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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lorry Frigerio, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 703-605-0654; fax number: 703-308-1850; e-mail address: [frigerio.lorry@epa.gov](mailto:frigerio.lorry@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a U.S., Canadian or Mexican grower, registrant, researcher, manufacturer, operator, distributor or government regulator of pesticide products in one of the NAFTA countries, as well as an public group or member of the public interested in their use.

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. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

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- vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.
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viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

**II. What Action is the Agency Taking?**

The Agency is releasing for public comment the proposed Five-Year Strategy, 2008–2013, of the North American Free Trade Agreement Technical Working Group on Pesticides. It can be found in docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0522. EPA and its North American counterparts, Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Canada and Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA) of Mexico, provide overall guidance and policy direction in developing easier and less expensive pesticide regulation and trade among the three countries and in meeting the environmental, ecological and human health objectives of NAFTA.

The Five-Year Strategy will guide the TWG's future work and direction. It reflects the collective goal of creating an aligned North American registration system for pesticides and for products treated with pesticides as well as a commitment to partners. It also presents the NAFTA TWG governance structure. The environment within which the TWG operates is constantly changing. A number of drivers, both external and internal, are critical in influencing TWG's strategic directions. They define the work that the TWG must deliver to meet stakeholder needs and improve overall outcomes. The TWG aims to ensure it is well positioned to take advantage of opportunities, monitor trends and assess implications.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, harmonization of data requirements, human safety and science issues, effective communication and planning, maintaining high international standards, performance measurement and evaluation.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

**Debra Edwards,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0401; FRL-8365-4]

**Pesticide Products; Registration Applications**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing new active ingredients not included in any currently registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0401, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; 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 potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of

entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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**II. Registration Applications**

EPA received applications as follows to register pesticide products containing

active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provision of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on the applications.

*Products Containing New Active Ingredients not Included in any Previously Registered Products*

1. *File Symbol:* 67979–RU. *Applicant:* Syngenta Seeds Inc., P.O. Box 12257, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709. *Product name:* MIR162 Maize. Plant-Incorporated Protectant. *Active ingredient:* *Bacillus thuringiensis* Vip3Aa20 and the genetic material necessary for its production (vector pNOV1300) in event MIR162 maize (SYN-IR162-4). *Proposal classification/Use:* For use on corn.

2. *File Symbol:* 67979–RE. *Applicant:* Syngenta Seeds Inc. *Product name:* Bt11 x MIR162 Corn. Plant-Incorporated Protectant. *Active ingredients:* *Bacillus thuringiensis* Vip3Aa20 and the genetic material necessary for its production (vector pNOV1300) in event MIR162 maize (SYN-IR162-4) and *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab delta-endotoxin and the genetic material (as contained in plasmid vector pZO1502) necessary for its production in corn. *Proposal classification/Use:* For use on corn.

3. *File Symbol:* 67979–RG. *Applicant:* Syngenta Seeds Inc., P.O. Box 12257, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709. *Product name:* Bt11 x MIR162 x MIR604 Corn. Plant-Incorporated Protectant. *Active ingredients:* *Bacillus thuringiensis* Vip3Aa20 and the genetic material necessary for its production (vector pNOV1300) in event MIR162 maize (SYN-IR162-4) and *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab delta-endotoxin and the genetic material (as contained in plasmid vector pZO1502) necessary for its production in corn and Modified Cry3A protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (via elements of pZM26) in corn (SYN-IR604-8). *Proposal classification/Use:* For use on corn.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest.

Dated: July 10, 2008.

**Janet L. Andersen,**

*Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL–8696–5]

**EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Experts for a Science Advisory Board Committee To Provide Advice on Future Development of EPA's Report on the Environment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB or the Board) Staff Office is soliciting nominations of nationally recognized scientists for consideration of membership on an SAB committee to provide advice on future development of EPA's Report on the Environment (ROE).

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by August 13, 2008 per the instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding this Request for Nominations please contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or via telephone/voice mail (202) 343–9995; fax (202) 233–0643; or e-mail at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. C) and related regulations. Generally, SAB meetings are announced in the **Federal Register**, conducted in public view, and provide opportunities for public input during deliberations. Additional information about the SAB and its committees can be obtained on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

EPA recently published its 2008 Report on the Environment (hereinafter referred to as ROE 2008). This report is available on the EPA Office of Research and Development Web site at: <http://>

[cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=190806](http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=190806). In the ROE 2008, EPA presents environmental and human health indicator information to represent the status of and trends in the condition of the nation's environment. The ROE will be used by EPA to: (1) Inform strategic planning, priority setting, and decision making across the Agency, and (2) provide information to enable the public to assess whether EPA is succeeding in its overall mission to protect human health and the environment. Individual chapters in the ROE 2008 provide information on the condition of air, water, and land environments. The air chapter focuses outdoor and indoor air quality and greenhouse gases. The water chapter addresses the condition of surface waters, watersheds, ground water, wetlands, coastal waters, drinking water, recreational waters, and consumable fish and shellfish. The land chapter contains indicator information on land cover, land use, wastes on land, chemicals used on land, and contaminated land. Two other chapters in the ROE 2008 focus on human health and ecological condition. The human health chapter provides indicator information on human disease and disease conditions and environmental exposure to pollutants. The ecological condition chapter provides indicator information on the extent and distribution of ecological systems, diversity and biological balance of ecological systems, ecological processes, critical physical and chemical attributes, and exposure to pollutants. The environmental indicators in the ROE 2008 were selected to answer broad questions deemed to be of critical importance to EPA's mission. The ROE 2008 incorporates SAB comments on earlier drafts of the ROE dated 2003 and 2007. The findings and recommendations of these previous SAB reviews are available on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> (see reports EPA–SAB–05–004 and EPA–SAB–08–007). EPA expects to modify future editions of the ROE based on long-term recommendations in the SAB review of the draft 2007 ROE. This notice specifically requests nominations for candidates to serve on a new SAB committee that will provide advice to EPA over the next few years on how to: (1) Address previous SAB recommendations to improve future versions of the ROE, and (2) make the ROE more useful to EPA in informing planning and decision making and providing information to the public. The Committee will ultimately review the