Reregistration Eligibility Decisions; Notice of Availability; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 16, 2008, EPA issued a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for the soil fumigant pesticides chloropicrin, dazomet, metam sodium/potassium, and methyl bromide. The notice also announced a 60-day public comment period. This document is extending the comment period for 45 days, from September 15, 2008, to October 30, 2008.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket identification (ID) number must be received on or before October 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Follow the detailed instructions as provided under ADDRESSES in the Federal Register notice of July 16, 2008.


For general information contact: John Leahy, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–6703; fax number: (703) 308–8090; e-mail address: leahy.john@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What Action is EPA Taking?

This document extends the public comment period for the fumigants chloropicrin, dazomet, metam sodium/potassium, and methyl bromide established in the Federal Register issued on July 16, 2008 (73 FR 40871, FRL–8372–3). In that document, EPA announced the availability of the REDs and opened a 60-day public comment period. EPA is hereby extending the comment period, which was set to end on September 15, 2008, to October 30, 2008.

To submit comments, or access the public docket, please follow the detailed instructions as provided under ADDRESSES in the July 16, 2008, Federal Register notice (73 FR 40871).

II. What is the Agency’s Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 4(g)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (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 Methyl Bromide Industry Panel (MBIP), California Specialty Crops Council, the Chloropicrin Manufacturers’ Task Force (CMTF), the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA), the California Strawberry Nurseries’ Association, the Agricultural Retailers Association, the American Forest and Paper Association, and McDermott, Will, and Emery LLP, on behalf of the Minor Crop Farmer Alliance (MCFA), have requested additional time to develop comments. These groups represent manufacturers and users of the soil fumigants. The Agency believes that an additional 45 days is warranted.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Fumigants, Pesticides and pests.


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to EPA without going through http://www.regulations.gov your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public 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. For additional information about EPA’s public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov 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, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in http://www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Air Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. This Docket Facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket telephone number is 202–566–1742; fax 202–566–9744.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Anne Rea, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (Mailcode C539–02), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; e-mail: rea.anne@epa.gov; telephone: 919–541–0053; fax: 919–541–0840.

General Information
A. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. Submitting CBI. Do not submit this information to EPA through 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:
   - Identify the rulemaking by docket number and other identifying information (subject heading, Federal Register date and page number).
   - 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.
   - Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
   - Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
   - If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
   - Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.
   - Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
   - Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Administrator identifies and lists certain pollutants which “cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare.” The EPA then issues air quality criteria for listed pollutants, which are commonly referred to as “criteria pollutants.” The air quality criteria are to “accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of a pollutant in the ambient air, in varying quantities.” Under section 109 of the CAA, EPA establishes NAAQS for each listed pollutant, with the NAAQS based on the air quality criteria. Section 109(d) of the CAA requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. The revised air quality criteria reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. The EPA is also required to periodically review and revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised criteria.

EPA is currently conducting a joint review of the existing secondary (welfare-based) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂). Because NOₓ, SOₓ, and their associated transformation products are linked from an atmospheric chemistry perspective as well as from an environmental effects perspective, and because of the National Research Council’s (NRC’s) 2004 recommendations to consider multiple pollutants in forming the scientific basis for the NAAQS, EPA has decided to jointly assess the science, risks, and policies relevant to protecting the public welfare associated with oxides of nitrogen and oxides of sulfur. This is the first time since NAAQS were established in 1971 that a joint review of these two pollutants has been conducted. Since both the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and EPA have recognized these interactions historically, and the science related to these interactions has continued to evolve and grow to the present day, there is a strong basis for considering them together.

As part of its review of the secondary NAAQS for NOₓ and SOₓ, EPA is preparing an assessment of exposures and characterization of risks for adverse ecological effects associated with atmospheric NOₓ and SOₓ deposition. A draft plan describing the proposed approaches to assessing ecological exposures and effects is described in the draft document, Draft Scope and Methods Plan for Risk/Exposure Assessment: Secondary NAAQS Review for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur.

This document was released for public review and comment in March, 2008 and was the subject of a consultation with the CASAC on April 2 and 3, 2008. Comments received from that consultation have been considered in developing the first draft risk and exposure assessment for the secondary NOₓ/SOₓ NAAQS review being released at this time.

The first draft risk and exposure assessment for the secondary NOₓ/SOₓ NAAQS review released at this time conveys our approach to assess ecological effects due to the deposition of ambient NOₓ and SOₓ, and present the results of these analyses. This draft document will be available online at: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/nao2so2sec/cr_rea.html.

The EPA is soliciting advice and recommendations from the CASAC by means of a review on the draft document at an upcoming public meeting of the CASAC scheduled for October 1–2, 2008 in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Following the CASAC
meeting, EPA will consider comments
received from the CASAC and the
public in preparing a second draft risk
and exposure assessment report. The
release of the second draft report will be
followed by another CASAC meeting
which will be announced in a future
Federal Register notice and ultimately
EPA will release a final risk and
exposure assessment document taking
into consideration comments from the
CASAC and public.

Dated: August 21, 2008.

Jennifer N. Edmonds,
Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning
and Standards.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President’s Council of
Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the
schedule and summary agenda for a
meeting of the President’s Council of
Advisors on Science and Technology
(PCAST), and describes the functions of
the Council. Notice of this meeting is
required under the Federal Advisory
Committee Act (FACA).

Dates and Place: September 16, 2008,
Washington, DC. The meeting will be
held in Room 100 at the Keck Center of
the National Academies at 500 5th St.,
NW., Washington DC.

Type of Meeting: Open. Further
details on the meeting agenda will be
posted on the PCAST Web site at:
http://ostp.gov/cs/pcast/
meetings_agendas.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda: The
President’s Council of Advisors on
Science and Technology (PCAST) is
scheduled to meet in open session on
Tuesday September 16, 2008, at
approximately 9 a.m. The chairs of the
PCAST subcommittee on university-
private sector research partnerships are
tentatively scheduled to lead a
discussion on the findings of the PCAST
study on this issue. The PCAST also is
tentatively scheduled to convene three
panels. The first panel will address
broad policy issues associated with
science and engineering education. The
second panel will explore the impact of
science policy on innovation.

Additionally, PCAST is tentatively
scheduled to have a panel providing an
update on energy-related technologies.
This session will end at approximately
4 p.m. Additional information and the
final agenda will be posted at the
PCAST Web site at: http://ostp.gov/cs/
pcast/meetings_agendas.

Public Comments: There will be time
allocated for the public to speak on the
above agenda items. This public
comment time is designed for
substantive commentary on PCAST’s
work topics, not for business marketing
purposes. Please submit a request for
the opportunity to make a public
comment five (5) days in advance of the
meeting. The time for public comments
will be limited to no more than 5
minutes per person. Written comments
are also welcome at any time following
the meeting. Please notify Dr. Scott
Steele, PCAST Executive Director, at
(202) 456–6549, or fax your request/
comments to (202) 456–6040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Information
regarding agenda, time, and location is
available at the PCAST Web site at:
http://ostp.gov/cs/pcast/
meetings_agendas. Questions about the
meeting should be directed to PCAST
Executive Director Dr. Scott Steele at
(202) 456–6549 prior to 3 p.m. on
Friday, September 5, 2008. Please note
that public seating for this meeting is
limited and is available on a first-come,
first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
President’s Council of Advisors on
Science and Technology was
established by Executive Order 13226,
on September 30, 2001. The purpose of
PCAST is to advise the President on
matters of science and technology
policy, and to assist the President’s
National Science and Technology
Council in securing private sector
participation in its activities. The
Council members are distinguished
individuals appointed by the President
from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is
go-chaired by Dr. John H. Marburger, III,
the Director of the Office of Science and
Technology Policy, and by E. Floyd
Kvamme, a Partner at Kleiner Perkins
Caufield & Byers.

Stanley S. Sokul,
Chief of Staff and General Counsel, Office
of Science and Technology Policy.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION

Public Information Collection
Requirement Submitted to OMB for
Review and Approval, Comments
Requested

August 22, 2008.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications
Commission, as part of its continuing
effort to reduce paperwork burden,
invites the general public and other
federal agencies to take this opportunity
to comment on the following
information collection, as required by the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,
Public Law 104–13. An agency may not
conduct or sponsor a collection of
information unless it displays a
currently valid control number. No
person shall be subject to any penalty
for failing to comply with a collection
of information subject to the Paperwork
Reduction Act (PRA) that does not
display a valid control number.

Comments are requested concerning:
(a) Whether the proposed collection of
information is necessary for the proper
performance of the functions of the
Commission, including whether the
information shall have practical utility;
(b) the accuracy of the Commission’s
burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance
the quality, utility, and clarity of the
information collected; and (d) ways to
minimize the burden of the collection of
information on the respondents,
including the use of automated
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology.

DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction
Act (PRA) comments should be
submitted on or before September 29,
2008. If you anticipate that you will be
submitting comments, but find it
difficult to do so within the period of
time allowed by this notice, you should
advise the contacts listed below as soon
as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments
to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of
Management and Budget, via Internet at
Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov or via
tax at (202) 395–5167 and to Cathy
Williams, Federal Communications
Commission, Room 1–C823, 445 12th
Street, SW., Washington, DC or via
Internet at Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov or
PRA@fcc.gov.

To view a copy of this information
collection request (ICR) submitted to
OMB: (1) go to the Web page http://
www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain,
(2) look for the section of the Web page
called “Currently Under Review,” (3)
click on the downward-pointing arrow in
the “Select Agency” box below the
“Currently Under Review” heading, (4)