

review, which will be conducted over a relatively short-time frame. Nominees will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings. Finally, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes.

If a FIFRA SAP nominee is considered to assist in a review by the FIFRA SAP for a particular session, the nominee is subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634, Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. As such, the FIFRA SAP nominee is required to submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Form 3110-48 5-02) which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the nominee's employment, stocks, and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. EPA will evaluate the nominee's financial disclosure form to assess that there are no formal conflicts of interest before the nominee is considered to serve on the FIFRA SAP. Selected FIFRA SAP members will be hired as a Special Government Employee. The Agency will review all nominations. FIFRA SAP members participating at this meeting 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.

II. Background

Purpose of the FIFRA SAP

Amendments to FIFRA enacted November 28, 1975 (7 U.S.C. 136w(d)), include a requirement under section 25(d) of FIFRA that notices of intent to cancel or reclassify pesticide regulations pursuant to section 6(b)(2) of FIFRA, as well as proposed and final forms of rulemaking pursuant to section 25(a) of FIFRA, be submitted to a SAP prior to being made public or issued to a registrant. In accordance with section 25(d) of FIFRA, the FIFRA SAP is to have an opportunity to comment on the health and environmental impact of such actions. The FIFRA SAP also shall make comments, evaluations, and recommendations for operating guidelines to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments as to the impact on health and the environment of regulatory actions under sections 6(b)

and 25(a) of FIFRA. The Deputy Administrator appoints seven individuals to serve on the FIFRA SAP for staggered terms of 4 years, based on recommendations from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Section 104 of FQPA (Public Law 104-170) established the FQPA Science Review Board (SRB). These scientists shall be available to the FIFRA SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the FIFRA SAP.

B. Public Meeting

The FIFRA SAP will meet to consider and review a model comparison: Dietary and aggregate exposure in Calendex, CARES, and Lifeline. A major requirement of the FQPA is that exposures to pesticides across various pathways and routes (e.g., oral exposure through food and water, dermal exposure through turf uses) be appropriately combined such that an "aggregate" exposure assessment can be performed. Over the last several years, OPP has sponsored several presentations to the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel of three major pesticide exposure models which have this aggregation capability: Dietary Exposure Evaluation Model (DEEM)/Calendex, CARES, and Lifeline. These models all permit a time-based integration of both residential and dietary (food and water) exposures to pesticides. This is performed probabilistically such that aggregation (or combining) of residues across multiple routes is accounted for in an appropriate and realistic manner.

Past SAP sessions have involved presentations of these three models on separate occasions and resulted in valuable feedback and suggestions. The models have been significantly upgraded and improved, in part, as a result of these SAP comments. The purpose of this 2-day session is to present the three models jointly and compare exposure estimates and results generated by each of the three models using a common dataset for a hypothetical chemical. Pathways which will be considered are ingestion through food, ingestion through water, and dermal exposure through lawn treatments. In contrast to previous SAPs where the model developers were invited to make their presentations to the SAP, this SAP presentation will demonstrate the results of EPA's own model runs. A comparison/contrast regarding the methods by which the models consider and use the data will be considered. Resulting model outputs will be presented and discussed. The main focus of the presentation will be comparison of dietary exposures (food +

water) as estimated by each of the three models, but a comparison of exposure through all three exposure routes considered jointly (food, water, and residential lawn use) in an aggregate assessment will also be presented.

C. FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days after the meeting. 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Science Advisory Board Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconference call meetings and one public face-to-face meeting of the SAB's Drinking Water Committee (DWC). The DWC will review the Agency's Drinking Water Research Program Multi-Year Plan.

The SAB Staff Office also announces a public workshop of the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services. The workshop will focus on different approaches and methods for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services.

DATES: April 5, 2004. A public teleconference call meeting of the Drinking Water Committee (DWC) will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (eastern time). The purpose of this call is to provide the DWC with an overview of the EPA Drinking Water Research Program Multi-Year Plan and its regulatory context (focus is on EPA Long-Term Goal #1—Research on Regulated Contaminants)

April 8, 2004. A public teleconference call meeting of the Drinking Water Committee (DWC) will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (eastern time). The purpose of this call is to continue the overview of the EPA Drinking Water Research Program Multi-Year Plan and its regulatory context (focus is on Long-Term Goal #2—Research on Unregulated Contaminants and Innovative Approaches; and Long-Term Goal #3—Research on Distribution Systems and Source Water Protection).

April 13–14, 2004. A public workshop of the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (eastern time) on April 13, 2004, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (eastern time) on April 14, 2004.

May 24–25, 2004. A public meeting of the Drinking Water Committee (DWC) to Review the EPA Drinking Water Research Program Multi-Year Plan. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. (eastern time) each day.

ADDRESSES: Participation in the DWC teleconference meetings will be by teleconference only—a meeting room will not be used. The May 24–25, 2004 meeting of the DWC will be held in the Auditorium (Room C111C), U.S. EPA, Main Campus, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. The April 13–14, 2004 workshop of the Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, 1201 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code to participate in the DWC teleconference meetings may contact the EPA Science Advisory Board Staff at (202) 343–9999 by Friday, April 2, 2004, before the conference calls. Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the SAB or the DWC may contact Mr. A. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board via phone (202–343–9988) or e-mail at flaak.robert@epa.gov, or Dr. Anthony Maciorowski, Associate Director for Science, U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board via phone (202–343–9983) or e-mail at maciorowski.anthony@epa.gov.

For information regarding the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services please contact Dr. Angela Nugent, DFO for the Committee. Dr. Nugent can be contacted via phone (202–343–9981) or e-mail: nugent.angela@epa.gov.

The SAB Mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meetings announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background on the Drinking Water Committee Review: The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 direct EPA to conduct research to strengthen the scientific foundation for standards that limit public exposure to drinking water contaminants. The amendments contain specific requirements for research on waterborne pathogens, such as *Cryptosporidium* and Norwalk virus; disinfection byproducts; arsenic; and other harmful substances in drinking water. EPA is also directed to conduct studies to identify and characterize population groups, such as children, that may be at greater risk from exposure to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population.

EPA's multi-year plan for drinking water research establishes three long-term goals. Within the scope of this MYP, EPA will: (a) By 2010, develop scientifically sound data and approaches to assess and manage risks to human health posed by exposure to specific regulated waterborne pathogens and chemicals, including those addressed by the Arsenic Microbial/Disinfectant By-Product (M/DBP) Rules and Six-Year Review Rules. (b) By 2010, develop new data, innovative tools and improved technologies to support decision-making by the Office of Water on the Contaminant Candidate List and other regulatory issues, and implementation of rules by States, local authorities and water utilities. (c) By 2009, provide data, tools and technologies to support management decisions by EPA's Office of Water, State, local authorities and utilities to protect source water and the quality of water in the distribution system.

The DWC received an initial briefing on the DW–MYP at a meeting on December 10, 2003 which was announced in 68 FR 66095, published on November 25, 2003. The meeting agendas and charge to the DWC for this review will be posted on the SAB Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) prior to the meetings.

Availability of Review Material for the DWC Meetings: There is only one document that is the subject of the SAB review: EPA's Office of Research and Development's (ORD) Drinking Water Research Program Multi-Year Plan. This

document is available electronically at the following URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/osp/myp.htm#dw>. For information and any questions pertaining to the review document, please contact Dr. Fred Hauchman, EPA–ORD, via telephone: (919) 541–3893; fax: 919–685–3247; or e-mail: hauchman.fred@epa.gov.

Background on the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services: Background on the Committee and its charge was provided in 68 FR 11082, published on March 7, 2003. The purpose of the April 13–14, 2004 Workshop is for the Committee to discuss the desired characteristics and desired outcomes of knowledge, methodologies, practice, and research for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services. The Committee will hear presentations from several of its members and from scientists within and outside of the Agency on examples that illustrate the use of different major science-based approaches. The Committee will also discuss suggestions for its next steps in addressing its overall charge to assess Agency needs and the state of the art and science of valuing protection of ecological systems and services, and then to identify key areas for improving knowledge, methodologies, practice, and research. An agenda for the workshop will be posted on the SAB Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) prior to the meeting.

Procedures for Providing Public Comment: It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at the DWC meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Interested parties should contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in writing via e-mail at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the participants and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although written comments are accepted until the

date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access these meetings, should contact the relevant DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0032; FRL-7348-9]

Formetanate Hydrochloride; Availability of Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of documents that were developed as part of EPA's process for making pesticide reregistration eligibility decisions and tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). These documents are the preliminary human health and environmental fate and effects risk assessments and related documents for formetanate hydrochloride. This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the risk assessment. Comments are to be limited to issues directly associated with the formetanate hydrochloride risk assessments or other documents placed in the docket. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the risk assessments, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and

help ensure that our decisions under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information. The tolerance reassessment process will ensure that the United States continues to have the safest and most abundant food supply. The Agency cautions that the risk assessments for formetanate hydrochloride are preliminary and that further refinements may be appropriate. Risk assessments reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2004-0032, must be received on or before May 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Demson Fuller, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7208C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8062; e-mail address: fuller.demson@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates, pesticide users, and the public interested in the use of pesticides. Since other entities may also be interested, 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 applicability of this action to a particular entity, 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-2004-0032. 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. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), 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. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. 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. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public