

Exposure Database (PHED) and the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) data--were constructed in order to estimate exposures resulting from mixing/loading/applying pesticides. The data assembled for use in these databases were taken from published literature as well as from industry studies submitted to the Agency. These databases have been used as the main sources for estimating occupational exposures to workers handling pesticides for both registration and reregistration actions. Since the early 1980s, the Agency has been using a scenario-based approach in its assessments for estimating exposures for occupational pesticide handlers (e.g., mixers, loaders, and applicators). This approach is consistent with the Agency's guidelines for exposure assessment which can be found on the EPA website at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=15263>.

Over the years since the issuance of the exposure guidelines, there have been scientific issues raised about the accuracy of exposure estimates based on data developed using these methods. In addition, recent protocols for the generation of new agricultural pesticide handler exposure data are being generated by a pesticide industry task force and were reviewed by the Agency's Human Subjects Review Board (HSRB) (see <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/files/june2006finaldraftreport82806.pdf> for further information). The board raised questions concerning the scientific merits of the proposed protocols.

Given the scientific issues that have been raised regarding occupational pesticide exposure estimates and study protocols, including the recent comments from the HSRB, at this time EPA is asking the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to evaluate, in detail, issues associated with certain methodologies used to generate exposure studies and the procedures used to develop exposure estimates. As part of the background for the SAP meeting, the Agency is developing a case study that details the procedures and data the Agency uses to evaluate 6 exposure scenarios that are common in agriculture. These data can be found in the existing Pesticide Handlers Exposure Database.

The following four issues are expected to be the focus of this SAP review: Sample collection methods (e.g., whole-body dosimetry, handwashing, facial/neck wipes, and biological monitoring); data needs (e.g., availability of data in the Pesticide Handlers Exposure Database); unit exposure (e.g., relating the amount of

exposure to the amount of chemical active ingredient handled); and sample size issues (e.g., inter-/intra-worker variability and representativeness).

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

EPA's position paper, charge/questions to the FIFRA SAP, FIFRA SAP composition i.e., members and ad hoc members for this meeting, and the meeting agenda will be available by mid December 2006. 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, at <http://www.regulations.gov> and the FIFRA SAP homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency approximately 90 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained from the OPP Regulatory Public Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0201; FRL-8101-4]**

### **Organic Arsenical Herbicides (MSMA, DSMA, CAMA, and Cacodylic Acid), Reregistration Eligibility Decision; Extension of Comment Period**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** of August 9, 2006, concerning the availability of the reregistration eligibility decision (RED) for the organic arsenical herbicides MSMA, DSMA, DAMA, and cacodylic acid. EPA also issued a notice in the **Federal Register** of October 4, 2006, announcing the extension of the original comment period by 30 days. This document is extending the comment period until December 13, 2006.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0201 must be received on or before December 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Follow the detailed instructions as provided under **ADDRESSES** in the **Federal Register** document of August 9, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lance Wormell, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 603-0523; e-mail address: [wormell.lance@epa.gov](mailto:wormell.lance@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

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

The Agency included in the notice a list of those who may be potentially affected by this action. If you have 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 [regulations.gov](http://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.

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

To submit comments, or access the official public docket, please follow the detailed instructions as provided in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of the August 9, 2006 **Federal Register** document. If you have questions, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### II. What Action is EPA Taking?

This document extends the public comment period established in the **Federal Register** of October 4, 2006 (71 FR 58605) (FRL-8097-4). In that document, EPA announced the extension of the comment period for the RED document for the organic arsenical herbicides MSMA, DSMA, DAMA, and cacodylic acid. EPA is hereby extending the comment period, which was set to end on November 9, 2006, to December 13, 2006.

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

Section 4(g)(2) of FIFRA as amended directs that, after submission of all data concerning a pesticide active ingredient, the Administrator shall determine whether pesticides containing such active ingredient are eligible for reregistration. Further provisions are made to allow a public comment period. However, the Administrator may extend the comment period, if additional time for comment is requested. In this case, the Monomethyl Arsonic Acid (MAA) Research Task Force, the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) and several growers have requested additional time to develop comments.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0857; FRL-8100-2]

### Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions for Establishment or Amendment to Regulations for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment or amendment of regulations for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various commodities.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 27, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0857 and pesticide petition number (PP) 6E7058, 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 Bldg.), 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 telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

*Instructions.* Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0857. 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](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The Federal 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](http://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, e.g., 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 Bldg.), 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 telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sidney Jackson, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-7610; e-mail address: [jackson.sidney@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.sidney@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

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

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).