

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8199-1]

Membership on the Coastal Elevations and Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Request for nominations to the Coastal Elevations and Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee (CESLAC).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is inviting nominations for membership on the Coastal Elevations and Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee (CESLAC). The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice on the conduct of a study titled *Coastal Elevations and Sensitivity to Sea Level Rise* to be conducted as part of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP). The draft prospectus for the study titled *Coastal Elevations and Sensitivity to Sea Level Rise* is on the CCSP Web site at <http://www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap4-1/sap4-1prospectus-draft.htm>. Committee membership will total approximately fifteen persons and will include a balanced representation of individuals from the Federal Government, State and/or local governments, the scientific community, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, with expertise, experience, knowledge and interests essential to, or affected by, the successful completion of the study.

Nominations should be received within twenty-one days of the date of this **Federal Register** notice. Any interested person or organization may submit a nomination. Nominations must include a complete resume of the nominee's background, experience and expertise, and any other information considered relevant. Additional avenues and resources will be utilized by EPA in the solicitation of nominees.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to: Jack Fitzgerald (6207), Climate Change Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; e-mail address: Fitzgerald.jack@epa.gov, fax: (202) 343-2337.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Fitzgerald (6207), Climate Change Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 343-9336; e-mail address: Fitzgerald.jack@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the Committee Charter is available at <http://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/>. The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice on the conduct of a study titled *Coastal Elevations and Sensitivity to Sea Level Rise* to be conducted as part of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP). This study will give particular attention to the coastal area of the U.S. between the states of New York and North Carolina. Within the context of the basic study plan established in the prospectus, CESLAC will advise on the specific issues to be addressed, appropriate technical approaches, the nature of information relevant to decision makers, the content of the final assessment report, compliance with the Information Quality Act, and other matters important to the successful achievement of the objectives of the study. Individuals and organizations interested in submitting nominations for membership should familiarize themselves with the draft prospectus for this study, which is available at <http://www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap4-1/sap4-1prospectus-draft.htm>. CESLAC is expected to meet three times before the end of 2007—twice in the Washington, DC, area and once in a coastal or near-coastal community.

Nominations should be sent preferably by e-mail. If sent by either fax or regular mail, sender is encouraged to phone (202) 343-9336 in advance.

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Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2004-0292; FRL-8076-8]

Pyraclostrobin; Objections to Pesticide Tolerances; Notice of Availability**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of objections filed with respect to the establishment and increase of various pyraclostrobin tolerances under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). The objections were filed on June 5, 2006 by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). NRDC's objections assert that EPA unlawfully removed the additional 10X safety factor for the protection of infants and

children. Additionally NRDC claims that EPA's action was arbitrary and capricious for failure to provide an adequate explanation for its decision on the children's safety factor, and because EPA never received information EPA deemed necessary to its review of the pesticide. This Notice seeks comment on the NRDC objections.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number(s) EPA-HQ-OPP-2004-0292, by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- Delivery: OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number(s) EPA-HQ-OPP-2004-0292. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The Federal www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tony Kish, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-9443; fax number: (703) 308-9382; e-mail address: kish.tony@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 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 sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may 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. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit this information to EPA through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD ROM that

you mail to EPA, 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 claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. **Tips for preparing your comments.** When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket (ID) number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.
- vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. Background

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

On June 5, 2006, the NRDC filed objections to a final rule establishing several new pesticide tolerances and increasing several existing tolerances for pyraclostrobin. 71 FR 17014 (April 5, 2006). Pesticide tolerances are established under section 408 of the FFDCA, 21 USC 346a. The new tolerances were for bean, succulent, shelled; legume vegetables group, foliage, in crop group 7; mango (import); and papaya (import). Tolerances were increased for almond, hulls; pea and bean, dried shelled, except soybean, subgroup 6C; and strawberry.

NRDC's objections assert that EPA unlawfully removed the additional 10X safety factor for the protection of infants and children. Additionally NRDC claims that EPA's action was arbitrary

and capricious for failure to provide an inadequate explanation for its decision on the children's safety factor and because EPA never received information EPA deemed necessary to its review of the pesticide.

Because the issues raised by NRDC concern matters of great interest not just to NRDC but to growers, food distributors and processors, and pesticide manufacturers as well as members of the public, EPA believes its decision-making will be enhanced by obtaining the views of all affected parties. For that reason, EPA is publishing this notice of availability of NRDC's objections and requesting comment on the objections. The objections are available in the OPP Regulatory Public Docket under the docket for the tolerance rules in question: OPP-2004-0292. The OPP Regulatory Public Docket is physically located at the address included in the **ADDRESSES** section above. The dockets for these rulemakings are also available online in the Federal Government's electronic docket at www.regulations.gov.

B. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

Under section 408(g)(2)(A) of the FFDCA, any person may file objections with EPA within 60 days of issuance of a final tolerance regulation, 21 U.S.C. 346a(g)(2). Such person may also request a public evidentiary hearing on the objections; however, NRDC has not requested such a hearing. Under EPA regulations, EPA must publish an order setting forth its determination on each of NRDC's objections, 40 CFR 178.37(a). Such order must contain EPA's reasons for its determination, 40 CFR 178.37(b). If based on the objections EPA determines that the tolerance regulation should be modified or revoked, EPA will publish by order any revisions to the regulation, 21 U.S.C. 346a(g)(2)(C); 40 CFR 178.35.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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