

to children from contact with CCA-treated wood playground structures (October 2001 FIFRA SAP meeting); and (2) a scenario specific model (SHEDS-Wood) to estimate children's exposure and dose to wood preservatives from treated playsets and residential decks (August 2002 FIFRA SAP meeting). This SAP review is part of the Agency's ongoing reregistration process for CCA-treated wood.

The Agency requests that the Panel review:

1. The revised methodology for conducting the probabilistic exposure assessment using EPA's SHEDS-Wood model, including whether FIFRA SAP comments on the SHEDS-Wood model and inputs (August 2002 FIFRA SAP meeting) have been appropriately addressed in the CCA risk assessment.

2. SHEDS-Wood model predictions for arsenic and chromium exposure and dose for the population of interest, including both variability and uncertainty.

3. Strengths and limitations of exposure, dose and risk assessment approaches and results that rely upon probabilistic exposure and dose estimation methodologies.

To assist the FIFRA SAP in their review, each FIFRA SAP member will be provided CD(s) containing a technical report describing the SHEDS-Wood probabilistic CCA exposure assessment, annotated SHEDS-Wood code, and a technical report presenting the probabilistic CCA risk assessment. These material will also be available to the public via the docket as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days. The meeting minutes serve as the panel's report and is the formal summary of its findings. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 17, 2003.

Joseph J. Merenda,

Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7563-9]

National and Governmental Advisory Committees to the U.S. Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC).

The National and Governmental Advisory Committees advise the Administrator of the EPA in her capacity as the U.S. Representative to the Council of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation. The Committees are authorized under Articles 17 and 18 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, Public Law 103-182 and as directed by Executive Order 12915, entitled "Federal Implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation." The Committees are responsible for providing advice to the U.S. Representative on a wide range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory and economic issues related to implementation and further elaboration of the NAAEC. The National Advisory Committee consists of 12 representatives of environmental groups and non-governmental organizations, business and industry, and educational institutions. The Governmental Advisory Committee consists of 12 representatives from State, local and tribal governments.

The Committees are meeting to review and comment on the Proposed Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Program Plan and Budget for 2004-2006.

DATES: The Committees will meet on Thursday, October 9, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday, October 10, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Washington Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Oscar Carrillo Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, at (202) 233-0072.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Oscar Carrillo at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: September 15, 2003.

Oscar Carrillo,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0333; FRL-7324-2]

Fenthion; Product Registrations Cancellation Order

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is issuing a cancellation order for the cancellations, as requested by Bayer Environmental Science, of all of Bayer's registrations for products containing O,O-dimethyl O-(4-(methylthio)-m-tolyl)phosphorothioate (fenthion) and accepted by EPA, pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). This order follows up a May 30, 2003 notice of receipt of requests from Bayer for cancellations of all of Bayer's fenthion product registrations. In the May 30, 2003 notice, EPA indicated that it would issue an order granting the voluntary product registration cancellations, unless the Agency received any substantive comments within the comment period that would merit its further review of these requests. After reviewing the comments received, EPA decided to approve the voluntary cancellation request. Accordingly, EPA hereby issues this notice of a cancellation order granting the requested cancellations. Any distribution, sale, or use of the products subject to this cancellation order is only permitted in accordance with the terms of the existing stocks provisions of this cancellation order.

DATES: This cancellation order will be effective June 30, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Jennings, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental

Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 355–8574; e-mail address: jennings.susan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, 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 information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP–2003–0122. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. EPA also established two dockets containing documents in support of the fenthion IRED. They are dockets OPP–34145 and OPP–34145A. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

2. **Electronic access.** You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the “**Federal Register**” listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA’s electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available

docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This notice announces cancellation, as requested by the pesticide registrant, Bayer, of its fenthion products registered under section 3 of FIFRA. These registrations are listed in sequence by registration number in Table 1 of this unit. Additionally, there are four FIFRA section 24(c) registrations, which the Agency intends to address in a separate action.

Fenthion is an organophosphorous insecticide used to control adult mosquitos in two counties in Florida. In a letter dated March 31, 2003, Bayer Environmental Science requested a voluntary cancellation of all its registrations for products containing fenthion, to be effective June 30, 2004. Bayer stated that this decision was based on the fact that the market for this product is very limited, in addition to the expected costs for generating data to meet the requirements mandated by the FIFRA reregistration process.

TABLE 1.—REGISTRATIONS WITH PENDING REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATION

Registration number	Product name	Chemical name
432–1285	Baytex Liquid Concentrate Insecticide	Fenthion
432–1290	Baytex Technical Insecticide	Fenthion

Table 2 of this unit includes the name and address of record for the registrant of the products in Table 1 of this unit:

TABLE 2.—REGISTRANTS REQUESTING VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION

EPA company number	Company name and address
432	Bayer Environmental Science, 95 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, NJ 07645

III. Cancellation Order

Pursuant to section 6(f) of FIFRA, EPA hereby approves the requested cancellations of fenthion product registrations identified in Table 1 of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency orders that the fenthion product registrations

identified in Table 1 are hereby canceled as of June 30, 2004. After June 30, 2004, it will be unlawful for any person to distribute or sell any fenthion product, except as provided in Unit VI. Use of any fenthion products before November 30, 2004, including canceled products, must be in accordance with label directions and restrictions. Use of any fenthion products after November 30, 2004, is unlawful.

IV. What is the Agency’s Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled. FIFRA further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.

V. What Comments did the Agency Receive?

EPA received three sets of comments on the voluntary cancellation request for fenthion products during the comment period. The commenters, American Bird Conservancy, Defenders of Wildlife, and Florida Wildlife Federation, as well as two private citizens, all supported the granting of the voluntary cancellation request.

EPA also received one comment from the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) after the close of the comment period. Although EPA is not obligated to consider untimely comments, the Agency did review the comment. EPA does not believe the issues raised by LCMCD merit further review or a denial of the voluntary cancellation request. EPA’s detailed response to the LCMCD comment may be found in the docket listed in Unit I.B.1.

VI. Provisions for Disposition of Existing Stocks

Existing stocks are those stocks of registered pesticide products which are currently in the United States and which have been packaged, labeled, and released for shipment prior to the effective date of the cancellation action. Sale and distribution of fenthion products will not be permitted after June 30, 2004, except for the return to Bayer of unused product or for proper disposal until December 31, 2004. Use of any fenthion products will not be lawful under FIFRA after November 30, 2004. Use of fenthion products, including canceled products prior to November 30, 2004, must be in

accordance with the label directions and restrictions.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 15, 2003.

Betty Shackleford,

Acting Director, Information Resources Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7564-1]

IRIS Needs Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a report titled, *Needs Assessment for U.S. EPA's Integrated Risk Information System* (EPA/635/R-02/004), prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA). The purpose of this report is to characterize the needs of users for new or updated health effect assessments provided on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) data base.

ADDRESSES: The document is available electronically on the IRIS Web site at www.epa.gov/iris, under the *What's New* menu. A limited number of paper copies are available through the IRIS Hotline, c/o ASRC, 6301 Ivy Lane, Suite 300, Greenbelt, MD 20770; Telephone: 301-345-2870, E-mail: hotline.iris@epa.gov. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the IRIS Needs Assessment, please contact the IRIS Hotline, c/o ASRC, 6301 Ivy Lane, Suite 300, Greenbelt, MD 20770; telephone: 301-345-2870, E-mail:

hotline.iris@epa.gov, or Susan Rieth, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8601D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; Telephone: 202-564-1532, Facsimile: 202-565-0075; E-mail: rieth.susan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA's IRIS is a data base containing Agency consensus scientific positions on potential adverse health effects that may

result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to chemical substances found in the environment. The IRIS data base contains qualitative and quantitative health effects information for more than 500 chemical substances in support of the first two steps of the risk assessments process, *i.e.*, hazard identification and dose-response evaluation. The information in IRIS is used in combination with site- or situation-specific exposure information to develop estimates of potential public health risk.

In October 2000, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee requested that EPA conduct a needs assessment, with public input, to determine whether the current annual rate of updating the existing IRIS files should be increased and to assess the extent of need for information on chemicals not now included. EPA's needs assessment report responds to the Senate's request by summarizing the needs expressed by EPA and the public for new and updated IRIS files, and discussing general approaches to meeting those needs.

Dated: September 17, 2003.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7563-7]

Proposed Issuance of General NPDES Permits for Small Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) and Other Small Treatment Works Treating Domestic Sewage in Alaska (NPDES Permits Nos. AKG-57-0000, and AKG-57-1000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

ACTION: Notice of proposed issuance of two general NPDES permits.

SUMMARY: The Director, Office of Water, EPA Region 10, proposes to issue general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for small POTWs and other small treatment works treating domestic sewage in Alaska pursuant to the provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA) 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.* One general permit is applicable to those facilities discharging to marine waters (NPDES Permit Number AKG-57-1000) while the second general permit is applicable to facilities

discharging to fresh waters (Number AKG-57-0000).

When issued, the proposed general permits will establish effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions and other conditions on discharges from covered facilities. These conditions are based on existing national effluent guidelines (40 CFR part 133 Secondary Treatment Regulations), and the State of Alaska's Water Quality Standards (18 AAC 70). The general permits contain conditions applicable to three categories of treatment: Treatment works where a mechanically aerated waste stabilization pond (aerated lagoon) is used as the principal process; treatment works where a passive waste stabilization pond (non-aerated lagoon) is used as the principal process; and other treatment works treating domestic sewage. The fact sheet describes the basis for the conditions and requirements of the proposed general permits.

The proposed permits will authorize discharge to waters of the United States in and contiguous to the State of Alaska. Sewage treatment plants meeting any of the following conditions will be excluded from coverage under the general permits: The design flow or actual discharge flow exceeds 1.0 million gallons per day; a total maximum daily load (TMDL) analysis is approved for the receiving water and includes waste load allocations for the facility; the receiving water is listed as impaired (*i.e.* 303(d) listed) for failure to meet a water quality standard and the facility discharges a pollutant that contributes to the impairment; and/or the facility receives a significant contribution from a non-domestic industrial user(s). Dischargers meeting any of the above criteria are required to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed issuance of the general permits to EPA, Region 10 at the addresses below. Comments must be postmarked by November 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed issuance of the general permits should be sent to the attention of the Director, Office of Water, 1200 Sixth Avenue OW-130, Seattle, Washington 98101. Comments may also be submitted electronically to lidgard.michael@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the proposed general permits and fact sheet are available upon request. Requests may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Mike Lidgard at (206) 553-1755. Requests may also be electronically