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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal, Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also 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 identification (ID) number OPP–2003–0334. The official public docket consists of the documents 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.

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II. Background

On a quarterly interval, the Exposure Modeling Workgroup meets to discuss current issues in modeling pesticide fate, transport, and exposure to pesticides in support of risk assessment in a regulatory context.

III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

IV. Tentative Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Old action items.
3. Brief updates.
 - European Union Activities.
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture/ Agricultural Research Service (USDA/ ARS) Pesticide Properties Database.
 - Pesticide Root Zone Model/ Exposure Analysis Modeling System (PRZM/EXAMS) Model.
 - Rice modeling.
 - Watershed Regression for Pesticides (WARP) model.
 - Spray Drift Task Force progress.
 - AgDrift EPA review.
 - EXAMINER.
 - EXPRESS shell update.
 - Pesticide Leaching U.S. (PLUS).
 - Cumulative and Aggregate Risk Evaluation System (CARES).
 - Drinking water exposure estimates for dietary risk.
 - Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED) water quality projects.
 - Perspective Groundwater (PGW) Database.
 - EFED current issues in environmental fate for modeling.
4. Major Topics.

Morning Session

 - Update on Tier II Ground Water Project.
 - Progress in development of a user friendly pesticide environmental fate database to support risk assessments.
 - Performance of PRZM in estimating pesticide leaching under different environmental conditions.
 - EUFRAM: Developing a framework for probabilistic risk assessment of the environmental impact of pesticides.

Afternoon Session

 - A novel method to extrapolate pesticide water monitoring data to estimate exposure.

- Using WARP model predictions and climatic time series data to simulate daily.

- Pesticide concentrations.
- Hybrid model approach to FQPA drinking water assessment: Methods for estimating daily time step exposure to pesticides using modeling informed by monitoring.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Modeling, Pesticides and pests.

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Steven Bradbury,

Director, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–2003–0324; FRL–7329–3]

Notice of Receipt of Requests to Cancel Certain Creosote and Acid Copper Chromate Wood Preservative Products, and/or to Terminate Certain Uses of Other Creosote Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of requests by registrants of pesticide products containing either creosote or acid copper chromate (ACC) to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations and/or to amend to terminate certain uses of affected products. Specifically, the five registrants who are members of the Creosote Council III have requested to cancel the registrations for their creosote non-pressure treatment end-use products and/or to amend to terminate all non-pressure treatment uses of other creosote products. These registrants are requesting that these voluntary product cancellations and/or use terminations become effective December 31, 2004. Osmose, Inc., the sole registrant of ACC, is also requesting to immediately cancel the registration for its product with no provision for existing stocks. Neither the registrants of the affected creosote products nor that of the affected ACC product have requested any existing stocks provision. All registrants waived the 180-day comment period.

DATES: Unless a request is withdrawn by October 29, 2003, the Agency intends to issue orders granting these requests to

cancel certain products, and to amend to terminate certain uses. The Agency will consider withdrawal requests postmarked no later than October 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

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II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This notice announces receipt by the Agency of requests from registrants to cancel the registrations of four pesticide products and to amend to terminate certain uses of seven other pesticide products (See Tables 1 and 2). In a June 30, 2003 letter, which was received by the Agency on July 14, 2003, Osmose, Inc. requested voluntary cancellation of its ACC product. Similarly, in letters dated September 5, 2003, Coopers Creek Chemical Corporation, KMG-Bernuth, Inc., Koppers, Inc., Railworks Wood Products, and Rutgers Chemicals AG requested voluntary cancellation of certain creosote end-use products and/or amendments to terminate certain creosote end-uses of other creosote end-use products.

TABLE 1.—REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATION OF PRODUCTS

Registration No.	Product Name	Chemical Name
003008-00060	Osmose ACC 50% Wood Preservative	Chromic acid, Cupric acid
061468-00005	Coal Tar Creosote	Creosote
073408-00001	Creosote	Creosote
073408-00002	Creosote Solution	Creosote

The following creosote/coal tar creosote product uses would be affected by the requests for amendments to

terminate non-pressure treatment uses of the products listed in Table 2 below: Home and farm use, ground line

treatment of utility poles, end cuts, piling applications/repair, pole framing, and railroad tie uses/repair.

TABLE 2.—REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO TERMINATE NON-PRESSURE TREATMENT USES

Registration No.	Product Name	Chemical Name
000363-00014	C-4 Brand Black Creosote Coal Tar Solution	Creosote
000363-00015	C-4 Brand Coopersote Creosote Oil	Creosote
061468-00006	Creosote	Creosote
061470-00001	KMG-B Coal Tar Creosote	Creosote
061483-0007	Creosote Oil-24CB	Coal tar creosote
061483-0008	Creosote/Coal Tar Solution	Coal tar creosote
061483-0009	Creosote Oil	Coal tar creosote

Unless a request is withdrawn by the registrant within 30 days of publication of this notice, the Agency intends to issue orders canceling all of these registrations and granting the amendments affecting the use terminations. Users of these pesticides or anyone else desiring the retention of a registration or particular use should contact the applicable registrant directly before the lapse of this 30-day period.

Table 3 includes the names and addresses of record for all registrants of the products listed in Tables 1 and 2, in ascending sequence by EPA company number:

TABLE 3.—REGISTRANTS REQUESTING VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION AND/OR AMENDMENT TO TERMINATE USES

EPA Company No.	Company Name and Address
000363	Coopers Creek Chemical Corp., 884 River Road, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2699
003008	Osmose Inc., 980 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14209-2398
061468	Koppers Inc., 436 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1800
061470	Rutgers Chemicals, 10611 Harwin Drive, Suite 402, Houston, TX 77036-1534
061483	KMG-Bernuth, Inc., 10611 Harwin Drive, Suite 402, Houston, TX 77036-1534
073408	Railworks Wood Products, 2525 Prairieton Road, Terre Haute, IN 47802

III. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled or amended to terminate uses. FIFRA further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.

IV. Procedures for Withdrawal of Request

Registrants who choose to withdraw a request for voluntary cancellation or amendment to terminate uses must submit such withdrawal in writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, postmarked no later than October 29, 2003. This written withdrawal of the request for cancellation or amendment to terminate uses will apply only to the applicable FIFRA section 6(f)(1) request listed in this notice. If the product(s) have been subject to a previous cancellation or use termination action, the effective date of cancellation and all other provisions of any earlier cancellation or use termination order are controlling. The withdrawal request must also include a commitment to pay any reregistration fees due, and to fulfill any applicable unsatisfied data requirements.

V. Provisions for Disposition of Existing Stocks

Existing stocks are those stocks of registered pesticide products which are currently in the United States and which have been packaged, labeled, and released for shipment prior to the effective date of the cancellation action. Unless the provisions of an earlier order apply, existing stocks already in the hands of dealers or users can be distributed, sold, or used legally until they are exhausted, provided that such further sale and use comply with the EPA-approved label and labeling of the affected product. Exception to these general rules will be made in specific cases when more stringent restrictions on sale, distribution, or use of the products or their ingredients have already been imposed, as in a Special Review action, or where the Agency has identified significant potential risk concerns associated with a particular chemical. This is in accordance with the Agency's statement of policy as set forth in the **Federal Register** of June 26, 1991 (56 FR 29362) (FRL-3846-4).

Creosote. The registrants of affected creosote products have requested that the voluntary product cancellations and/or use terminations become effective December 31, 2004, with no provision for existing stocks.

ACC. The effective date of cancellation will be the date of the cancellation order. Osmose stated in its request that its affected product (EPA Reg. No. 3008-60) is no longer being manufactured or distributed by them and that, therefore, there is no need for a time period for the depletion of existing stocks.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Creosote, Acid copper chromate, Pesticides and pests.

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Frank Sanders

Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

National Environmental Policy Act Task Force

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) established a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Task Force to review the current NEPA implementing practices and procedures in the following areas: Technology and information management; Federal and intergovernmental collaboration; programmatic analyses and subsequent tiered documents; and adaptive management and monitoring. In addition, the NEPA Task Force reviewed other NEPA implementation issues such as the level of detail included in agencies' procedures and documentation for promulgating categorical exclusions; the structure and documentation of environmental assessments; and other implementation practices that would benefit federal agencies.

CEQ announces the availability of "The Task Force Report to the Council on Environmental Quality—Modernizing NEPA Implementation" that was published and presented to CEQ on September 24, 2003. The Report contains recommendations designed to improve federal agency decision making by modernizing the NEPA process. To further the work of the NEPA Task Force, CEQ will hold a series of regional public roundtables to raise public awareness of the NEPA Task Force draft recommendations and discuss the recommendations and their implementation. The first public roundtable will be held in Shelton, Washington on October 30-31, 2003, at the Squaxin Island Library and Research Center. Representatives from important constituent groups that have worked on NEPA issues have been invited to