

C. Updated OPPTS Test Guidelines for Series 835

EPA is announcing the availability of updated test guidelines for the OPPTS Test Guideline Series 835—Fate, Transport and Transformation Test Guidelines. Many of these guidelines are based upon, and bring up to date, the 1982 Pesticide Assessment Guidelines—Subdivision N protocols that were presented to the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) in the late 1970s and are currently being used to perform environmental fate testing to support the registration of pesticides under FIFRA. These test guidelines are a [non-regulatory] companion to 40 CFR Part 158—Pesticides; Data Requirement for Conventional Chemicals. Eight such Subdivision N guidelines have been reformatted, including insertion of clarifying guidance, and assigned an OPPTS 835 designation. The test guidelines in this group are:

- 835.2240—Photodegradation in Water.
- 835.2410—Photodegradation in Soil.
- 835.2370—Photodegradation in Air.
- 835.1410—Laboratory Volatility.
- 835.8100—Field Volatility.
- 835.6200—Aquatic (Sediment) Field Dissipation.
- 835.6300—Forestry Dissipation.
- 835.6400—Combination and Tank Mixes Field Dissipation.

One Subdivision N guideline, 835.1240—Leaching Studies, has been updated based on the test guideline harmonization efforts of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) played a major role in the OECD harmonization effort.

Six test guidelines were harmonized at OECD for use with pesticides or industrial chemicals: Both OPP and the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) played major roles in the OECD harmonization effort. The test guidelines in this group are:

- 835.2120—Hydrolysis.
- 835.4100—Aerobic Soil Metabolism.
- 835.4200—Anaerobic Soil Metabolism.
- 835.4300—Aerobic Aquatic Metabolism.
- 835.4400—Anaerobic Aquatic Metabolism.
- 835.1230—Adsorption/Desorption (Batch Equilibrium).

OPPTS 835.2120 supersedes OPPTS 835.2110—Hydrolysis as a Function of pH.

The test guideline for Terrestrial Field Dissipation (OPPTS 835.6100) is the result of a harmonization effort with

Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) and was completed under the auspices of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Technical Working Group on Pesticides, established under NAFTA. This guideline was peer-reviewed by FIFRA SAP.

OPPT has played a key role in the OECD harmonization effort responsible for eight other OPPTS 835 Series guidelines, for testing of industrial chemicals. The eight test guidelines are:

- 835.0001—Principles and Strategies Related to Biodegradation Testing of Organic Chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).
- 835.3140—Ready Biodegradability—CO₂ in Sealed Vessels (Headspace Test).
- 835.3190—Aerobic Mineralization in Surface Water—Simulation Biodegradation Test.
- 835.3215—Inherent Biodegradability—Concawe Test.
- 835.3240—Simulation Test—Aerobic Sewage Treatment: A. Activated Sludge Units.
- 835.3260—Simulation Test—Aerobic Sewage Treatment: B. Biofilms.
- 835.3280—Simulation Tests to Assess the Primary and Ultimate Biodegradability of Chemicals Discharged to Wastewater.
- 835.3420—Anaerobic Biodegradability of Organic Compounds in Digested Sludge: By Measurement of Gas Production.

Of these eight test guidelines, three are updated versions that supersede existing OPPTS guidelines. The three are OPPTS 835.3140 (supersedes OPPTS 835.3120—Sealed-Vessel CO₂ Production Test); OPPTS 835.3240 (supersedes OPPTS 835.3220—Porous Pot Test); and OPPTS 835.3420 (supersedes OPPTS 835.3400—Anaerobic Biodegradability of Organic Chemicals). The other five test guidelines are also based on the test guideline harmonization efforts of OECD, but reflect the development of new test methods that has occurred since the OPPTS 835 Series guidelines for industrial chemicals were last updated in the 1990s. In addition to these five, OPPTS 835.4100, 835.4200, 835.4300, and 835.4400 are similarly based on OECD test methods developed and adopted since the mid 1990s.

List of Subjects

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Board of Scientific Counselors Executive Committee Meeting—May 2009

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of one meeting (via conference call) of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee.

DATES: The conference call will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time, and may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations at the meeting will be accepted up to 1 business day before the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Participation in the conference call will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public may obtain the call-in number and access code for the calls from Lorelei Kowalski, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0260 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the On-Line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail*: Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: ORD.Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0260.
- *Fax*: Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0260.
- *Mail*: Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee Meeting—May 2009 Docket, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0260.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier*. Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/

DC), Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0260.

Note: This is not a mailing address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0260. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available Online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee Meeting—

May 2009 Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Lorelei Kowalski, Mail Code 8104-R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-3408; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via e-mail at: kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft BOSC agenda or making a presentation at the conference call may contact Lorelei Kowalski, the Designated Federal Officer, via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

The agenda items for this conference call include, but are not limited to: (1) Discuss a committee proposal to revise the format of BOSC mid-cycle and program review reports, and (2) receive an update on the Value of Information workgroup. The conference call is open to the public.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Lorelei Kowalski at (202) 564-3408 or kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Lorelei Kowalski, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Integrated Nitrogen Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the SAB Integrated Nitrogen Committee (INC) to discuss the committee's draft report.

DATES: The SAB INC will conduct a public meeting on May 14-15, 2009. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Eastern Time on May 14, 2009 and adjourn no later than 5:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on May 15, 2009 and adjourn no later than 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to obtain general information concerning the public meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone at: (202) 343-9981 or e-mail at nugent.angela@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background: The SAB INC is studying the need for integrated research and strategies to reduce reactive nitrogen in the environment. At the global scale, reactive nitrogen from human activities now exceeds that produced by natural terrestrial ecosystems. Reactive nitrogen both benefits and impacts the health and welfare of people and ecosystems. Scientific information suggests that reactive nitrogen is accumulating in the environment and that nitrogen cycling through biogeochemical pathways has a variety of consequences. Information about the committee's previous