

impact of regulatory actions on health and the environment. FIFRA SAP is a Federal advisory committee established in 1975 under FIFRA that operates in accordance with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. FIFRA SAP is composed of a permanent panel consisting of seven members who are appointed by the EPA Administrator from nominees provided by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. FIFRA, as amended by FQPA, established a Science Review Board consisting of at least 60 scientists who are available to the SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the SAP. As a peer review mechanism, FIFRA SAP provides comments, evaluations and recommendations to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members of FIFRA SAP are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to provide expert advice and recommendation to the Agency.

#### *B. Public Meeting*

The Interim Risk Assessment Eligibility Document (IRED) for atrazine in 2003 presented the results of an ecological risk assessment that identified the potential for community and population risk to sensitive aquatic species. As a condition of reregistration, the atrazine registrants were required to develop a monitoring program to determine the extent to which atrazine concentrations associated with corn and sorghum production may be exceeding levels that could cause effects to aquatic communities. Forty watersheds out of a potential 1,172 representing high atrazine use locations most vulnerable to atrazine runoff were selected for monitoring using a stratified, random statistical survey design. Sampling within these watersheds began in 2004 and is ongoing in selected watersheds. The Agency intends to evaluate the results of the atrazine monitoring study in order to identify the characteristics of those watersheds that resulted in atrazine exposures that exceeded the Agency's level of concern (LOC) and to extrapolate those results to other non-monitored locations to determine where other exceedences of the LOC may occur.

In December 2007, the Agency presented to the SAP the use of the Comprehensive Aquatic Systems Model (CASM) as a tool to determine a LOC that relates time variable monitoring data to effects identified in a series of microcosm and mesocosm studies which were used in the original atrazine (IRED) assessment. In addition, the

Agency presented an approach on how to identify other potential sites outside of the 40 that were monitored based on similar use, watershed vulnerability and other factors. The SAP recommended that the Agency make the population time series more realistic in the CASM Atrazine model, provide a better validation of this model, and perform a more comprehensive sensitivity analysis. In May 2009, the Agency will present evaluations of the applicability of a revised CASM Atrazine model to freshwater atrazine risk assessments and reasons for deciding not to proceed with further development and application of this model. A simpler alternative to the CASM-based approach will be presented for relating surface water monitoring data to the microcosm and mesocosm data. Other issues presented will include a revised assessment of the microcosm and mesocosm exposure profiles, an update on the monitoring program results, interpretation of the surface water monitoring results with both the revised CASM and the alternative approach, identification of the watershed factors driving atrazine runoff, and extrapolation of those results to the entire atrazine use area to identify other areas where atrazine exposures may exceed the levels of concern. Finally, EPA's Office of Water is examining statistical alternatives for expressing the model results as a numeric criterion applicable to potentially sparse data sets typical of what is often available for water bodies.

#### *C. FIFRA SAP Documents and Meeting Minutes*

EPA's background paper, related supporting materials, charge/questions to FIFRA SAP, FIFRA SAP composition (i.e., members and ad hoc members for this meeting), and the meeting agenda will be available by April 27, 2009. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, at <http://www.regulations.gov> and the FIFRA SAP homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency approximately 90 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP website or may be obtained from the OPP Regulatory Public Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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#### **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

##### **Notice: Sunshine Meeting**

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 10 a.m. Eastern Time.

**PLACE:** Commission Meeting Room on the First Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 131 "M" Street, NE., Washington, DC 20507.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to the public.

##### **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

##### **Open Session:**

1. Announcement of Notation Votes, and
2. NPRM to Implement Title II of the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act of 2008.

**Note:** In accordance with the Sunshine Act, the meeting will be open to public observation of the Commission's deliberations and voting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions.) Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTY) at any time for information on these meetings. The EEOC provides sign language interpretation at Commission meetings for the hearing impaired. Requests for other reasonable accommodations may be made by using the voice and TTY numbers listed above.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

##### **Sunshine Act Notices**

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009, and Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 10 a.m.