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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

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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-2005-0257. 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, 1801 S. Bell St., 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.

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II. Contractor Requirements

Under Contract No. EP-W-05057, Versar, Inc. and its subcontractors,

EnDyna, BR Stern and Associates, Menzie-Cura and Associates, and Tetrahedon, Inc., will perform exposure assessments and relevant information necessary for EPA to fulfill the requirements of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA), FIFRA, Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), FFDCA, the Pollution Prevention Act, and any other Executive Order or legislative requirement. These objectives shall be obtained by providing technical support for registration and reregistration activities relating to occupational and residential exposure and risk assessments.

OPP has determined that access by Versar, Inc. and its subcontractors, EnDyna, BR Stern and Associates, Menzie-Cura and Associates, and Tetrahedon, Inc., to information on all pesticide chemicals is necessary for the performance of this contract.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(2), the contract with Versar, Inc. and its subcontractors, EnDyna, BR Stern and Associates, Menzie-Cura and Associates, and Tetrahedon, Inc., prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in the contract, prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency, and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release and to handle it in accordance with the *FIFRA Information Security Manual*. In addition, Versar, Inc. and its subcontractors, EnDyna, BR Stern and Associates, Menzie-Cura and Associates, and Tetrahedon, Inc., are required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to Versar, Inc. and its subcontractors, EnDyna, BR Stern and Associates, Menzie-Cura and Associates, and Tetrahedon, Inc., until the requirements in this document have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to Versar, Inc. and its subcontractors, EnDyna, BR Stern and Associates, Menzie-Cura and Associates, and Tetrahedon, Inc., will be maintained by EPA project officers for this contract. All information supplied to Versar, Inc. and its subcontractors, EnDyna, BR Stern and Associates, Menzie-Cura and Associates, and Tetrahedon, Inc., by EPA for use in

connection with this contract will be returned to EPA when Versar, Inc. and its subcontractors, EnDyna, BR Stern and Associates, Menzie-Cura and Associates, and Tetrahedon, Inc., have completed their work.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Business and industry, Government contracts, Government property, Security measures.

October 17, 2005.

Robert Forrest,

Director, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0370; FRL-7737-7]

Endothall Reregistration Eligibility Decision; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for the pesticide endothall. The Agency's risk assessments and other related documents also are available in the endothall Docket. Endothall is used as an aquatic herbicide to control submerged aquatic vegetation and algae in lakes, ponds, and irrigation canals and is used as a desiccant on cotton, hops, potatoes, and seed production for alfalfa and clover. Endothall is also used as a biocide to control mollusks in cooling towers/systems. Endothall is applied as either a dipotassium salt or an N, N-dimethylalkylamine salt. The endothall acid is not directly applied to use sites; it is formed as a break-down product resulting from application of the salt forms. The amine salt is the only form applied terrestrially, while both the dipotassium and amine salt are applied to aquatic use sites. EPA has reviewed endothall through the public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Overstreet, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental

Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 308–8068; fax number: (703) 308–8005; e-mail address: overstreet.anne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others 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?

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II. Background

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 4 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA is reevaluating existing pesticides to ensure that they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. EPA has completed a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for the pesticide, endothall under section 4(g)(2)(A) of FIFRA. Endothall is a dicarboxylic acid used as an aquatic herbicide to control submerged aquatic vegetation and algae in lakes, ponds, and irrigation canals and is used as a desiccant on cotton, hops, potatoes, and seed production for alfalfa and clover. Endothall is also used as a biocide to control mollusks in cooling towers/systems. Endothall is applied as either a dipotassium salt or an N, N-dimethylalkylamine salt. The endothall acid is not directly applied to use sites, it is formed as a break-down product resulting from application of the salt forms. The amine salt is the only form applied terrestrially, while both the dipotassium and amine salt are applied to aquatic use sites. EPA has determined that the data base to support reregistration is substantially complete and that products containing endothall are eligible for reregistration, provided the risks are mitigated in the manner described in the RED. Upon submission of any required product-specific data

under section 4(g)(2)(B) and any necessary changes to the registration and labeling (either to address concerns identified in the RED or as a result of product-specific data), EPA will make a final reregistration decision under section 4(g)(2)(C) for products containing endothall.

EPA must review tolerances and tolerance exemptions that were in effect when the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) was enacted in August 1996, to ensure that these existing pesticide residue limits for food and feed commodities meet the safety standard established by the new law. Tolerances are considered reassessed once the safety finding has been made or a revocation occurs. EPA has reviewed and made the requisite safety finding for the endothall tolerances included in this notice.

EPA is applying the principles of public participation to all pesticides undergoing reregistration and tolerance reassessment. The Agency’s Pesticide Tolerance Reassessment and Reregistration; Public Participation Process, published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2004 (69 FR 26819) (FRL–7357–9), explains that in conducting these programs, EPA is tailoring its public participation process to be commensurate with the level of risk, extent of use, complexity of issues, and degree of public concern associated with each pesticide. Due to its uses, risks, and other factors, endothall was reviewed through the modified 4-Phase process. Through this process, EPA worked extensively with stakeholders and the public to reach the regulatory decisions for endothall.

The reregistration program is being conducted under Congressionally mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes the need both to make timely decisions and to involve the public. The Agency is not holding a comment period for the endothall RED because all issues related to this pesticide were resolved through consultations with stakeholders.

B. What is the Agency’s Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 4(g)(2) of FIFRA as amended directs that, after submission of all data concerning a pesticide active ingredient, “the Administrator shall determine whether pesticides containing such active ingredient are eligible for reregistration,” before calling in product-specific data on individual end-use products and either reregistering products or taking other “appropriate regulatory action.”

Section 408(q) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21

U.S.C. 346a(q), requires EPA to review tolerances and exemptions for pesticide residues in effect as of August 2, 1996, to determine whether the tolerance or exemption meets the requirements of section 408(b)(2) or (c)(2) of FFDCA. This review is to be completed by August 3, 2006.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 26, 2005.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2005-0281; FRL-7742-4]

Oxydemeton-methyl Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision and Amendment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED) for the organophosphate pesticide oxydemeton-methyl (ODM) and the ODM IRED Amendment document. The Agency's risk assessments and other related documents also are available in the ODM Docket (docket number OPP-34167), and on the ODM reregistration website located at <http://www.epa.gov/oppssrd1/op/odm.htm>. ODM is a systemic, organophosphate insecticide/ acaricide registered on terrestrial food crops (vegetable, field, tree fruit, and nut crops) and terrestrial non-food sites (ornamental uses). EPA has reviewed ODM through the public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Hall, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-0166; fax number: (703) 308-8041; e-mail address: hall.katie@epa.gov.

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II. Background

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 4 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA is reevaluating existing pesticides to ensure that they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. EPA has completed an IRED for the organophosphate pesticide, ODM under section 4(g)(2)(A) of FIFRA. ODM is a systemic, organophosphate insecticide/acaricide used to control many insects, primarily aphids, mites, and thrips. Registered use sites include terrestrial food crops (vegetable, field, tree fruit, and nut crops) and terrestrial non-food sites (ornamental uses). The ODM IRED presents the Agency's conclusions on the risks posed by exposure to ODM alone; however, section 408(b)(2)(D)(v) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) directs the Agency also to consider available information on the cumulative risk from substances sharing a common mechanism of toxicity. Because the organophosphate pesticides share a common mechanism of toxicity, cholinesterase inhibition, the Agency will evaluate the cumulative risk posed by this group before making final reregistration eligibility decision on individual organophosphates.

During the pendency of the organophosphate cumulative assessment, the Agency is proceeding with risk assessments and interim risk management for individual organophosphate pesticides. EPA has determined that, but for the cumulative risk assessment, the data base to support ODM reregistration is substantially complete and that products containing ODM are eligible for reregistration, provided the risks are mitigated in the manner described in the ODM IRED and ODM IRED Amendment. Upon submission of any required product-specific data under FIFRA section 4(g)(2)(B) and any necessary changes to the registration and labeling (either to address concerns identified in the IRED or as a result of product-specific data), and after assessing organophosphate cumulative risks, EPA will make a final reregistration decision under FIFRA section 4(g)(2)(C) for products containing ODM. When the Agency finalizes decisions for ODM and other organophosphate pesticides, further risk mitigation may be required for ODM.

EPA must review tolerances and tolerance exemptions that were in effect when the Food Quality Protection Act was enacted in August 1996, to ensure that these existing pesticide residue limits for food and feed commodities meet the safety standard established by