

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The information collection will involve an estimated 25 respondents at a cost of \$1617 to those respondents. The total annual cost to both respondents and government including the laboratory contract is estimated at \$38,839. The annual number of responses are expected to be 25 or one response per respondent. The time required for a response ranges from 1 hour to 3 hours, with an average response time of 2 hours. An estimated 25 respondents are required to keep records at an average annual burden of 15 minutes per record keeper. The biosolids survey will entail 6.3 hours of recordkeeping, 5 hours for government as users of the data, for a total of 11.3 burden hours.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of

information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: January 12, 2000.

Jo Lynn Traub,

Director, Water Division, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that two committees of the Science Advisory Board will hold public teleconference meetings on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating and teleconference lines are limited and available on a first-come basis.

1. Integrated Risk Project (IRP) Peer Review Subcommittee

The Integrated Risk Project (IRP) Peer Review Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board will meet Tuesday February 15, 2000 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection located in Room 6013 of the Ariel Rios Building at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The building entrance is adjacent to the Federal Triangle Metro Stop on 12th Street. For directions and further information concerning the meeting, please contact the individuals given below. The public is welcome to attend the meeting physically or through a telephonic link.

Purpose of the Meeting

At this meeting the Integrated Risk Project Subcommittee will review the report of the Integrated Risk Project: *Towards Integrated Environmental Decision-Making*.

2. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet Wednesday, February 16, 2000 from 12:00 am to 2:00 pm. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection located in Room 6013 of the Ariel Rios Building at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue,

NW, Washington, DC 20004. The building entrance is adjacent to the Federal Triangle Metro Stop on 12th Street. For directions and further information concerning the meeting, please contact the individuals given below. The public is welcome to attend the meeting physically or through a telephonic link.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to plan for "Phase 2 of the Review of EPA's Peer Review Program: Effectiveness Evaluation."

Proposed Charge

The Subcommittee has tasked itself to develop specific guidance for the subsequent SAB evaluation of how peer reviews are conducted by the Agency Programs and Regions using specific case studies. The Committee will work to develop (a) an overall strategy for the review, (b) criteria for the selection of projects to review, and (c) options for how the review might be conducted, together with a recommended approach for consideration by the SAB's Executive Committee.

For Further Information Concerning the Meetings

Members of the public desiring additional information about either meeting should contact Dr. John R. Fowle III, Deputy Staff Director and Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4547; fax at (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at fowle.jack@epa.gov or Ms. Wanda Fields, Management Assistant; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4539; fax at (202) 501-0256; or via email at fields.wanda@epa.gov. A copy of the draft agenda and copies of the background material will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting on the SAB website (www.epa.gov/sab) or from Ms. Wanda Fields at the fax or address noted above. Additional instructions about how to participate in either conference call can be obtained from Ms. Fields.

Making Oral Presentations During the Meetings

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at either meeting must contact Dr. Fowle in writing (by email, by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Thursday, February 10, 2000 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to three

minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual making 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 of the presentation itself.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in the Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256.

Dated: January 13, 2000.

Donald G. Barnes, PhD,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The SFIREG Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on February 7, 2000 and ending on February 8, 2000. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will meet on Monday, February 7, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be a CLOSED SESSION (Open Only to EPA and State Lead Agencies) on Monday, February 7, 2000 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT 05843-1249; (802) 472-6956; fax: (802) 472-6957; e-mail address: aapco@plainfield.bypass.com or Elaine Y. Lyon, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200

Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5306; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address: lyon.elaine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, but all parties interested in SFIREG's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into the EPA's decision-making process are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate.

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

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of the minutes, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" 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/>. You may also obtain electronic copies of the minutes, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Internet Home Page at <http://aapco.ceris.purdue.edu/doc/index.html>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "SFIREG" and then look up the entry for this document under the "SFIREG Meetings."

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for this meeting under docket control number OPP-00639. The administrative record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to the State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This administrative 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 administrative record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available

for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), 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. Purpose of Meeting

Tentative Agenda:

1. Working committee issues and updates.
2. Update on pesticide field data plan.
3. Update on Total Maximum Daily Load & National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Draft Straw Proposal.
4. Office of Research and Developments grant to study "The Impact of Lawn Care Practices on Aquatic Ecosystems in Suburban Watersheds."
5. Update on Pesticides in Ground Water and Surface Water Data bases.
6. Working committee discussion on survey on aquatic pesticides and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permitting.
7. Florida State University grant to develop Indicators.
8. Updates from the Office of Pesticide Programs and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
9. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,

Dated: January 14, 2000.

Jay Ellenberger,

Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Filing Pesticide Petitions to Establish a Tolerance for Certain Pesticide Chemicals in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number PF-909, must be received on or before February 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in