

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[FRL-9993-19-OA]****Notification of a Public Meeting of the Chartered Science Advisory Board****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the chartered SAB. Among the topics being discussed will be the EPA's semi-annual regulatory agenda and the agency's request for SAB advice regarding upcoming actions related to an update to the "2005 EPA Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment" and creation of guidelines for non-cancer risk assessment. In addition, the SAB will receive briefings from the Office of Research and Development and the Office of Water. The full meeting agenda will be posted on the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) before the meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday June 6, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sphinx on K conference facility, 1315 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the meeting may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 564-2155, or email at armitage.thomas@epa.gov. General information concerning the SAB can be found on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDDAA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the scientific and technical basis for agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB will hold a public meeting to discuss and deliberate on topics that include the agency's semiannual regulatory agenda and EPA's request for SAB advice regarding upcoming actions related to an update to the "2005 EPA Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment" and creation of guidelines for non-cancer risk assessment. As part of the EPA's effort to routinely inform the SAB about proposed and planned agency actions that have a scientific or technical basis, the agency provides notice to the SAB when the Office of Management and Budget publishes the "Unified (Regulatory) Agenda." The SAB convened a Work Group to review information provided in the agency's spring 2018 regulatory agenda regarding EPA planned actions and their supporting science. The SAB will discuss recommendations and information developed by the Work Group regarding the adequacy of the science supporting the planned actions. EPA is also asking for SAB advice regarding upcoming actions related to an update to the "2005 EPA Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment" and creation of guidelines for non-cancer risk assessment.

Availability of Meeting Materials: A meeting agenda and other materials for the meeting will be placed on the SAB website at <http://epa.gov/sab>.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to the EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the EPA's charge, meeting materials, or the group providing advice. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the DFO directly.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes. Persons interested in providing oral statements at the June 5-6, 2019, meeting should

contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by May 29, 2019, to be placed on the list of registered speakers. *Written Statements:* Written statements for the June 5-6, 2019, meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by May 29, 2019, so that the information can be made available to the SAB for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO at the contact information above via email (preferred) or in hard copy with original signature. Submitters are requested to provide a signed and unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Armitage at the phone number or email address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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Khanna Johnston,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0206; FRL-9992-75]****Mefentrifluconazole; Receipt of Applications for Emergency Exemptions, Solicitation of Public Comment****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received specific exemption requests from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDA), the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to use the fungicide mefentrifluconazole (CAS No. 1417782-03-6) to treat up to 376,000 acres of sugarbeets to control *Cercospora* leaf spot disease. The applicants propose use of a new chemical which has not been registered

by EPA as a pesticide. Therefore, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether to grant the exemptions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 24, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0206, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/where-send-comments-epa-dockets>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Goodis, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: RDFRNotices@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. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

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

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through

www.regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the EPA Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the EPA Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The NDA, the MDARD, and the MDA have requested the EPA Administrator to issue specific exemptions for the use of mefenftrifluconazole on sugarbeets to control *Cercospora* leaf spot disease. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of the requests.

As part of the requests, the applicants assert that the development of resistance to available fungicides in the fungal pathogen *Cercospora beticola*, has resulted in an urgent and non-routine pest control situation that is expected to cause significant economic losses without the requested use. The

applicants propose to make no more than two applications at a rate of 0.13 lb. (maximum total of 0.26 lb.) of active ingredient mefenftrifluconazole per acre, on up to 376,000 acres of sugarbeets grown in North Dakota, Michigan, and Minnesota from June 15 to September 7, 2019. A total of 97,760 lbs. of mefenftrifluconazole could be used (maximum acreage at highest rate), although the applicants state that the affected acreage is more likely to receive only one treatment.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the applications themselves. The regulations governing FIFRA section 18 at 40 CFR 166.24(a)(1), require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a new chemical which has not been registered by EPA as a pesticide. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application. The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemptions requested by the NDA, the MDARD, and the MDA.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: May 1, 2019.

Michael Goodis,
Director, Registration Division, Office of
Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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TSCA Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC); Notice of Rescheduled Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the rescheduled meeting dates for the 4-day meeting of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) that had been previously scheduled for January to consider and review the draft Risk Evaluation for Colour Index (C. I.) Pigment Violet 29 (PV29) and associated documents. This in-person meeting will also include a general TSCA orientation for the TSCA SACC. A portion of the in-person meeting will be closed to the public for the committee's discussion of information claimed as confidential business information (CBI). As previously announced in April, the public is invited to comment on the