encourages you to submit such comments no later than noon, Eastern Time, January 19, 2011. You should submit your comments using the instructions in section I., under subsection C., “What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?” In addition, the Agency also requests that persons submitting comments directly to the docket also provide a copy of their comments to Jim Downing or Lu-Ann Kleibacker listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the HSRB.

E. Background

The HSRB is a Federal advisory committee operating in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. App.2 section 9. The HSRB provides advice, information, and recommendations to EPA on issues related to scientific and ethical aspects of human subjects research. The major objectives of the HSRB are to provide advice and recommendations on: (1) Research proposals and protocols; (2) reports of completed research with human subjects; and (3) how to strengthen EPA’s programs for protection of human subjects of research. The HSRB reports to the EPA Administrator through EPA’s Science Advisor.

1. Topics for discussion. At its meeting on January 26, 2011, EPA’s Human Studies Review Board will consider scientific and ethical issues surrounding these topics:

—A scenario design and associated protocol from the Agricultural Handler Exposure Task Force (AHETF) describing proposed research to monitor exposure of workers who mix and load pesticides formulated as wettable powders. EPA requests the advice of the HSRB concerning whether, if it is revised as suggested in EPA’s review and if it is performed as described, this research is likely to generate scientifically reliable data, useful for assessing the exposure of those who mix and load pesticides formulated as wettable powders, and to meet the applicable requirements of 40 CFR part 26, subparts K and L. The report of a completed scenario monograph and study reports of five field studies from the Agricultural Handler Exposure Task Force (AHETF) measuring the dermal and inhalation exposure of workers applying liquid spray pesticides to tree or trellis crops using closed cab airblast equipment. The studies were conducted in five states in the U.S.