

Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

1. *By mail.* You may submit a request to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your request electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov." Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Use WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to identify by docket control number OPP-00677. You may also file a request online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the Meeting

This 4-day meeting concerns several scientific issues undergoing consideration within the EPA, Office of Prevention, Pesticide and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), as follows:

1. *Test guidelines for chronic inhalation toxicity and carcinogenicity of fibrous particles:* The Agency's current health effects test guidelines for chronic inhalation toxicity and/or carcinogenicity studies of chemicals are considered not specific enough for the testing of fibrous substances. Through an interagency working group, a workshop was conducted to obtain input from the scientific community on a number of issues related to fiber testing. Based on the recommendations from the workshop panel and participants, EPA/OPPT has developed a proposed standardized study protocol for respirable fibers which was announced in the **Federal Register** of July 28, 1999 (64 FR 40871) (FRL-6078-6), for public comments. All public comments have been evaluated and a revised draft guideline with some of the public comments incorporated has been prepared. This scientific advisory panel

is charged to review the EPA draft test guidelines, advise on remaining issues on the study protocol for the health effects testing of fibrous particles, and provide EPA with an opinion about the scientific validity of the testing guidance.

2. *Cumulative hazard assessment of organophosphorous pesticides:* The Agency is presenting an approach to assess and select common mechanism endpoints for accumulating hazard and a method for determining relative potencies for organophosphate pesticides. The relative potencies will be used in a cumulative risk assessment of multiple organophosphate pesticides. The FIFRA SAP is being asked to advise on advantages and disadvantages of the method used to assess cumulative hazard and rank the pesticides.

3. *Components and methodologies of the Calendex™, Lifeline™ and REX models, as tools for dietary and residential pesticide exposure and risk assessments:* The purpose of this session is to describe the algorithms, input data requirements, and output reports associated with the Residential Exposure (REX) model, and the Calendex software. REX is a spreadsheet (EXCEL) based model which allows aggregation of multiple routes (dermal, inhalation, oral) and pathways (product use scenarios) to estimate exposure and risk from pesticides used in a residential setting.

A major requirement of the FQPA is that exposures to pesticides across various pathways and routes (e.g., dermal exposure through turf uses) be appropriately combined such that an "aggregate" exposure assessment can be performed. The Agency currently uses Calendex software from Novigen Sciences to perform this aggregation. The purpose of this session is to describe the components and methodologies used by the Calendex software the basic concepts and assumptions behind Calendex and its algorithms and procedures.

Aggregate and cumulative exposure assessments to pesticides must capture the correlation in residues that occur from both additive and exclusionary processes resulting from use of pesticides. The analysis also requires a quantitative mechanism for evaluating risks associated with exposures to time-varying mixtures of pesticides. The purpose of this presentation is to describe an analysis of aggregate exposures and risks associated with exposures to a hypothetical pesticide, Alpha, and the cumulative exposure to and risk from three hypothetical pesticides, Alpha, Beta, and Gamma. The cumulative risks are evaluated by

determining the systemic (absorbed) doses that result from inhalation, dermal, and oral exposures to the pesticides. A "toxicity equivalent" model of cumulative risk is used to quantitatively evaluate cumulative risks. Assessments were performed using LifeLine™ Version 1.0. This model simulates pesticide exposure using an individual-based approach where daily exposures are evaluated for each person, season, and location.

4. *Assessment of pesticide concentrations in drinking water and water treatment effects on pesticide removal and transformation:* The purpose of this session is to present to the Panel a progress report of ongoing activities associated with the estimation of pesticide concentrations in drinking water for FQPA aggregate exposure assessments and the assessment of water treatment effects on pesticide removal and transformation. Progress reports will be provided on regression modeling efforts, status of the national drinking water monitoring program, and preliminary literature survey and evaluation of different water treatment processes employed in drinking water production facilities.

### B. Panel Report

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 45 working days after the meeting, and will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.C. of this document.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

**Steven K. Galson,**

*Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that two committees of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times

noted are Eastern Daylight Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

**Important Notice:** Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

#### **1. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)—September 20–22, 2000**

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) will meet on September 20–22, 2000 in Room 6013 (the SAB Conference Room) of the Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. on September 20 and at 8:30 a.m. on September 21 and 22, and will end no later than 5:30 p.m. on each day.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to continue work on a self-initiated project to offer advice to the Agency on the design and application of a science-based scheme for reporting on ecological condition. The Committee will discuss a proposed conceptual framework for reporting on ecological condition, and will apply the framework to several Agency examples or programs. Candidate programs that may be used as case examples include: the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program's (EMAP) Western Pilot, clean water objectives identified in EPA's 1997 Strategic Plan, the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS) core measures, and the Forest Health Monitoring Program. As background to the project, the Committee was briefed in July 1998 by various Agency offices on efforts to develop performance measures and environmental indicators, as well as the Heinz Center project to develop a national environmental report card. The Committee met in April 2000 to discuss the components of a framework for reporting on ecological condition. Following the September 2000 meeting, the Committee expects to complete a report to the Agency describing a proposed reporting framework, with illustrative case examples relevant to EPA programs.

**For Further Information—**The proposed meeting agenda is available from Ms. Mary Winston, Committee Operations Staff, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington DC

20460, telephone (202) 564–4538, fax (202) 501–0582, or via e-mail at [winston.mary@epa.gov](mailto:winston.mary@epa.gov).

Any member of the public wishing to submit oral comments must contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Committee, *in writing* no later than 4:00 pm on September 15, 2000 at: EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), Ariel Rios Building, Room 6450DD, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington DC 20460; FAX (202) 501–0582; or e-mail at [sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov](mailto:sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov). The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to the DFO no later than the time of the presentation; these will be distributed to the Committee and the interested public.

#### **2. Executive Committee (EC)—September 22, 2000**

The Executive Committee (EC) of US EPA's Science Advisory Board will conduct a public teleconference meeting on Friday, September 22, 2000 between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:30 pm Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 5530 in the USEPA, Ariel Rios Building North, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in the conference room noted above. However, the public may also attend through a telephonic link, to the extent that lines are available. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Betty Fortune no earlier than one week prior to the meeting (beginning on September 15) at (202) 564–4533, or via e-mail at [betty.fortune@epa.gov](mailto:betty.fortune@epa.gov).

**Purpose of the Meeting:** In this meeting, the Executive Committee plans to review reports from some of its Committees/Subcommittee, most likely including the following:

(a) *Drinking Water Committee (DWC):* (a) Review of Certain Elements of the Proposed Arsenic Drinking Water Regulation; (b) Advisory on the Candidate Contaminant List Research Plan (for more details on the SAB review of these two issues, please refer to 65 **Federal Register** 30589, May 12, 2000 and 65 **Federal Register** 44051 July 17, 2000, respectively).

(b) *Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC):* (a) Advisory on Approach for Mining Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM) (for more details on the SAB review of this issue, please

refer to 65 **Federal Register** 18095, April 6, 2000).

(c) *Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC):* (a) Review of the National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS) (for more details on the SAB review of this issue, please refer to 65 **Federal Register** 35632, June 5, 2000).

Please check with our staff prior to the meeting to determine which reports will be on the agenda as last minutes changes can take place.

**Availability of Review Materials:** Drafts of the reports that will be reviewed at the meeting will be available to the public at the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) by close-of-business on September 13, 2000.

**For Further Information:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments must contact Dr. Donald Barnes, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564–4533; FAX (202) 501–0323; or via e-mail at [barnes.don@epa.gov](mailto:barnes.don@epa.gov). Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail preferred) and received by Dr. Barnes no later than noon Eastern Time on September 15, 2000.

#### **Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings**

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The 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 ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. 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 committee 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: 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 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

**General Information:** Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY1999 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

**Meeting Access:** Individuals requiring special accommodation at these meetings, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

**Donald G. Barnes,**

*Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the

standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 29, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *The Avoca Company*, Scottsdale, Arizona; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First State Bank of Nebraska, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 29, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 00-21591) published on pages 51618 and 51619 of the issue for Thursday, August 24, 2000.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco heading, the entry for BOU Bancorp, Inc., Ogden, Utah, is revised to read as follows:

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Maria Villanueva, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *BOU Bancorp, Inc.*, Ogden, Utah; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Utah, Ogden, Utah.

Comments on this application must be received by September 15, 2000.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 29, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority; Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget

Part A, of the Office of the Secretary, Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services, is being amended at Chapter AM, HHS Management and Budget Office, Chapter AMM, Office of Information Resources Management (OIRM), as last amended at 63 FR 31779-81, June 10, 1998. The changes are to reflect a realignment of functions within the existing components and the establishment of an Office of Information Technology Security and Privacy within the Office of Information Resources Management. The changes are as follows:

Delete in its entirety Chapter AMM, Office of Information Resources Management and replace with the following:

*Chapter AMM, Office of Information Resources Management AMM.00 Mission.* The Office of Information Resources Management advises the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget/Chief Information Officer (CIO) on matters pertaining to the use of information and related technologies to accomplish Departmental goals and program objectives. The mission of the Office is to provide assistance and guidance on the use of technology-supported business process reengineering, investment analysis, performance measurement, and strategic development and application of information systems and infrastructure, policies to provide improved management of information resources and technology, and better, more efficient service to our clients and employees.

The Office is responsible for the overall quality of information resources management throughout the Department; representing the Department to central management agencies (e.g., the Office of Management and Budget); developing and monitoring Departmentwide Enterprise Infrastructure Management strategy; developing and maintaining the Department's information technology architecture; developing and establishing Departmental information technology policies, and advocating rigorous methods for analyzing,