

EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical, unusually high exposure to BNS, compared to the general population.

EPA is applying the principles of public participation to all pesticides undergoing reregistration and tolerance reassessment. The Agency's Pesticide Tolerance Reassessment and Reregistration; Public Participation Process, published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2004 (69 FR 26819)(FRL-7357-9), explains that in conducting these programs, the Agency is tailoring its public participation process to be commensurate with the level of risk, extent of use, complexity of the issues, and degree of public concern associated with each pesticide. For BNS, a modified, 4-Phase process with 1 comment period and ample opportunity for public consultation seems appropriate in view of its refined risk assessment, few complex issues, and/or other factors. However, if as a result of comments received during this comment period EPA finds that additional issues warranting further discussion are raised, the Agency may lengthen the process and include a second comment period, as needed.

All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. Comments will become part of the Agency Docket for BNS. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

#### *B. 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," before calling in product-specific data on individual end-use products and either reregistering products or taking other "appropriate regulatory action."

Section 408(q) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(q), requires EPA to review tolerances and exemptions for pesticide

residues in effect as of August 2, 1996, to determine whether the tolerance or exemption meets the requirements of section 408(b)(2) or (c)(2) of FFDCA. This review was completed by August 3, 2006.

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, antimicrobials, Bromonitrostyrene.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0414; FRL-8141-7]**

### **2-Octyl-3 (2H)-isothiazolone (Ocithilinone) Risk Assessment; Notice of Availability and Risk Reduction Options; Reopening of Comment Period**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's risk assessment(s), and related documents for the pesticide 2-octyl-3 (2H)-isothiazolone (also known as ocithilinone or OIT), and opens a public comment period on these documents. The public is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for ocithilinone through a modified, 4-Phase public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration decisions. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 17, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0414, 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 Dr., 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 EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0414. 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 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 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 available in regulations.gov. To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow the instructions on the regulations.gov Web site to view the docket index or access available documents. 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 Dr., 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:** K. Avivah Jakob, Antimicrobials Division (7510P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-1328; fax number: (703) 308-8481; e-mail address: [jakob.kathryn@epa.gov](mailto:jakob.kathryn@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 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. What Action is EPA taking?

EPA is reopening the availability of the Agency's preliminary human health and ecological risk assessments, initially issued for comment through a **Federal Register** notice published on June 13, 2007 (72 FR 32649) (FRL-8136-2). EPA developed the risk assessments and risk characterization for othilinone through a modified version of its public process for making pesticide reregistration eligibility and tolerance reassessment decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that pesticides meet current standards under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). Othilinone is used as a material preservative, as an industrial mildewcide for cooling tower and air washer water systems, and as a wood preservative.

EPA is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide risk management proposals or otherwise comment on risk management for othilinone. Risks of concern associated with use of othilinone are: Occupational handler exposure and risks of concern resulting from plastics and vinyl preservation (via liquid pump and liquid pour), paint preservation (via liquid pump and liquid pour), wood preservation (via mixing, loading, high pressure/high volume spraying), professional painter application (via airless sprayer) and use of treated paint; residential application

and post-application risks of concern resulting from treated paint, treated carpet, treated vinyl, treated clothing and treated mattresses; and residential aggregate exposure and risks of concern resulting from treated fabrics, clothing and polymers. In targeting these risks of concern, the Agency solicits information on effective and practical risk reduction measures.

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All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. Comments will become part of the Agency Docket for othilinone. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. After considering comments received, EPA will develop and issue the othilinone RED.

##### 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," before calling in product-specific data on individual end-use products and either reregistering products or taking other "appropriate regulatory action."

##### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, antimicrobials, othilinone, OIT.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8441-2]

### Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of 29 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) in Louisiana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability for comment of the administrative record files for 29 TMDLs and the calculations for these TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in the Red, Sabine, and

Pearl River Basins of Louisiana, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These TMDLs were completed in response to a court order in the lawsuit styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford, et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before September 4, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the 29 TMDLs should be sent to Diane Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733 or e-mail: [smith.diane@epa.gov](mailto:smith.diane@epa.gov). For further information, contact Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145 or fax 214.665.7373. The administrative record files for the 29 TMDLs are available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the administrative record files may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wq/npdes/>

*tmdl/index.htm*, or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Smith at the above address. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the EPA, styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford, et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Louisiana TMDLs in a timely manner. EPA proposes these 29 TMDLs pursuant to a consent decree entered in this lawsuit.

### EPA Seeks Comment on 29 TMDLs

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following 29 TMDLs for waters located within Louisiana basins:

Subsegment	Waterbody name	Pollutant
090101 .....	Pearl River—MS State Line to Pearl River Navigation Canal .....	Mercury.
090102 .....	East Pearl River—Holmes Bayou to I-10 .....	Mercury.
090103 .....	East Pearl River—From I-10 to Lake Borgne (estuarine) .....	Mercury.
090105 .....	Pearl River Navigation Canal—From Pools Bluff to Lock No. 3 .....	Mercury.
090106 .....	Holmes Bayou—From the Pearl River to the West Pearl River (scenic) .....	Mercury.
090107 .....	Pearl River—From Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou .....	Mercury.
090201 .....	West Pearl River—From Headwaters to confluence with Holmes Bayou (scenic) .....	Mercury.
090202-5126 .....	Morgan River—From Porters River to its confluence with Pearl River (scenic) .....	Mercury.
090203 .....	Lower Bogue Chitto—From River Navigation Canal to Wilsons Slough .....	Mercury.
090204 .....	Pearl River Navigation Canal—Below Lock No. 3 .....	Mercury.
090205 .....	Wilson Slough—Bogue Chitto to West Pearl River .....	Mercury.
090206 .....	Bradley Slough—Bogue Chitto to West Pearl River .....	Mercury.
090207 .....	Middle Pearl River and West Middle Pearl River—From West Pearl River to Little Lake .....	Mercury.
090207-5112 .....	Morgan Bayou—Headwaters near I-10 to confluence with Middle River .....	Mercury.
090501 .....	Bogue Chitto River—From MS State Line to Pearl River Navigation Canal (scenic) .....	Mercury.
100401-0556575 .....	Ivan Lake .....	Mercury.
100703 .....	Black Lake and Clear Lake .....	Mercury.
100705 .....	Kepler Lake .....	Mercury.
100709 .....	Grand Bayou—Headwaters to Black Lake Bayou .....	Mercury.
100709-001 .....	Grand Bayou Reservoir .....	Mercury.
100803 .....	Saline Bayou—From Saline Lake to Red River .....	Mercury.
101302 .....	Iatt Lake .....	Mercury.
101501 .....	Big Saline Bayou—Catahoula Lake to Saline Lake .....	Mercury.
101502 .....	Saline Lake .....	Mercury.
101504 .....	Saline Bayou—Larto Lake to Saline Lake (scenic) .....	Mercury.
101505 .....	Larto Lake .....	Mercury.
101506 .....	Big Creek—Headwaters to Saline Lake .....	Mercury.
110101 .....	Toledo Bend Reservoir—TX-LA Line to Toledo Bend Dam .....	Mercury.
110503 .....	Vernon Lake .....	Mercury.

EPA requests that the public provide to EPA any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the calculations for the 29 TMDLs. EPA will review all data and information submitted during the public comment period and revise the TMDLs where appropriate. EPA will then forward the TMDLs to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). The LDEQ will incorporate the TMDLs into

its current water quality management plan.

Dated: July 9, 2007.

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### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 72 FR 37221, Monday, July 9, 2007.