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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information***A. Does this action apply to me?*

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting NAICS code 11.
- Utilities NAICS code 22.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical NAICS code 54.

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-2009-0879, 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), EPA West 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. Background

On a biannual interval, an Environmental Modeling Public Meeting is held for presentation and discussion of current issues related to

modeling pesticide fate, transport, and exposure for risk assessment in a regulatory context. Meeting dates and abstract requests are announced through the "empmlist" forum on the LYRIS list server at https://lists.epa.gov/read/all_forums/.

III. How can I request to participate in this meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered Confidential Business Information (CBI). Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0879, must be received on or before June 5, 2017.

IV. Tentative Theme for the Meeting

Subsurface Metabolism: Groundwater modeling conducted as part of the pesticide registration and re-evaluation processes typically assumes that biologically mediated metabolism does not occur at depths greater than 1 meter. The focus of this EMPM meeting concerns evidence of subsurface metabolism in groundwater, methods for measuring subsurface metabolism, and how to parameterize models to account for subsurface metabolism. As always, other timely topics beyond subsurface metabolism will be considered as time limits allow.

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Marietta Echeuerria,

Director, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Nominations of Experts to the EPA Office of Research and Development's Board of Scientific Counselors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking nominations for technical experts to serve on its Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), a federal advisory committee to the Office of Research and Development (ORD). Submission of nominations is preferred via the BOSC Web site at: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by June 30, 2017, per instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public needing additional information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Mr. Tom Tracy, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code 8104-R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-6518; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via email at: tracy.tom@epa.gov. General information concerning the BOSC can be found at the following Web site: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The BOSC is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that was established by the EPA to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations about ORD. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the BOSC conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations.

The BOSC is comprised of an Executive Committee and five supporting subcommittees. The subcommittees focus on ORD's research programs: Air, Climate, and Energy Research Program; Chemical Safety for Sustainability Research Program and Human Health Risk Assessment Program; Homeland Security Research Program; Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program; and Sustainable and Healthy Communities Research Program. Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-office-research-and-development-ord> to learn more about these programs.

Members of the BOSC are recognized experts in various scientific, engineering, and social science fields. EPA will consider nominees from industry, business, public and private research institutes or organizations, academia, government (federal, state, local, and tribal) and non-government organizations, and other relevant interest areas. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for a period of three years and serve as special government employees. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

Expertise Sought

EPA is seeking nominations of nationally and internationally recognized scientists and engineers having experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Atmospheric Science
 - aerosol chemistry
 - aerosol physical science
 - air quality modeling
 - atmospheric chemistry
 - atmospheric physics
- Biology
 - biogeochemistry
 - cell biology
 - endocrinology (endocrine disruptors)
 - microbiology/molecular biology
 - pharmacokinetics
 - systems biology
- Chemistry
 - analytical chemistry
 - combustion chemistry
 - environmental chemistry
 - green chemistry
 - physical chemistry
 - water chemistry
 - biogeochemistry
- Climate Change/Global Change
 - adaptation
 - modeling
 - variability
 - greenhouse gas technology
 - assessment
- Ecology
 - ecosystem services
 - aquatic/systems ecology (freshwater, wetland, estuary, near-coastal)
 - hydrology/hydraulics (watershed modeling)
 - plant/forestry ecology
 - water resources
 - soil biogeochemistry
 - system ecology
 - landscape ecology
 - urban ecology
- Engineering
 - biochemical engineering
 - bioenvironmental engineering
 - engineering (drinking water treatment, wastewater treatment, stormwater treatment and management, water reuse, water infrastructure)
 - chemical engineering
 - combustion engineering
 - environmental engineering (decontamination, clean-up, management)
 - industrial engineering
 - mechanical engineering
- Information Science
 - information technology
 - computer/web-based tool development
 - information visualization
 - research communication
- spatial analysis
- uncertainty analysis
- Nanotechnology/Emerging Materials (exposure and hazard characterization)
- Public Health
 - children's health
 - community health
 - environmental health
 - epidemiology/molecular epidemiology
- Exposure Science (human, ecological, chemical fate and transport, computational exposure, exposure modeling)
- Risk Assessment (cumulative, mixtures, ecological, human health)
- Nutrients (nutrient management/ thresholds, best management practices, human/ecological health)
- Cyanobacteria/Harmful Algal Blooms
- Watershed Management (surface water, groundwater)
- Sustainability
 - community/urban level planning and sustainability
 - industrial (industrial ecology, life cycle analysis, technology policy, systems engineering)
 - energy
 - water, energy and food nexus
- Toxicology
 - computational toxicology (computational biology, genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, computational chemistry, high-throughput bioassays, informatics, bioinformatics, predictive toxicology)
 - ecotoxicology
 - developmental/reproductive toxicology
 - immunotoxicology
 - molecular toxicology
 - neurotoxicology
 - pulmonary/cardiovascular toxicology
 - carcinogenesis
- Science Policy
- Environmental Justice
- Program Evaluation
- Social Science
 - community disaster recovery and resiliency
 - economics (ecological economics, environmental, natural resources and agriculture)
 - socioeconomics
 - sociology
 - decision science
- Behavioral Science
 - psychology
 - ecopsychology
 - environmental psychology
 - conservation psychology
 - social neuroscience
 - risk perception
 - risk/crisis communication
 - community decision making

- Decision Science
 - decision analysis
 - value of information
 - decision support system

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate themselves or qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above. Nominations should be submitted via the BOSC Web site (which is preferred over hard copy) at: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than July 21, 2017. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the information requested. EPA requests: Contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; committee preference; the nominee's curriculum vita and/or resume; and additional information that would be useful for considering the nomination such as background and qualifications (e.g., current position, educational background, expertise, research areas), experience relevant to one or more of ORD's research programs, service on other advisory committees and professional societies, and availability to participate as a member of the Executive Committee and/or Subcommittee. Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the BOSC Web site, should contact Mr. Tom Tracy, as indicated above in this notice.

Selection Criteria

The BOSC is a balanced and diverse expert committee. The committee and each of its subcommittees possess necessary domains of expertise, depth and breadth of knowledge, and diverse and balanced scientific perspectives. Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of several criteria including: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience; (b) availability to serve and willingness to commit time to the committee (approximately one to three meetings per year including both face-to-face meetings and teleconferences); (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; (e) skills working on committees and advisory panels; and (f) background and experiences that would contribute to the diversity of viewpoints on the Executive Committee or Subcommittee, e.g., workforce sector, geographical location, social, cultural,

and educational backgrounds, and professional affiliations.

The EPA’s evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the “Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency” (EPA Form 3110–48). This confidential form allows Government Officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person’s public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal Advisory Committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address, <https://www.epa.gov/sap/confidential-financial-disclosure-form-environmental-protection-agency-special-government>.

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Fred S. Hauchman,

Director, Office of Science Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0774; FRL–9952–21]

Registration Review Proposed Decisions for Boric Acid/Sodium Salts, Clethodim, Diquat Dibromide, Ethephon, Fenitrothion, Hexazinone, Hymexazol, Methoxyfenozide, Pronamide, and Trimedlure; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA’s proposed interim registration review and opens a 60-day public comment period on the proposed interim decisions. For a list of the chemicals, please see Section II, Table 1. 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 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.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by the docket identification (ID) number for the specific pesticide of interest provided in the table in Unit II., by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For pesticide specific information, contact: The Chemical Review Manager for the pesticide of interest identified in the table in Unit II.

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.

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 Chemical Review Manager for the pesticide of interest identified in the table in Unit II.

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 email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information on 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 preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

II. What action is the agency taking?

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58, this notice announces the availability of EPA’s proposed interim registration review decisions for the pesticides shown in the following table, and opens a 60-day public comment period on the proposed interim decisions.

TABLE 1—REGISTRATION REVIEW PROPOSED INTERIM DECISIONS BEING ISSUED

Registration review chemical name and number	Docket ID number	Chemical review manager and contact information
Boric Acid/Sodium Salts, 0024	EPA–HQ–OPP–2009–0306	Moana Appleyard, appleyard.moana@epa.gov , (703) 308–8175 and Sandra O’Neil, oneill.sandra@epa.gov , (703) 347–0141.
Clethodim, 7226	EPA–HQ–OPP–2008–0658	Bilin Basu, basu.bilin@epa.gov , (703) 347–0455.
Diquat Dibromide, 0288	EPA–HQ–OPP–2009–0846	Bonnie Adler, adler.bonnie@epa.gov , (703) 308–8523.
Ethephon, 0382	EPA–HQ–OPP–2010–0098	Marquea D. King, king.marquea@epa.gov , (703) 305–7432.