

current Agency processes and policies for disseminating inert ingredient information to the public, including procedures for the protection of CBI; informational needs for a variety of stakeholders; and business reasons for limiting the disclosure of inert ingredient information.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup is composed of participants from the following sectors: Environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and pesticide users; Federal, State, and local governments; the general public; academia and public health organizations.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup meeting is open to the public. Written public statements are also welcome and should be submitted to the OPP Docket. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after the conference call. These statements will become part of the permanent file and will be provided to the Workgroup members for their information. If you have any questions about the workgroup, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Inerts, Pesticides and pests.

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James Jones,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34203J; FRL-6810-6]

#### Organophosphate Pesticide; Availability of Chlorpyrifos Interim Risk Management Decision Document

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the interim risk management decision document for chlorpyrifos. In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit comments on the chlorpyrifos interim risk management decision document. This decision document has been developed as part of the public participation process that EPA and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) are now using for

involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-34203G, must be received by EPA on or before January 14, 2002. Comments on the requested cancellation requests must be submitted to the address provided below and identified by docket control number OPP-34203G.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-34203G in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Myers, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8589; e-mail address: myers.tom@epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, nevertheless, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in obtaining the chlorpyrifos interim risk management decision document and submitting comments on chlorpyrifos, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and other related documents from the EPA Internet homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the homepage select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental

Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access information about organophosphate pesticides and obtain electronic copies of the revised risk assessments and related documents mentioned in this notice, you can also go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-34203G. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

##### III. How Can I Respond to this Action?

###### A. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-34203G in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* Submit electronic comments by e-mail to: *opp-docket@epa.gov*, or you can submit a computer disk as described in this unit. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP-34203G. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

*B. How Should I Handle CBI Information that I Want to Submit to the Agency?*

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any 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 version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

*C. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control

number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

**IV. What Action is EPA Taking in this Notice?**

EPA has assessed the risks of chlorpyrifos and reached an interim risk management decision for this organophosphate pesticide. Provided that risk mitigation measures are adopted, chlorpyrifos fits into its own risk cup; its individual, aggregate risks are within acceptable levels. Used on numerous food crops (corn, beans, peas, sugar beets, cole crops, cucurbits, tree fruits, tree nuts, grapes, and berries, among others) chlorpyrifos residues in food and drinking water do not pose risk concerns. With previous mitigation eliminating homeowner's and children's exposure around the home and the phase out of the termiticide uses, chlorpyrifos fits into its own "risk cup." With other mitigation measures, worker and ecological risks will be acceptable taking into account the benefits of use, except for the open pour dust formulations which are ineligible for reregistration at this time.

The interim risk management decision document for chlorpyrifos was developed as part of the organophosphate pesticide pilot public participation process, which increases transparency and maximizes stakeholder involvement in EPA's development of risk assessments and risk management decisions. The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998, as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate pesticide risk assessments and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998, to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation. EPA worked extensively with affected parties to reach the decisions presented in the interim risk management decision document for chlorpyrifos.

In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit written comments on the interim risk management decision document for

chlorpyrifos. Failure to participate or comment as part of this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commenter's opportunity to participate fully in any later notice and comment processes. Comments submitted will become part of the Agency record for chlorpyrifos. The preliminary risk assessments for chlorpyrifos were released to the public on October 27, 1999 (64 FR 57876) (FRL-6389-3), through a notice published in the **Federal Register**. The revised risk assessments for chlorpyrifos were released to the public on August 16, 2000 (65 FR 49982) (FRL-6595-7), through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

EPA's next step under FQPA is to consider the cumulative risks of the organophosphate pesticides, which share a common mechanism of toxicity. The interim risk management decision document on chlorpyrifos cannot be considered final until this consideration of organophosphate cumulative risks is complete.

When the cumulative risks of the organophosphate pesticides have been considered, EPA will issue its final tolerance reassessment decision for chlorpyrifos and further risk mitigation measures may be needed.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: November 5, 2001.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[PF-1048; FRL-6806-6]**

**Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket control number PF-1048, must be received on or before December 14, 2001.