

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of scientific issues being considered by the Agency in connection with Estimating Drinking Water Exposure as a Component of the Dietary Risk Assessment and a Review of the Spray-Drift Task Force Aerial Data Base. The session concerning estimating drinking water exposure will include presentations on SCI-GROW: groundwater screening model for predicting pesticide concentrations in water, percentage crop based dilution factors for run-off and surface water models, description of the screening model GENECC for estimating pesticide concentrations in surface water and the run-off model PRZM, screening model for predicting pesticide concentrations in flowing surface water and drinking water reservoirs and use of water monitoring data for drinking water exposure assessments. The Spray-Drift Task Force Aerial Data Base review will include presentations on aerial field data, review of atomization and physical properties data, a model for predicting downwind deposition for agricultural spray-drift and the model validation process for agricultural spray-drift.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 10 and 11, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Crystal City Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the hotel is: (703) 920-3230.

By mail, submit written comments (one original and 20 copies) to: Larry Dorsey, Designated Federal Official for the FIFRA/Scientific Advisory Panel, (7509C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by delivery service, bring comments to: Rm. 819B, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Larry C. Dorsey, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 819B, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5369, e-mail: dorsey.larry@epamail.epa.gov.

A meeting agenda is currently available and copies of EPA primary background documents for the meeting will be available no later than November 10 and may be obtained by contacting: By mail: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, telephone: (703) 305-5805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should contact Larry C. Dorsey at the address or the telephone number given above to confirm that the meeting is still scheduled and that the agenda has not been modified or changed. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits and upon advanced written request to the Designated Federal Official, interested

persons may be permitted by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the Panel are limited to approximately 5 minutes. As oral statements only will be permitted as time permits, the Agency urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify the Designated Federal Official and submit 20 copies of the summary information. Please note that comments received by December 1, 1997, ensure that the Panel Members will have the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 30 working days after the meeting and may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, at the address or telephone number given above.

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Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
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Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPP-00512." Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

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