.e., members and consultants for this meeting) and the meeting agenda will be available as soon as possible, but no later than mid April 2004. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the FIFRA SAP Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

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. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in 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 in hard copy 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 (preferred), through hand delivery/courier, or by mail. 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. 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 will be included as part of the 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 OPP-2004-0099. 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 [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov), Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2004-0099. 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 deliver as described in Unit I.C.2 or mail to the address provided in Unit I.C.3. 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 hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2004-0099. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit I.B.1.

3. *By mail.* Due to potential delays in EPA's receipt and processing of mail, respondents are strongly encouraged to submit comments either electronically or by hand delivery or courier. We cannot guarantee that comments sent via mail will be received prior to the close of the comment period. If mailed, please send your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2004-0099.

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

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 copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
5. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.
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.

#### *E. How May I Participate in this Meeting?*

You may participate in this meeting by following the instructions in this unit. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2004-0099 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

1. *Oral comments.* Oral comments presented at the meetings should not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written comments. Although requests to present oral comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless

otherwise stated), to the extent that time permits, interested persons may be permitted by the chair of FIFRA SAP to present oral comments at the meeting. Each individual or group wishing to make brief oral comments to FIFRA SAP is strongly advised to submit their request to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than noon, eastern daylight time, April 29, 2004, in order to be included on the meeting agenda. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard). Oral comments before FIFRA SAP are limited to approximately 5 minutes unless prior arrangements have been made. In addition, each speaker should bring 30 copies of his or her comments and presentation slides for distribution to FIFRA SAP at the meeting.

2. *Written comments.* Although submission of written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), the Agency encourages that written comments be submitted, using the instructions in Unit I., no later than noon, eastern daylight time, April 29, 2004, to provide FIFRA SAP the time necessary to consider and review the written comments. There is no limit on the extent of written comments for consideration by FIFRA SAP. Persons wishing to submit written comments at the meeting should contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and submit 30 copies.

3. *Seating at the meeting.* Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the DFO at least 5 business days prior to the meeting using the information under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## **II. Background**

### *A. Purpose of the FIFRA SAP*

Amendments to FIFRA enacted November 28, 1975 (7 U.S.C. 136w(d)), include a requirement under section 25(d) of FIFRA that notices of intent to cancel or reclassify pesticide regulations pursuant to section 6(b)(2) of FIFRA, as well as proposed and final forms of rulemaking pursuant to section 25(a) of FIFRA, be submitted to a SAP prior to being made public or issued to a registrant. In accordance with section 25(d) of FIFRA, the FIFRA SAP is to have an opportunity to comment on the

health and environmental impact of such actions. The FIFRA SAP also shall make comments, evaluations, and recommendations for operating guidelines to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments as to the impact on health and the environment of regulatory actions under sections 6(b) and 25(a) of FIFRA.

The Deputy Administrator appoints seven individuals to serve on the FIFRA SAP for staggered terms of 4 years, based on recommendations from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Section 104 of FQPA (Public Law 104-170) established the FQPA Science Review Board (SRB). These scientists shall be available to the FIFRA SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the FIFRA SAP.

#### *B. Public Meeting*

EPA is seeking expert advice on how to evaluate general population exposures to pesticides that are recognized to cause dermal sensitization. Specifically, the Agency is interested in better understanding how such exposures may induce sensitization in the general population and how to establish criteria to protect against unacceptable dermal reaction. The Agency is also seeking guidance from the SAP on how such exposures impact individuals already sensitized.

The Agency is seeking this guidance in the context of addressing exposures to potential dermal sensitizers incorporated into treated articles (e.g., textiles and wood). Hexavalent chromium, as a component of a pesticide product intended to be used as a wood preservative, will be presented to the SAP as a case study to explore methodologies to assess these types of exposure scenarios. The methods developed for hexavalent chromium could form the basis for determining the approach/types of data needed to assess dermal sensitizers potentially used in products available to consumers. The SAP will meet to consider, review and to provide expertise in advising the Agency on these general issues.

Historically, EPA has qualitatively assessed pesticide chemicals with the potential for causing allergic contact dermatitis (ACD) for occupational and other settings (i.e., to workers mixing, loading, and/or applying the pesticide or exposed to the pesticide immediately following treatment as well as residential exposures). While EPA

believes that the greatest exposures would generally occur to individuals in occupational settings, the Agency recognizes that following use of these chemicals in treated articles, the general population also may be potentially at risk of ACD from dermal contact with these chemicals. EPA has not previously used an assessment of dermal sensitization risk for pesticides. In cases where dermal sensitization issues arise from occupational exposure use patterns, the Agency currently employs labeling to warn of potential sensitization effects and/or requires use of personal protective equipment to address the potential concerns for dermal sensitization. Due to the unique exposures to the general public associated with treated articles, for example a treated deck, it is not feasible to employ these labeling approaches in order to avoid exposures for critical periods. Thus, there is interest in developing quantitative approaches to assessing the potential for dermal sensitization from exposure to pesticides.

EPA seeks the Panel's advice on several specific issues before determining an appropriate scientific approach to evaluate potential dermal sensitization risks for pesticide treated articles. The Agency is interested in learning of any specific types of data that would be adequate to determine the magnitude, duration, and frequency of exposure needed to cause induction of ACD in the unsensitized population and to elicit ACD in the sensitized population. To assist the Agency in its deliberations, the SAP will be asked to provide guidance on any special scientific considerations, including the relative susceptibility of adults and children to induction of ACD as well as the elicitation of ACD. For example, would children exposed to hexavalent chromium while playing on a deck with treated wood have a greater susceptibility to induction of dermal sensitization than adults? What uncertainty factors should be considered in the regulatory process to protect for this specific exposure scenario? EPA is also interested in determining under what circumstances it would be appropriate to use a quantitative approach to assess the potential for induction of ACD for non-occupational exposures.

#### *C. FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes*

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or

may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: April 8, 2004.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[Docket No. RCRA-2003-0014; FRL-7648-6]

### **Announcement of a Public Stakeholder Meeting Concerning the Hazardous Waste Generator Regulatory Program**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public stakeholder meeting.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Office of Solid Waste is holding a series of public meetings in May 2004 to obtain input from its many stakeholders on the effectiveness of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act's (RCRA's) hazardous waste generator regulatory program. Concurrent with this effort, the Agency intends to issue an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) seeking comment on a series of questions related to the RCRA hazardous waste generator regulatory program. With the information collected from these two efforts, we will evaluate and determine whether changes to the hazardous waste generator program are appropriate and, if so, develop and implement a program strategy with the goals of fostering: improved program effectiveness; a pollution prevention stewardship philosophy; and decrease compliance cost where practicable.

The following topics are planned for discussion:

1. What areas of the generator program are working well?
2. How can we improve the program through the use of innovative solutions and improved technical assistance?
3. How can we improve the program through better performance measurements, burden reductions and pollution prevention/recycling?

Additional detail can be found under Tentative Agenda. A tentative agenda is on the Web at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/gener/init/index.htm>.