2. Tips for preparing your comments. When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html.

C. How may I participate in this meeting?

You may participate in this meeting by following the instructions in this unit. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2017–0214 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

1. Written comments. Written comments should be submitted, using the instructions in ADDRESSES and Unit I.B., on or before noon on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, to provide FIFRA SAP the time necessary to consider and review the written comments. FIFRA SAP may not be able to fully consider written comments submitted after noon on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

2. Oral comments. Registration is required to attend this meeting. Please visit: http://www.epag.gov/sap to register. Each individual or group wishing to make oral comments to FIFRA SAP may submit their request by registering on or before noon Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Oral comments before FIFRA SAP are limited to approximately 5 minutes due to the time constraints of this webcast.

II. Background

A. Purpose of FIFRA SAP Virtual Meeting on Charge Questions on Alternate High-Throughput Screens To Determine Endocrine Disruption

FIFRA SAP serves as the primary scientific peer review mechanism of EPA’s Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSP) and is structured to provide scientific advice, information and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on pesticides and pesticide-related issues as to the impact of regulatory actions on health and the environment. FIFRA SAP is a Federal advisory committee established in 1975 pursuant to FIFRA and operates in accordance with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix). FIFRA SAP is composed of a permanent panel consisting of seven members who are appointed by the EPA Administrator from nominees provided by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. The FIFRA SAP is assisted in their reviews by ad hoc participation from the Science Review Board (SRB). As a scientific peer review mechanism, FIFRA SAP provides comments, evaluations, and recommendations to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. The FIFRA SAP strives to reach consensus; however, is not required to reach consensus in its recommendations to the Agency.

B. Public Meeting

During the meeting scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017, the FIFRA SAP will review and consider the Charge Questions for the Panel’s November 28–30, 2017 meeting on the Continuing Development of Alternative High-Throughput Screens to Determine Endocrine Disruption, Focusing on Androgen Receptor, Steroidogenesis, and Thyroid Pathways. The SAP will receive a short background briefing including the EPA’s history and current position on the use of alternative high-throughput screens. In addition, the panel members will have the opportunity to comment on the scope and clarity of the draft charge questions. Subsequent to this meeting, final charge questions will be provided for the FIFRA SAP’s deliberation on the white papers and supplemental information during the in-person meeting to be held on November 28–30, 2017.

C. FIFRA SAP Documents and Meeting Minutes

EPA’s background documents and charge questions to the FIFRA SAP are in the docket (identification number EPA–HQ–OPP–2017–0214). The Agenda for the virtual meeting will be posted at: www.epa.gov/sap/virtual-meeting-clarify-draft-charge-questions-high-throughput-screens-determine-endocrine. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as additional materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of most meeting documents, including FIFRA SAP composition (i.e., members and ad hoc members for this meeting) and the meeting agenda, at http://www.regulations.gov and the FIFRA SAP Web site at http://www.epa.gov/sap.

FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes approximately 90 calendar days after the in-person meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP Web site: http://www.epa.gov/sap and may be accessed in the docket at http://www.regulations.gov.