

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a public technical briefing for August 22, 2001, to provide background information on cumulative risk assessment methods, in general, and the current status of the work on the organophosphate (OP) cumulative risk assessment. Particular attention will be given to the hazard portion of the OP assessment. For cumulative assessments, before a risk assessment can be done, the chemicals must be ranked according to their ability to produce the toxic effect of concern. This ability is quantified by a "potency" value. After the potency of each chemical is calculated, an index chemical is selected. This method to estimate the relative potency has been termed the "relative potency factor" method. The result of the method is the determination of a relative potency factor (RPF) for each chemical. The briefing will focus on the recently released paper, "Preliminary Cumulative Hazard and Dose-Response Assessment for Organophosphorus Pesticides and Points of Departure for Cholinesterase Inhibition," which explains the method that has been used to determine the relative potency factors for the OPs and the selection of the index chemical. This paper will also be the subject of a meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) on September 5–6, 2001. At the technical briefing, the hazard methodology will be explained in some detail and in terms appropriate for a non-scientific audience.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA (directly across from the King Street Metro Station).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Monk, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticides Program (7508C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8071; e-mail address: monk.kathy@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to persons who are concerned about implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA). Passed in 1996, this new law strengthens the

nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. Participants may include environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and trade associations; pesticide user and grower groups; Federal, State, and local governments; food processors; academia; general public; etc. 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 Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, 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," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," 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/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for this meeting under docket control number OPPTS-00735. The administrative record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice and other information related to the cumulative risk assessment of organophosphate pesticides. 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 is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division, 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 telephone number for the PIRIB is (703) 305-5805.

II. How Can I Request To Participate in this Meeting?

This meeting is open to the public. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 3 to 5 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any

person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after the meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be available for public inspection at the address listed in Unit II.B. of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides, agriculture, chemicals, cumulative risk.

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Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7034-4]

Office of Research and Development; Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2) notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Subcommittee, will meet to review the National Exposure Research Laboratory.

DATES: The Meeting will be held on September 18–20, 2001. On Tuesday, September 18, 2001, the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., and will recess at 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, September 19, 2001, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and recess at 5:00 p.m. On the final day, Thursday, September 20, 2001, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and recess at 3:00 p.m., and will include a writing session from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. All times noted are Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Catawba Building, 3210 Highway 54, Room 327, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Anyone desiring a draft agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton at (202) 565-2444. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20460; or by telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, NCER (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-6853/

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7032-7]

Summary of the Workshop on Information Needs to Address Children's Cancer Risk

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final report.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) in the Office of Research and Development announces the availability of a final report, Summary of the Workshop on Information Needs to Address Children's Cancer Risk (EPA/600/R-00/105, December 2000). This report summarizes a workshop cosponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) on March 30 and 31, 2000. Eastern Research Group, an EPA contractor, organized and convened the workshop on EPA's and NIEHS's behalf. The workshop focused on a discussion of children's cancer risk assessment and related data needs to address issues that were raised during public review of EPA's 1999 Draft Revised Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment.

ADDRESSES: The document will be made available electronically through the National Center for Environmental Assessment's web site (www.epa.gov/ncea). A limited number of paper copies will be available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 513-489-8695. Please provide your name and mailing

address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Technical Information Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20460; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050; email: nceadc.comment@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop focused on a discussion of children's cancer risk assessment and related data needs to address issues that were raised during public review of EPA's 1999 Draft Revised Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment. The issues include: characterizing the ideal data set to adequately address children's cancer risk and proposed approaches to using available data in the absence of the ideal data set.

The background for discussions at the workshop is the reality that chemical-specific data are often lacking to specifically address children's cancer risk from environmental chemical exposures. Consequently, the assessment of children's risk is currently addressed by evaluations of traditional bioassays in mature animals, comparative biochemistry and physiology between adult and developing animals and humans, and public-health-protective default positions in the absence of child-specific data. The workshop focused on four topic areas: (1) Current and proposed approaches to assessing children's cancer risk, (2) enhanced use of test data related to children's cancer risk, (3) future directions for toxicology testing to address children's cancer risk, and (4) epidemiological/molecular epidemiology information to address children's cancer risk.

Dated: July 20, 2001.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Volatilization Rates From Water to Indoor Air—Phase II

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final report.

SUMMARY: The National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of

Research and Development, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency announces the availability of a final report, Volatilization Rates From Water to Indoor Air—Phase II (EPA/600/R-00/096, October 2000). The purpose of the report is to provide a methodology to assess the volatilization of chemicals from contaminated water to indoor air. The study involved the development of two-phase dynamic mass models for estimating chemical emissions from washing machines, dishwashers, showers, and bathtubs. This report presents the results of a series of experiments conducted to determine emissions from four sources of water use in a household (showers, bathtubs, washing machines, and dishwashers). Mass transfer coefficients and chemical stripping efficiencies were determined using four sources and five tracer chemicals (acetone, ethyl acetate, toluene, ethylbenzene, and cyclohexane). The report provides a step-by-step methodology for estimating emissions from any of these four sources for any chemical. This research was conducted under the Research to Improve Health Risk Assessment program (RIHRA). The goal of the RIHRA program was to generate research results to significantly improve the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ability to improve human health risk assessments.

ADDRESSES: The document will be made available electronically through the National Center for Environmental Assessment's web site (www.epa.gov/ncea). A limited number of paper copies will be available on or about August 24, 2001 from EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP). To obtain copies, please contact NSCEP, P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 513-489-8695. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline Moya, National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460; telephone: 202-564-3245; facsimile: 202-565-0076; email: moya.jacqueline@epa.gov.

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