

**III. Authority**

EPA is conducting its registration review of the chemicals listed in the Table in Unit IV pursuant to section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Procedural Regulations for Registration Review at 40 CFR part 155, subpart C. Section 3(g) of FIFRA provides, among other things, that the registrations of pesticides are to be reviewed every 15

years. Under FIFRA, a pesticide product may be registered or remain registered only if it meets the statutory standard for registration given in FIFRA section 3(c)(5) (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(5)). When used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, the pesticide product must perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on the environment; that is, without any unreasonable risk to man or the environment, or a human

dietary risk from residues that result from the use of a pesticide in or on food.

**IV. What action is the Agency taking?**

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58, this document announces the availability of EPA's interim registration review decisions for the pesticides shown in the following table. The interim registration review decisions are supported by rationales included in the docket established for each chemical.

TABLE—REGISTRATION REVIEW INTERIM DECISIONS BEING ISSUED

Registration review case name and No.	Docket ID No.	Chemical Review Manager and contact information
Aviglycine Hydrochloride (AVG), Case Number 6070 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0691	Donna Kamarei, <a href="mailto:kamarei.donna@epa.gov">kamarei.donna@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-0443.
Bacteriophage active against <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>vesicatoria</i> and Bacteriophage active against <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>tomato</i> , Case Numbers 6509 & 6510.	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0702	Susanne Cerrelli, <a href="mailto:cerrelli.susanne@epa.gov">cerrelli.susanne@epa.gov</a> , 703-308-8077.
Bispyribac-sodium, Case Number 7258 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0074	Moana Appleyard, <a href="mailto:appleyard.moana@epa.gov">appleyard.moana@epa.gov</a> , 703-308-8175.
Diclosulam, Case Number 7249 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0285	Susan Bartow, <a href="mailto:bartow.susan@epa.gov">bartow.susan@epa.gov</a> , 703-603-0065.
Flucarbazone-sodium, Case Number 7251 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0283	Veronica Dutch, <a href="mailto:dutch.veronica@epa.gov">dutch.veronica@epa.gov</a> , 703-308-8585.
Florasulam, Case Number 7274 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0548	Moana Appleyard, <a href="mailto:appleyard.moana@epa.gov">appleyard.moana@epa.gov</a> , 703-308-8175.
Imazamox, Case Number 7238 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0395	Eric Fox, <a href="mailto:fox.ericm@epa.gov">fox.ericm@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-0104.
Imazapic, Case Number 7234 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0279	Eric Fox, <a href="mailto:fox.ericm@epa.gov">fox.ericm@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-0104.
Imazaquin, Case Number 7204 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0224	Andy Muench, <a href="mailto:muench.andrew@epa.gov">muench.andrew@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-8263.
Imazethapyr, Case Number 7208 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0774	Katherine St. Clair, <a href="mailto:stclair.katherine@epa.gov">stclair.katherine@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-8778.
L-Glutamic Acid (LGA) and Gamma Aminobutyric Acid (GABA), Case Number 6025.	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0109	Cody Kendrick, <a href="mailto:kendrick.cody@epa.gov">kendrick.cody@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-0468.
Penoxsulam, Case Number 7265 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0303	Samantha Thomas, <a href="mailto:thomas.samantha@epa.gov">thomas.samantha@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-0514.
Phosphorous Acid and Its Salts, Case Number 6035 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0488	Cody Kendrick, <a href="mailto:kendrick.cody@epa.gov">kendrick.cody@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-0468.
Polyoxin D Zinc Salt, Case Number 6076 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0108	Cody Kendrick, <a href="mailto:kendrick.cody@epa.gov">kendrick.cody@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-0468.
Pyriproxyfen, Case Number 7424 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0677	Kent Fothergill, <a href="mailto:fothergill.kent@epa.gov">fothergill.kent@epa.gov</a> , 703-347-8299.
Thiobencarb, Case Number 2665 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0932	R. David Jones, <a href="mailto:jones.rdavid@epa.gov">jones.rdavid@epa.gov</a> , 703-305-6725.

The proposed interim registration review decisions for the chemicals in the table above were posted to the docket and the public was invited to submit any comments or new information. EPA addressed the comments or information received during the 60-day comment period for the proposed interim decisions in the discussion for each pesticide listed in the table. Comments from the 60-day comment period that were received may or may not have affected the Agency's interim decision. Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58(c), the registration review case docket for the chemicals listed in the Table will remain open until all actions required in the interim decision have been completed.

This document also announces the closure of the registration review case for Meat Meal (Case Number 6041, Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPP-

2013-0361) because the last U.S. registrations for this pesticide have been canceled.

Background on the registration review program is provided at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticide-reevaluation>.

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

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0676; FRL-10003-40-ORD]

**Availability of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Noncancer Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Assessment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 30-day public comment period associated with release of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Noncancer IRIS Assessment. This document communicates the rationale for

conducting the assessment of PCBs, describes screening criteria to identify relevant literature, outlines the approach for evaluating study quality, and describes the process of evidence synthesis/integration and dose-response methods.

**DATES:** The 30-day public comment period begins December 19, 2019 and ends January 21, 2020. Comments must be received on or before January 21, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The Systematic Review Protocol for PCBs will be available via the internet on the IRIS website at <https://www.epa.gov/iris> and in the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0676.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the docket, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

For technical information on the protocol, contact Dr. James Avery, Center for Public Health & Environmental Assessment; telephone: 202-564-1494; or email: [avery.james@epa.gov](mailto:avery.james@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background Information on the IRIS Program and Systematic Review Protocols

EPA's IRIS Program is a human health assessment program that evaluates quantitative and qualitative risk information on effects that may result from exposure to chemicals found in the environment. Through the IRIS Program, EPA provides high quality science-based human health assessments to support the Agency's regulatory activities and decisions to protect public health.

As part of developing a draft IRIS assessment, EPA presents a methods document, referred to as the protocol, for conducting a chemical-specific systematic review of the available scientific literature. EPA is seeking public comment on components of the protocol including the described strategies for literature searches, criteria for study inclusion or exclusion, considerations for evaluating study methods, information management for extracting data, approaches for synthesis within and across lines of evidence, and methods for derivation of toxicity values. Additionally, key scientific issues that warrant consideration in this assessment are identified in Section 2.5. The protocol serves to inform the subsequent development of the draft assessment and is made available to the

public. EPA may update the protocol based on the evaluation of the literature, and any updates will be posted to the docket and on the IRIS website. In accordance with the most current systematic review practices of the IRIS Program, EPA is releasing the PCB protocol to provide similar public engagement steps as other IRIS assessments that have started more recently.

#### II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0676 for PCBs, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.

- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (ORD Docket), Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

- *Hand Delivery:* The ORD Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20229.

The EPA Docket Center 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. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0676 for PCBs. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information through [\[www.regulations.gov\]\(https://www.regulations.gov\) or email that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The <https://www.regulations.gov> website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through <https://www.regulations.gov>, your email 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 <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.](https://</a></p>
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