

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7151-4]

**EPA Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment of Perchlorate****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of second extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the public comment period on the revised draft report, "Perchlorate Environmental Contamination: Toxicological Review and Risk Characterization" (NCEA-1-0503), by 45 days to April 5, 2002. On January 2, 2002, EPA published a **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 75) announcing: (1) The public availability, expected on January 9, 2002, of the revised draft document; (2) the beginning of a 30-day public comment period; and (3) an external peer review workshop in Sacramento, California, on March 5 and 6, 2002. In addition, a notice correcting the address for electronic registration and electronic submission of public comments was published on January 14, 2002 (67 FR 1759). Because of an approximately one-week delay in public release and availability of the perchlorate external review draft, EPA extended the public comment period to February 19, 2002 (67 FR 3493, January 24, 2002). EPA has decided to extend the comment period to April 5, 2002, in response to the high level of interest in this draft document and because of several requests for extension of the comment period.

Therefore, comments postmarked by February 19, 2002, will be made available to the peer review panel prior to the peer review. Comments received between February 19 and March 5, 2002, will be made available to the peer reviewers at the peer review meeting. Comments received after the peer review meeting and up until April 5, 2002, will also be made available to the peer reviewers. It should be noted that, as with all peer review meetings, the panelists are not charged directly with reading or considering all observer comments. Rather, it is up to the professional judgment of the reviewers to consider observer comments as they deem appropriate. In addition, the review of and response to public comments is the responsibility of the EPA, as the Agency moves forward with the development of the assessment.

In order to be most effective, external comments need to be provided to the Agency contractor, Eastern Research

Group, Inc. (ERG), by April 5, 2002. As is the EPA's normal procedure, the Agency will summarize and indicate the disposition of all major comments provided by April 5, 2002, in preparation for its release of the assessment in final form.

**DATES:** Comments should be in writing and must be received (not postmarked) by April 5, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the draft document should be submitted to Eastern Research Group (ERG), Attn: Meetings, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421. Comments under 50 pages may be sent via e-mail attachment (in Word, WordPerfect, or pdf) to [meetings@erg.com](mailto:meetings@erg.com). The external review draft of the perchlorate document is available on EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding observer registration for the workshop and submission of written comments should be directed to EPA's contractor, ERG, at 781-674-7374. For technical inquiries, please contact: Annie M. Jarabek, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (MD 52), U.S. EPA Mailroom, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone 919-541-4847; facsimile 919-541-1818; e-mail [jarabek.annie@epa.gov](mailto:jarabek.annie@epa.gov).

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[OPP-00757; FRL-6820-6]

**Pesticides; Determination of the Appropriate FQPA Safety Factor(s) in Tolerance Assessment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA announces the availability of the revised version of the pesticide science policy document entitled "Determination of the Appropriate FQPA Safety Factor(s) in Tolerance Assessment." This notice is one in a series concerning science policy documents related to the implementation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. General Information****A. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture or formulate pesticides. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide Producers. .....	32532 .. .....	Pesticide manufacturers Pesticide formulators

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 could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this notice affects 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**.

**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, the science policy documents, and certain other related documents that might be available from the Office of Pesticide Programs' Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides>. On the Office of Pesticide Programs' Home Page select "FQPA" and then look up the entry for this document under "Science Policies." You can also go directly to the listings at the EPA Home page at <http://www.epa.gov>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry to this document under "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00757. In addition, the documents