

a registrant. In accordance with section 25(d) of FIFRA, the FIFRA SAP is to have an opportunity to comment on the health and environmental impact of such actions. The FIFRA SAP also shall make comments, evaluations, and recommendations for operating guidelines to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments as to the impact on health and the environment of regulatory actions under sections 6(b) and 25(a) of FIFRA. The Deputy Administrator appoints seven individuals to serve on the FIFRA SAP for staggered terms of 4 years, based on recommendations from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Section 104 of FQPA (Public Law 104-170) established the FQPA Science Review Board (SRB). These scientists shall be available to the FIFRA SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the FIFRA SAP.

B. Public Meeting

The FIFRA SAP will meet to consider the Review of Worker Exposure Assessment Methods. The Agency issued its first occupational exposure testing guidelines in the early 1980s. These guidelines were intended to standardize the methodology used to conduct the studies necessary to allow the Agency to determine the potential exposures, and consequently, risks associated with the activities surrounding pesticide exposures. These activities included handling pesticides (i.e., mixing, loading and applying) as well as exposures resulting from working in fields following pesticide applications (e.g., harvesting, thinning, weeding). In the early 1990s, the Pesticide Handlers Exposure Database was constructed in order to estimate exposures resulting from mixing/loading/applying pesticides. The studies assembled for use in this database were taken from published literature as well as from industry-generated studies. This database has been used as the main source for estimating occupational exposures to workers handling pesticides for both registration and reregistration actions. In 1995, in order to develop a similar database, which could be used to address fieldworker exposures, the Agency issued a Data Call-In Notice (DCI) for post-application farmworker exposure data. As a result of this DCI, every pesticide registrant who manufactured products that could lead to post-application farmworker

exposures needed to generate data that could be used to quantify exposures to their products.

In response to the issuance of the 1995 DCI, most major pesticide registrants consolidated their efforts and formed the Agricultural Reentry Task Force (ARTF). For more details, see <http://www.exposureeff.com>. The ARTF has generated the vast majority of the post-application farmworker exposure monitoring data since that time. It follows that the bulk of the data that have been generated by ARTF include exposure monitoring studies for a variety of hand-labor practices in a range of crops.

The purpose of this meeting of the FIFRA Science Advisory Panel (SAP) is to evaluate certain methodologies used to generate exposure studies and how the Agency uses these and other studies to conduct occupational exposure assessments. Three key issues have been identified by the Agency as the focus of this review. These include:

- *Hand exposure methods.* Based upon review of the data, it appears that the hands are important contributors to overall exposures levels. In most monitoring studies used by the Agency, a wash technique, which is based on methods described in the scientific literature, is generally utilized to measure exposure to the hands. The goal of this evaluation is to identify issues associated with the use of this technique and to make recommendations with regard to how these data should be interpreted for exposure assessment purposes based on factors such as chemical properties and exposure duration.

- *Predictive capability of exposure monitoring techniques.* Most exposure data that are currently available are based on the use of passive dosimetry techniques (e.g., whole-body dosimeters and handwash). These data quantify the residues that result on the surface of the skin after completing a job task of some sort. The purpose of this evaluation is to characterize the performance of passive dosimetry as a predictive tool for risk assessment purposes (e.g., through comparison with biological monitoring data and other possible analyses).

- *Clustering of hand labor tasks for exposure assessment purposes.* The crops in the United States that require hand labor for successful production are extremely varied and range from field crops such as lettuce (e.g., harvest is a key labor requirement) to tree fruit such as apples (e.g., thinning and harvest are key labor requirements). Based on the currently available data and a need to address exposures related to hand labor

across agriculture, the Agency has created clusters or groups that represent categories of exposures that are believed to be similar for assessment purposes. These categories allow the Agency to develop risk estimates for a wide range of crops and were defined based on agronomic and ergonomic similarities in crops and workers, respectively. The purpose of this evaluation is to characterize the methods used to define a representative cluster and analyze the monitoring data that pertains to that group, which are then used for exposure assessment purposes. An example based on vineyard and trellis crops will be used for illustrative purposes.

C. FIFRA SAP Documents and Meeting Minutes

EPA's position paper, charge/questions to FIFRA SAP, FIFRA SAP composition (i.e., members and consultants for this meeting), and the meeting agenda will be available by March 2006. 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, from the regulation.gov Web site and the FIFRA SAP homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 90 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Teleconference of the Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference meeting of the chartered SAB to discuss a draft SAB report, EPA's Draft Risk Assessment of the Potential Human Health Effects Associated with Exposure to Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA): A Review by the PFOA Review Panel of the EPA Science Advisory Board.

DATES: The date for the teleconference is February 15, 2006, from 1:45–4 p.m. (eastern time).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place via telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code to participate in the telephone conference may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400F), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via telephone/voice mail at (202) 343–9982 or via e-mail at miller.tom@epa.gov. General information about the SAB as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. The technical contact in EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) is Dr. Jennifer Seed who can be reached via e-mail at seed.jennifer@epa.gov or via telephone/voice mail at 202–564–7634.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the SAB will hold a public teleconference on the date and time provided above. The purpose of this telephone conference is to have the chartered SAB review and approve the draft SAB report EPA's Draft Risk Assessment of the Potential Human Health Effects Associated with Exposure to Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA): A Review by the PFOA Review Panel of the EPA Science Advisory Board. The focus of the meeting is to consider whether: (i) The charge to the SAB review panel has been adequately addressed in the draft report, (ii) the draft report is clear and logical and (iii) the conclusions drawn or recommendations made in the draft report are supported by the body of the report.

Background

EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) had requested that the SAB peer review the Agency's Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Risk Assessment. Background on the PFOA Review Panel activities can be found in

several **Federal Register** notices 69 FR 16249–16250 (March 29 2004); 70 FR 2157–2158 (January 12, 2005); 70 FR 32771–32772 (June 6, 2005).

Information can also be found on the EPA SAB Web site at http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/pfoa_rev_panel.htm.

Availability of Meeting Materials

A roster of participating SAB members and the meeting agenda will be posted on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting. The draft report that is the subject of this meeting will be available on the SAB Web site (see above) prior to the meeting.

Procedures for Providing Public Input

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Panel to consider during the advisory process. Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker with no more than a total of thirty minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the DFO, contact information provided above, in writing via e-mail by February 7, 2006, to be placed on the public speaker list for the teleconference. Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by February 7, 2006, so that the information may be made available to the Panel for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO 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 98/2000/XP format).

Meeting Accommodations

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact the DFO, contact information provided above. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the DFO, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Review of Chemical Proposals for Addition under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; Solicitation of Information for the Development of Risk Profiles

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits information relevant to the development of risk profiles pursuant to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs Convention) for the following chemicals which are being reviewed for possible addition to the POPs Convention's Annexes A, B, and/or C as POPs: Hexabromobiphenyl (HBB) (CAS No. 36355–01–8); pentabromodiphenyl ether (PBDE) (CAS No. 32534–81–9); chlordecone (CAS No. 143–50–0); lindane (CAS No. 58–89–9); and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). EPA is issuing this notice to alert interested and potentially affected persons of these proposals and the status of their review under the POPs Convention, and to encourage such persons to provide information relevant to the development of risk profiles under Article 8 and Annex E of the POPs Convention.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2005–0555, by one of the following methods.

- <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* oppt.ncic@epa.gov.
- *Mail:* Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* OPPT Document Control Office (DCO, EPA East Bldg., Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention: Docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2005–0555. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564–8930. 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 number EPA–HQ–OPPT–