

and the Tier I and Tier II Exemptions at 40 CFR part 725, subpart G.

#### B. What action is the agency taking?

Effective October 1, 2013, due to the lack of authorized funding (i.e., a Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Bill or a Continuing Resolution), certain EPA functions were suspended. During the shutdown, no review work was performed on the TSCA section 5 notifications received by EPA on or before October 1, 2013, and for which the review period had not yet expired as of October 1, 2013. Because of the shutdown, EPA is now extending, pursuant to TSCA sections 5(c) and 26(c) and 40 CFR 720.75(c), the review periods of all TSCA section 5 notifications received on or before October 1, 2013, and for which the review period has not yet expired as of October 1, 2013.

There is a possibility that the chemical substances submitted for review in these TSCA section 5 notifications may need to be regulated by EPA under TSCA. The Agency requires an extension of the review periods to complete its risk assessment, to examine its regulatory options, and to prepare the necessary documents, should regulatory action be required. Therefore, EPA has determined that good cause exists to extend, under TSCA section 5(c), the review period for each such TSCA section 5 notification.

The duration of this extension period is equivalent to the duration of the shutdown, i.e., equivalent to the number of days accruing from October 1, 2013, and the date on which this shutdown terminated on October 16, 2013, and EPA operations resumed on October 17, 2013, or a total of 16 days. Under TSCA section 5(c), the total extensions of the review period for an individual PMN shall in no event exceed 90 days. Thus, since the extension described in this notice is for less than 90 days, EPA reserves the right to issue additional extensions under TSCA section 5(c) in the future for good cause up to a total of 90 days.

Because of these circumstances, EPA is taking the following actions and is requesting the assistance of notifiers as described in this unit:

*Category 1—TSCA section 5 notices and exemptions submitted to EPA on or after October 1, 2013, and before the date on which the affected operations resumed on October 17, 2013.* During the shutdown, submissions made through e-PMN/CDX or other methods were not processed. Consequently, the review period for any TSCA section 5 notice submitted during the shutdown

did not begin until operations resumed on October 17, 2013.

*Category 2—TSCA section 5 exemption notices scheduled to expire on or after October 1, 2013.* For any exemption notices that have not been granted by EPA and for which the review period was scheduled to expire on or after October 1, 2013, EPA is hereby extending the notice review period by 16 days (the number of days equivalent to the duration of the shutdown). This additional time is required to ensure there is sufficient opportunity to determine that the chemical substances that are the subject of the exemption applications will not present an unreasonable risk.

*Category 3—TSCA section 5 PMNs, MCANs, and SNUNs scheduled to expire on or after October 1, 2013.* For any PMN, MCAN, or SNUN for which the review period was scheduled to expire on or after October 1, 2013, EPA is hereby extending the notice review period by 16 days (the number of days equivalent to the duration of the shutdown).

#### C. Congressional Review Act

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, generally provides that before the Agency can impose binding requirements like those contained in a rule, the Agency must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the document, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. Although this document is not a rule, it is binding in the sense that the suspension of the review periods announced in this document are binding. EPA has submitted a report to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of this document in the **Federal Register**.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Microbial Commercial Activity Notices, Microorganisms, Premanufacture Notices, Significant New Use Notices, Test Marketing Exemptions.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0490; FRL-9902-06]

### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Cancellation

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency is issuing this notice to cancel the 3-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review scientific uncertainties associated with corn rootworm resistance monitoring for Bt corn Plant Incorporated Protectants (PIPs) scheduled for October 30–November 1, 2013. The meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on August 9, 2013. The meeting will be rescheduled.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on August 9, 2013 (78 FR 48672, FRL-9394-3). This meeting will be rescheduled in the near future and announced in the **Federal Register**.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: October 23, 2013.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0485; FRL-9902-08]

### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Cancellation

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency is issuing this notice to cancel the 1-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review RNAi Technology as a Pesticide: