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EPA Science Advisory Board, Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting; Contaminated Sediment Science Plan Review Panel

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Contaminated Sediment Science Plan Review Panel (CSSP Review Panel) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet via teleconference on January 6, 2003, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time. This teleconference meeting will be hosted out of Conference Room 6013, USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. The meeting is open to the public, but, due to limited space, seating will be on a first-come basis. The public may also attend via telephone, however, lines may be limited. Information on how to participate is given below.

Background—The background for this review and the charge to the CSSP Review Panel were published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 49336, July 30, 2000). The notice also included a draft charge to the CSSP Review Panel, a call for nominations for members of the CSSP Review Panel in certain technical expertise areas needed to address the charge and described the process to be used in forming the CSSP Review Panel. Subsequently, notice was published (67 FR 61622, October 1, 2002) of three meetings that have since been convened: a teleconference on October 17, 2002, a meeting in Washington, DC on October 30 and 31, 2002, and another teleconference on November 22, 2002. Details on the activities of the CSSP Review Panel can be found on our Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/cssprpanel.html>.

Purpose of this Meeting—The purpose of this public teleconference meeting is for the CSSP Review Panel to: (a) Review and revise the panel's draft report as necessary; and (b) approve the report as revised for delivery to the SAB Executive Committee.

For Further Information—To inquire about public participation in the meeting identified above please contact Mr. Lawrence Martin, Designated Federal Officer, CSSP Review Panel, USEPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), Suite 6450DD, 1200

Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-6497; fax at (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at martin.lawrence@epa.gov. Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting locations or the call-in number for the teleconference, must contact Mr. Martin at the addresses and numbers identified above.

Submitting Public Comments—The SAB will have a brief period (no more than 10 minutes) available during the Teleconference meeting for applicable public comment. For the Teleconference, the oral public comment period will be divided among the speakers who register. Registration is on a first come basis. Speakers who have been granted time on the agenda may not yield their time to other speakers. Those wishing to speak but who are unable to register in time may provide their comments in writing. Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Mr. Martin at the address above no later than noon eastern time on December 30, 2002.

Availability of Review Material—There is one primary document that is the subject of the review. This review document is available electronically at the following site <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/cssprpanel.html>. For questions and information pertaining to the review document, please contact Dr. Lee Hofmann, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), Mail Code 5103T, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 at telephone number 202-566-1928, or by e-mail at: hofmann.lee@epa.gov. The Panel's draft report, which will be the topic for the January 6 teleconference, will be available on December 20 at the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/cssprpanel.html>.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. **Oral Comments**: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of 10 minutes (unless otherwise indicated above). For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will

usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than 15 minutes total (unless otherwise indicated above). Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. **Written Comments**: Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the review panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Mr. Martin at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

General Information—Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in the Science Advisory Board FY2001 Annual Staff Report which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256.

Dated: November 9, 2002.

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Acting Director, EPA Science Advisory Board
Staff Office.

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Organophosphate Pesticide; Availability of Naled Interim Risk Management Decision Document

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the interim risk

management decision (IREDD) document for the organophosphate pesticide naled. This decision document has been developed as part of the public participation process that EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

DATES: The interim risk management decision document is available in the OPP Docket under docket ID number OPP-2002-0307.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Myers, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8589; e-mail address: myers.tom@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, nevertheless, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in obtaining the interim risk management decision document for naled, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. Since other entities also may 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?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0307. The official public docket consists of the document 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, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., 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.

2. **Electronic access.** You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although, not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

For questions on the IRED in this document, contact the Chemical Review Manager listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA has assessed the risks of naled and reached an IRED for this organophosphate pesticide. Provided that risk mitigation measures are adopted, naled fits into its own risk cup—its individual, aggregate risks are within acceptable levels. Used mainly to control mosquitos and to control insects on a variety of agricultural crops, naled residues in food and drinking water do not pose risk concerns. Naled may no longer be used in and around the home by residents or professional applicators. However, residents can be exposed as bystanders from wide-area mosquito control applications. With mitigation limiting homeowners' and children's exposure, naled fits into its own "risk cup." With other mitigation measures, naled's worker and ecological risks are also below levels of concern for reregistration.

The interim risk management decision document for naled was made through the organophosphate pesticide pilot public participation process, which increases transparency and maximizes stakeholder involvement in EPA's development of risk assessments and risk management decisions. The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory

Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998, as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate pesticide risk assessments and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998, to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation.

EPA worked extensively with affected parties to reach the decisions presented in this interim risk management decision document, which conclude, the pilot public participation process for naled. As part of the pilot public participation process, numerous opportunities for public comment were offered as this interim risk management decision document was being developed. The naled interim risk management decision document, therefore, is issued without a formal public comment period concluding review of the individual organophosphate pesticide. The docket remains open, however, and any comments submitted in the future will be placed in the public docket.

The risk assessments for naled were released to the public through notices published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 1998 (63 FR 43175) (FRL-6024-3), and October 6, 1999 (64 FR 54298) (FRL-6387-6).

EPA's next step under FQPA is to complete a cumulative risk assessment and risk management decision for the organophosphate pesticides, which share a common mechanism of toxicity. This interim risk management decision document on naled cannot be considered final until this cumulative assessment is complete.

When the cumulative risk assessment for the organophosphate pesticides has been completed, EPA will issue its final tolerance reassessment decision for naled and further risk mitigation measures may be needed.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: December 7, 2002.

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

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