

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and March 25, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Comments should be received by March 13, 1998, to ensure that the Panel Members will have the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Crystal City Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202. The telephone number for the hotel is: (703) 920-3230.

By mail, submit written comments (one original and 20 copies) to: Paul I. Lewis, Designated Federal Official for the FIFRA/Scientific Advisory Panel, (7509C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by delivery service, bring comments to: Rm. 819-B, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under Supplementary Information of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Paul I. Lewis, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Rm. 819B, CM#2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; telephone: (703) 305-5369; e-mail: Lewis.Paul@epamail.epa.gov.

A meeting agenda is currently available and copies of EPA primary background documents for the meeting will be available no later than February 20, 1998, and may be obtained by contacting: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.; telephone: (703) 305-5805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should contact Paul I. Lewis at the address or the phone number given above to confirm that the meeting is still scheduled and that the agenda has not been modified or changed. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits and upon advanced written request to the Designated Federal Official, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral

statements at the meeting. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the Panel are limited to approximately five minutes. As oral statements only will be permitted as time permits, the Agency urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify the Designated Federal Official and submit twenty copies of the summary information. Please note that comments should be received by March 13, 1998, to ensure that the Panel Members will have the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information marked CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. An edited copy of the comment that does not contain the CBI material must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket. All comments and materials received will be made part of the public record and will be considered by the Panel.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket control number "OPP-00523" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located at the address in "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT".

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP-00523. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 30 working days after the meeting and may be obtained by

contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, at the address or telephone number given above.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) office and are *not* available from the SAB Office. Public drafts of SAB reports are available to the Agency and the public from the SAB office. Details on availability are noted below.

1. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on Thursday and Friday, February 26-27, 1998 in the Jupiter Room of the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024, Phone (202) 479-4000. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am on February 26th and 8:30 am on February 27th, ending no later than 5:00 pm on either date.

Charge to the Committee—The Science Advisory Board (SAB) has been asked to review and comment on the FY1999 Presidential Budget proposed for EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD). The RSAC will consider how well the budget request: a) reflects priorities identified in the EPA and ORD strategic plans; b) supports a reasonable balance in terms of attention to core research on multimedia capabilities and issues and to media-specific problem-driven topics; and c) balances attention to near-term and to

long-term research issues. In addition, the Committee will offer its advice on: d) whether the objectives of the research and development program can be achieved at the resource levels requested; and e) how can ORD improve use or improve upon the GPRA structure to communicate research plans, priorities, research requirements, and planned outcomes. A portion of the meeting will be devoted to development of the Committee's report.

For Further Information—Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Mr. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC), Science Advisory Board (1400), Room 2812, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 260-5133; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via Email at flaak.robert@epamail.epa.gov. For a copy of the draft meeting agenda, please contact Ms. Dorothy Clark, Staff Secretary at (202) 260-8414 or by FAX at (202) 260-7118 or via Email at clark.dorothy@epamail.epa.gov. Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260-8414.

Materials that are the subject of this review are available from Ms. Lisa Matthews or Ms. Amy Battaglia of the Office of Research and Development. Ms. Matthews can be reached on (202) 564-6669 or via Email on matthews.lisa@epamail.epa.gov, and Ms. Battaglia can be reached on (202) 564-6701 or via Email on battaglia.amy@epamail.epa.gov.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact Mr. Flaak in writing (by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Thursday, February 19, 1998 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the presentation itself.

2. Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Science Advisory Board's (SAB's) Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) will conduct a public meeting on

Tuesday, March 3, 1998. The meeting will convene at 9:00 am in the Administrator's Conference Room 1103 West Tower, U.S. EPA Headquarters, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460 and adjourn no later than 5:30 pm that day.

At this meeting, the RAC will briefly discuss projects that are planned for review in the balance of Fiscal Year (FY) 1998, receive a briefing on Federal Guidance 13, Federal Radiation Protection Guidance for Exposure of the General Public, conduct a follow-up discussion on the Agency's response to the SAB review of the Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM), dated December 4, 1997, receive a briefing (tentative) on High Radon Geographic Areas, and continue its Advisory on the Agency's Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS) ("Reconfiguration Design of the Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System," dated October 1997). See **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 205, Thursday, October 23, 1997, pages 55249-55250 for further information. The issues concerning the Committees Advisory on ERAMS are as follows: a) Will the proposed reconfiguration of the current ERAMS system enable it to meet the system's two basic objectives more effectively and efficiently as described in the attached document?; b) Are the criteria used for matrix selection, determination of sampling locations and sampling frequency and other network features appropriate given the reconfigured ERAMS stated mission and objectives? Are there other criteria that should be considered?; and c) Will the proposed changes to the system's current data dissemination and data evaluation practices increase the data's usefulness to governmental agencies, the scientific community and the public? Are there any other interpretation issues and/or practices that should be addressed? Other topics may be discussed as time permits.

For Further Information—For information, please see below.

3. Uncertainty in Radiogenic Risk Subcommittee

The Uncertainty in Radiogenic Risk Subcommittee (URRS) of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet Wednesday, March 4, 1998, commencing at 9:00 am in the Administrator's Conference Room 1103 West Tower, U.S. EPA Headquarters, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460 and adjourn no later than 5:00 pm that day. At this meeting, the Subcommittee will continue its review

of the Agency draft document entitled "Uncertainty Analysis for Estimating Radiogenic Cancer Risks," October, 1997. The first meeting of the URRS was held on November 20, 1997, and this first public review was first announced in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 205, Thursday, October 23, 1997, pages 55249-55250. The charge questions pertaining to the review on uncertainty analysis for estimating radiogenic cancer risks are as follows: a) Are the relevant major sources of uncertainties addressed?; b) Is the overall approach to quantifying and combining uncertainties appropriate?; and c) Are the mathematical functions used to characterize the various sources of uncertainty reasonable, in view of available scientific information?

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting of the Radiation Advisory Committee on March 3rd or the meeting of the Uncertainty in Radiogenic Risk Subcommittee on March 4th, such as copies of the proposed meeting agendas, should contact Mrs. Diana L. Pozun at Tel. (202) 260-8432; FAX (202) 260-7118, or via the Internet at: pozun.diana@epamail.epa.gov. Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee or Subcommittee during their meetings must contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian in writing (by letter or by fax—see below) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Thursday, February 26, 1998 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be normally limited to five minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, easel, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the presentation itself. For further information pertaining to the meetings or to check if the SAB's RAC or URRS have public drafts available prior to the meetings, contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Official for the Radiation Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, phone (202) 260-2560; fax (202) 260-7118; or via E-mail at: kooyoomjian.jack@epamail.epa.gov.

For questions pertaining to the review of uncertainty analysis for estimating radiogenic cancer risks, and to obtain copies of the draft document being reviewed, as well as background documents provided to the SAB's RAC,

or to discuss any other aspects of this review or any supporting or background information please contact Mr. Brian Littleton, (66011), ORIA, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, tel. (202) 564-9216; fax (202) 565-2043; or E-mail: littleton.brian@epamail.epa.gov.

For questions pertaining to the ERAMS advisory review, and to obtain copies of the draft document being reviewed, as well as background documents provided to the SAB's RAC, please contact LT Rhonda Cook, US Public Health Service (PHS)/EPA at (334) 270-3413. The SAB's RAC conducted an earlier advisory on ERAMS on July 13 and 14, 1995 and produced an SAB advisory (EPA-SAB-RAC-ADV-96-003, April 5, 1996). For copies of this earlier SAB report, please contact the SAB's Committee Evaluation Support Staff (CESS) at (202) 260-8414; FAX (202) 260-7118. For additional information or to discuss technical aspects of any of the other ORIA agenda topics, or any supporting or background information, please contact Mr. Brian Littleton (see previously stated information).

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, for meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than thirty minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week before the meeting), may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting. Public comments should focus on scientific or technical aspects of the matters before the Committee at its meeting.

Information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The current Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (CESS) by contacting US EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400), Attention: CESS, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 or via fax (202) 260-1889. Additional information

concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Home Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Idaho Plan for Certification of Restricted Use Pesticide Applicators

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to approve amended certification plan.

SUMMARY: On February 11, 1977, EPA issued final approval of the Idaho Plan for the certification of restricted use pesticide applicators. Idaho has submitted an amendment to this plan for EPA approval. The amendment would add a category for the certification of 1080 Livestock Protection Collar (1080 LPC) applicators. The amended plan also requires recertification every 2 years rather than the current 5 years, establishes a chemigation category, and combines its various classes of commercial applicators under a new classification of professional applicator. **DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before March 30, 1998. **ADDRESSES:** Send written comments, identified by docket control number "OPP-42008C" to Allan Welch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Eighth Floor, Seattle, WA 98101.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: welch.allan@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential 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. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice.

Copies of the amended Idaho Certification Plan are available for

viewing at the following locations during normal business hours:

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA 22202. Contact: John R. MacDonald, (703) 305-7370, e-mail: macdonald.john@epamail.epa.gov.
2. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Eighth Floor, Seattle, WA. Contact: Allan Welch, (206) 553-1980, e-mail: welch.allan@epamail.epa.gov.
3. Idaho Department of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Resources, P.O. Box 7723, 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID. Contact: Beth Williams, (208) 332-8605, e-mail: bwilliams@agri.state.id.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Allan Welch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Eighth Floor, Seattle, WA. Telephone: (206) 553-1980, e-mail: welch.allan@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of February 11, 1977 (42 FR 8692), notice was published announcing the final approval of the Idaho Plan for the certification of restricted use pesticide applicators. Idaho has submitted an amendment to this certification plan. The Idaho amendment establishes a new category for the certification of 1080 LPC applicators. Idaho proposes to certify approximately 25 employees of the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Damage Control (ADC). The ADC is one of the registrants of the 1080 LPC and will supply the 1080 LPC to their employees certified under this plan. ADC employees certified under this plan will only be applying 1080 LPCs in performance of their official duties. There is no provision for supervision of non-certified applicators of 1080 LPCs. Only applicators certified in 1080 LPC use will be permitted to apply the product. The amended plan will combine the licenses of commercial applicator, commercial operator, limited applicator, and consultant into a single license of professional applicator. The Idaho certification plan will under this amendment have only private and professional applicators. Chemigation will become a category under both the private and professional applicator license. Chemigation under the current plan requires a separate license. The recertification period will be reduced to 2 years from the current 5-year period.