

Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Form 3110-48 5-02) which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the nominee's employment, stocks, and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. EPA will evaluate the nominee's financial disclosure form to assess that there are no formal conflict of interests before the nominee is considered to serve on the FIFRA SAP. Selected FIFRA SAP members will be hired as a Special Government Employee. The Agency will review all nominations; nominees who are selected for the meeting will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the FIFRA SAP

Amendments to FIFRA enacted November 28, 1975 (7 U.S.C. 136w(d)), include a requirement under section 25(d) of FIFRA that notices of intent to cancel or reclassify pesticides pursuant to section 6(b)(2) of FIFRA, as well as proposed and final forms of rulemaking pursuant to section 25(a) of FIFRA, be submitted to a SAP prior to being made public or issued to 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. Pre-meeting Teleconference

This pre-meeting teleconference is open to the public and seating will be on a first-come basis. The public may also attend via telephone. For further information concerning the meeting or how to obtain the telephone number, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The purpose of this public pre-meeting teleconference is to:

1. Discuss the charge and the adequacy of the review materials provided to the FIFRA SAP.
2. Clarify any questions and issues relating to the charge and the review materials.
3. Discuss specific charge assignments to the Panelists.
4. Clarify specific points of interest raised by the Panelists in preparation for the face-to-face meetings to be held from June 3-5, 2003.

### C. Face-to-Face Public Meeting

The FIFRA SAP will meet to consider and review the effects of atrazine on amphibians. Recent research has generated conflicting results on the effects of atrazine on gonadal developmental (e.g., male hermaphroditism) in amphibians and how these effects influence secondary sexual characteristics (e.g., laryngeal muscle mass). The FIFRA SAP will be asked to consider the range of effects associated with exposure of amphibians to atrazine and to determine the significance of these effects for risk assessment and the likely threshold exposure value for eliciting these effects. The Agency requests the Panel to identify what additional, specific information, if any, would significantly reduce uncertainties in determining a causal relationship between atrazine exposure and development in amphibians and the extent to which any changes in development can be related to effects on survival, growth and reproductive performance. To the extent that significant knowledge gaps or areas of variability in the existing knowledge base are identified, the FIFRA SAP will be asked to prioritize what additional types of data would lead to the greatest incremental reductions in risk assessment uncertainties.

### D. FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days. 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 in Unit I.

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: February 11, 2003.

**Joseph J. Merenda,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7453-3]

### Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants; Procedures for Detection and Quantitation; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Office of Water recently completed an assessment of detection and quantitation concepts and their application under Clean Water Act programs. The Agency intends to make the results of this assessment available through a public notice to be published in the **Federal Register** in March 2003. EPA is sponsoring a public meeting to describe this assessment, present the findings, and discuss recommendations. Following presentations by EPA, the public is invited to present comments on the assessment. Time will be made available to interested parties who send in a formal request to comment by April 5, 2003. Commenters are requested to provide copies of any presentation materials for the public record and for meeting participants.

**DATES:** The public meeting on Detection and Quantitation will be held on May 1, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a one-hour break from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Parties interested in presenting comments at the meeting must send in a formal request to comment by April 5, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza Hotel, 350 North Orleans Street, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. 60654. Formal requests to present comments at the meeting must be submitted by April 5, 2003, to Jennifer Maglinao, DynCorp, 6101 Stevenson Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304-3540, or by e-mail to [jennifer.maglinao@dynCorp.com](mailto:jennifer.maglinao@dynCorp.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The public meeting is being coordinated by DynCorp System & Solutions LLC. Questions regarding public meeting logistics or requests to present

comments should be addressed to: Jennifer Maglinao, DynCorp, 6101 Stevenson Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304-3540, by e-mail:

[jennifer.maglinao@dyncorp.com](mailto:jennifer.maglinao@dyncorp.com), by telephone: (703) 461-2137, or by facsimile at (703) 461-2020. Technical questions regarding the public meeting must be addressed to Marion Kelly by e-mail: [kelly.marion@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.marion@epa.gov) or by facsimile at (202) 566-1053.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests to comment must be submitted by April 5, 2003, and must include the commenter's name, organization, address, telephone number, fax number (if applicable), and e-mail address (if applicable). All requests to present comments will be acknowledged and assigned a time slot. The amount of time allotted each commenter will depend upon the number of participants. Commenters are requested to provide copies of any presentation materials for the public record and for meeting participants. Although the public meeting is being held following the 26th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment, there is no registration fee to attend the public meeting.

This meeting/event will be held in a building which is accessible to persons using wheel chairs and scooters. If you wish to request that other arrangements be made because of your disability in order to enable you to participate or if you have questions about accessibility, please contact Jennifer Maglinao at (703) 461-2137 as soon as possible, but preferably no less than 5 business days before the event is scheduled.

Dated: February 13, 2003.

**Pamela Barr,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0033; FRL-7290-7]

### Pesticide Emergency Exemptions; Agency Decisions and State and Federal Agency Crisis Declarations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has granted or denied emergency exemptions under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) for use of pesticides as listed in this notice. The exemptions or denials were granted

during the period October 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 to control unforeseen pest outbreaks.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** See each emergency exemption or denial for the name of a contact person. The following information applies to all contact persons: Team Leader, Emergency Response Team, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-9366.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has granted or denied emergency exemptions to the following State and Federal agencies. The emergency exemptions may take the following form: Crisis, public health, quarantine, or specific. EPA has also listed denied emergency exemption requests in this notice.

## I. General Information

### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a federal or state government agency involved in administration of environmental quality programs (i.e., Departments of Agriculture, Environment, etc). Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Federal or State Government Entity, (NAICS 9241), i.e., Departments of Agriculture, Environment, etc.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. 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-2003-0033. 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.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

## II. Background

Under FIFRA section 18, EPA can authorize the use of a pesticide when emergency conditions exist. Authorizations (commonly called emergency exemptions) are granted to State and Federal agencies and are of four types:

1. A "specific exemption" authorizes use of a pesticide against specific pests on a limited acreage in a particular State. Most emergency exemptions are specific exemptions.

2. "Quarantine" and "public health" exemptions are a particular form of specific exemption issued for quarantine or public health purposes. These are rarely requested.

3. A "crisis exemption" is initiated by a State or Federal agency (and is confirmed by EPA) when there is insufficient time to request and obtain EPA permission for use of a pesticide in an emergency.

EPA may deny an emergency exemption: If the State or Federal agency cannot demonstrate that an emergency exists, if the use poses unacceptable risks to the environment, or if EPA cannot reach a conclusion that the proposed pesticide use is likely to result in "a reasonable certainty of no harm" to human health, including exposure of residues of the pesticide to infants and children.