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Dated: December 22, 2016.

**Gautam Srinivasan,**

*Acting Associate General Counsel.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0855; FRL-9955-72]

### Paraquat Dichloride Human Health Mitigation Decision; Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's human health mitigation decision for the pesticide paraquat dichloride, case 0262. Registration review is EPA's periodic review of pesticide registrations to ensure that each pesticide continues to satisfy the statutory standard for registration, that is, that the pesticide can perform its intended function without causing unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that each pesticide's registration is based on current scientific and other knowledge, including its effects on human health and the environment. EPA may pursue mitigation at any time during the registration review process if it finds that a pesticide poses unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment. Based on the number and severity of paraquat human health incidents, the EPA believes that the mitigation measures outlined in this human health mitigation decision are necessary to address identified human health risk concerns.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For pesticide specific information, contact:* Marianne Mannix, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 347-0275;

email address: [Mannix.marianne@epa.gov](mailto:Mannix.marianne@epa.gov).

*For general information on the registration review program, contact:* Richard Dumas, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8015; email address: [dumas.richard@epa.gov](mailto:dumas.richard@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, farm worker, 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 pesticide specific contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0855, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

##### II. What action is the agency taking?

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58(c), this notice announces the availability of EPA's human health mitigation decision for paraquat dichloride, case 0262. Paraquat is a widely used broad spectrum herbicide for the control of weeds in many agricultural and non-agricultural settings. It is also used as a desiccant on crops, prior to harvest. It is classified as restricted use due to high toxicity. An estimated 1.5 teaspoons

(tsp) can be lethal if ingested and there is no known antidote. Paraquat dichloride is associated with a disproportionately high number of incidents including accidental ingestions typically leading to fatalities as well as occupational spills, splashes, and leaks resulting in severe and often damaging dermal or ocular contact. Paraquat is known to be corrosive to skin and eyes. EPA recently reviewed all available incident information and determined that mitigation measures to address these human health risk concerns are necessary.

In addition to the human health mitigation decision document, the registration review docket for paraquat dichloride also includes other relevant documents related to the registration review of this case. The proposed human health mitigation decision was posted to the docket in March 2016, and the public was invited to submit any comments or new information.

During the 60-day comment period, comments were received that resulted in changes to the Agency's human health mitigation decision, including that backpack and hand-held application methods will remain, but will require the development of special containers as part of a 'closed system' that prevents spills, mixing, pouring or other actions that could lead to paraquat exposure.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58(c), the registration review case docket for paraquat dichloride will remain open until registration review has been completed.

Background on the registration review program is provided at: <http://www2.epa.gov/pesticide-reevaluation>. Links to earlier documents related to the registration review of this pesticide are provided at: <http://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/paraquat>.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: December 7, 2016.

**Yu-Ting Guilaran,**

*Director, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0765; FRL-9957-77-ORD]

### Board of Scientific Counselors Executive Committee; Notification of Public Meeting and Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notification of public meeting and public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby provides notice that the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee (EC) will host a public meeting at the EPA's Main Campus Facility, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. and Friday, January 13, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. All times noted are Eastern Time and are approximate. The primary discussions will focus on the draft reports from the BOSC subcommittees: Air, Climate and Energy, Chemical Safety for Sustainability, Safe and Sustainable Water Resources, and Sustainable and Healthy Communities. The EC will also deliberate on the four ORD Cross-Cutting Research Roadmap Annual Reports: Environmental Justice, Climate Change, Children's Environmental Health, and Nitrogen and Co-pollutant. There will be a public comment period from 10:05 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2017. For information on registering to attend the meeting or to provide public comment, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**DATES:** The BOSC EC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. and Friday, January 13, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. All times noted are Eastern Time and are approximate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions or correspondence concerning the meeting should be directed to Tom Tracy, Designated Federal Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, by mail at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., (MC 8104 R), Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at 202-564-6518; fax at 202-565-2911; or via email at [tracy.tom@epa.gov](mailto:tracy.tom@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Charter of the BOSC states that the advisory committee shall provide independent advice to the Administrator on technical and management aspects of the ORD's research program. Additional information about the BOSC is available at: <http://www2.epa.gov/bosc>.

**Registration:** In order to attend the meeting, you must register at the following site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-2017->

*bosc-executive-committee-public-meeting-registration-30037268278*. Once you have completed the online registration, you will be contacted and provided with the meeting information. In-person participant registration will close on January 3, 2017. Virtual participant registration will close on January 9, 2017.

**Oral Statements:** Members of the public who wish to provide oral comment during the meeting must preregister. Individuals or groups making remarks during the public comment period will be limited to five (5) minutes. To accommodate the number of people who want to address the BOSC EC, only one representative of a particular community, organization, or group will be allowed to speak.

**Written Statements:** Written comments for the public meeting must be received by Monday, January 9, 2017, and will be included in the materials distributed to the BOSC EC prior to the meeting. Written comments should be sent to Tom Tracy, Environmental Protection Agency, via email at [tracy.tom@epa.gov](mailto:tracy.tom@epa.gov) or by mail to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., (MC 8104 R), Washington, DC 20460, or submitted through [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov), Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0765. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted online at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov).

**Information about Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** For information about access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Tom Tracy, at 202-564-6518 or via email at [tracy.tom@epa.gov](mailto:tracy.tom@epa.gov). To request special accommodations, please contact Tom Tracy no later than August 19, 2016, to give the Environmental Protection Agency sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the address, email, or phone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section above.

Dated: December 16, 2016.

**Fred S. Hauchman**

*Director, Office of Science Policy.*

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## FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

[BAC 6735-01]

### Sunshine Act Meeting

December 29, 2016.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 3, 2017.

**PLACE:** The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, Room 511N, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004 (enter from F Street entrance).

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session: *Secretary of Labor on behalf of Greathouse, et al. v. Monongalia County Coal Company, et al.*, Docket Nos. WEVA 2015-904-D, et al. (Issues include whether the Judge erred in ruling that certain bonus plans instituted by the operators interfered with miners' rights under the Mine Act.)

Any person attending this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and § 2706.160(d).

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFO:

Emogene Johnson (202) 434-9935/(202) 708-9300 for TDD Relay/1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

#### PHONE NUMBER FOR LISTENING TO

**ARGUMENT:** 1 (866) 867-4769; Passcode: 129-339.

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## FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

[BAC 6735-01]

### Sunshine Act Meeting

December 29, 2016.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 2, 2017.

**PLACE:** The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, Room 511N, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004 (enter from F Street entrance).

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Commission will hear oral argument in the matter *Secretary of Labor on behalf of Greathouse, et al. v. Monongalia County Coal Company, et al.*, Docket Nos. WEVA 2015-904-D, et al. (Issues include whether the Judge erred in ruling that certain bonus plans instituted by the operators interfered with miners' rights under the Mine Act.)

Any person attending this oral argument who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and § 2706.160(d).