

**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and submit 30 copies of their presentation and/or remarks to the Panel. The Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

1. *By mail.* You may submit a request to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), 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.* You may submit your request electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Use WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to identify by docket control number OPP-00733. You may also file a request online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the Meeting

Session I—Preliminary Cumulative Hazard and Dose-Response Assessment for Organophosphorus Pesticides—Determination of Relative Potency and Points of Departure for Cholinesterase Inhibition

The Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996 requires EPA to consider the cumulative effect to human health that can result from exposure to pesticides that have a common mechanism of toxicity. Over the last 2 years, the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) has presented to the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) for comment proposed guidance, tools and methodologies for conducting cumulative risk assessments. In September 2000, a case study on 24 organophosphorus pesticides was presented to the SAP to demonstrate methods for determining the cumulative risk.

In order to accomplish the reassessment of 66% of pesticide tolerances by August 3, 2002, as

required by the FQPA, the Agency needs to complete the tolerance reassessment for the organophosphorus pesticides by performing a cumulative risk assessment for this group. Therefore, the Agency intends to complete the Preliminary Cumulative Risk Assessment for the Organophosphorus Pesticides by December 2001. Toward this end, the Agency has considered the SAP written comments on the approach that was outlined in the September 27, 2000 SAP Report entitled "Endpoint Selection and Determination of Relative Potency in Cumulative Hazard and Dose-response Assessment: A Pilot Study of Organophosphorus Pesticide Chemicals" (This and related reports can be obtained at the SAP web site at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap/>). The current document has revised the relative potency factor analysis by incorporating the recommendations of the SAP.

The purpose of the current review is to seek comment from the SAP on whether the revised hazard and dose-response method on the organophosphorus pesticides has adequately addressed the September 2000 SAP comments.

Session II—Common Mechanism of Action for Thiocarbamates and Dithiocarbamates

At a public meeting held in September 1999, the SAP recommended that the Agency address effects of concern reported in studies conducted on thiocarbamates and dithiocarbamate pesticides. The Agency has since prepared two documents that describe: (1) The Agency's cumulative risk assessment of a common assessment group of thiocarbamates; and (2) The results of the Agency's evaluation of common effects induced by the dithiocarbamates by a common method of toxicity. The approach to assessment of thiocarbamates was to identify a common effect that might be attributable to a common mechanism and to conduct a screening level cumulative dietary (food) assessment to determine if grouping them based on the common effect and concurrent exposures to the group would reveal the potential for cumulative dietary risks. This assessment was conducted using the assumption that neuropathological effects induced by the thiocarbamates may be attributed to a common mechanism of toxicity. The screening approach also assumed 100% of crop treated with each thiocarbamate registered for use on crops and used tolerance levels for the exposure component of the assessment rather

than a more refined estimate of actual residues.

The Agency's analysis of the dithiocarbamates indicated that they share a common metabolite that is associated with the induction of a common toxicity and that exposure to this group of chemicals will require an aggregation of the residue of that metabolite that may be formed following treatment of crops with these pesticides.

The purpose of this session is to seek the SAP's recommendations on the Agency work since the September 1999 SAP meeting.

### B. Panel Report

The Agency anticipates that the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 60 days after the meeting. The Panel's report will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I. of this document.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: August 2, 2001.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 7031-3]

### Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee will conduct a public teleconference meeting on August 27, 2001 between the hours of 1 pm to 3 pm Eastern Time. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 6013 in the USEPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in the conference room noted above. However, the public may also attend through a telephonic link, to the extent that lines are available. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Diana Pozun (see contact information below).

*Purpose of the Meeting:* In this meeting, the Executive Committee plans

to review reports from some of its Committees/Subcommittees, most likely including the following:

(a) Executive Committee Arsenic Rule Benefits Review Panel (ARBRP) report on "Arsenic Rule Benefits Analysis: Science Advisory Board Review" (see 65 FR 34926, dated July 2, 2001 for details)

(b) Executive Committee Science and Technology Achievement Awards (STAA) Subcommittee "Recommendations on the FY2000 Scientific and Technological Achievement (STAA)" (see 66 FR 70906, dated November 28, 2000 for details).

(c) Research Strategies Advisory Committee "Implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's Peer Review Program: An SAB Review" (see 66 FR 19933, dated April 18, 2001 for details).

**Availability of Review Materials:** Drafts of the reports that will be reviewed at the meeting will be available to the public on the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

**Charge to the Executive Committee:** The focus of the review of these three reports will be on the following questions:

(a) Has the SAB adequately responded to the questions posed in the Charge?

(b) Are the statements and/or responses in the draft report clear?

(c) Are there any errors of fact in the report?

In accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the public and the Agency are invited to submit written comments on these three questions that are the focus of the review. Submissions should be received by August 20, 2001 by Ms. Diana Pozun, EPA Science Advisory Board, Mail Code 1400A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington DC 20460. (Telephone (202) 564-4544, FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [pozun.diana@epa.gov](mailto:pozun.diana@epa.gov)). Submission by e-mail to Ms. Pozun will maximize the time available for review by the Executive Committee.

Although not required by FACA, the SAB will have a brief period available for applicable public comment. Therefore, anyone wishing to make oral comments on the three focus questions above, but that are not duplicative of the written comments, should contact the Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Dr. Donald G. Barnes (Tel: 202-564-4533; Fax: 202-501-0323; USEPA Science Advisory Board, Mail Code 1400A, USEPA, 1200

Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; [barnes.don@epa.gov](mailto:barnes.don@epa.gov)) by August 20, 2001.

**For Further Information:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting should contact Dr. Donald Barnes, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4533; FAX (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at [barnes.don@epa.gov](mailto:barnes.don@epa.gov).

#### Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible (unless otherwise stated). The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its 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. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. **Written Comments:** Although the SAB accepts written comments 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 noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: 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 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

**General Information:** 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 FY2000 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. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

**Meeting Access:** Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Dr. Barnes at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: August 7, 2001.

**John R. Fowle III, PhD,**  
Deputy Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30120; FRL-6791-4]

### Pesticide Product Registrations; Conditional Approval

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces Agency approval of applications submitted by Mycogen Seeds, c/o Dow Agrosciences LLC and Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., to conditionally register the pesticide products Herculex I Insect Protection and Pioneer Brand Seed Corn with Herculex I containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(7)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8715; e-mail address: [mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov](mailto:mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

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

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to: