

humans with agents that might be found in or released to the environment under different situations. The intent of these studies is to obtain data that can be used in evaluating the human health effects associated with such agents. These studies are often conducted by third parties (not the government itself) and can be used to support decision-making conducted pursuant to a variety of EPA legislative mandates. The SAB might be asked to advise on specific issues that arise in association with the use of such studies.

### Request for Nominations

#### Background

The EPA SAB Staff Office requests nominations of individuals who are regarded as national level experts in the issues described in this notice. In soliciting these nominations, the SAB recognizes that in questions of ethical development and use of scientific information, relevant issues and expertise come from many disciplines and not just those disciplines associated with human health and environmental risk assessment. Examples of areas of expertise that reflect domains of knowledge possessed by individuals who have commonly been involved in the consideration of bioethics issues include at least the following: medicine in many specialties, human toxicology and pharmacology; ecology; risk assessment; statistics; clinical and epidemiology studies; genetics; occupational and public health; human subjects protection; ethics; religious studies; sociology; public policy; tribal health; health policy; law; psychology; technology studies; and animal welfare.

#### Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for the Committee who have expertise as discussed above.

The nominating form requests contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's resume; and a general biosketch of the nominee indicating education, expertise, past research, recent service on other advisory committees or with professional associations, and recent grant and/or contract support.

Anyone who is unable to submit nominations through the SAB Web site or has any question concerning any aspect of the nomination process may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller as indicated above in this FR notice.

Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than July 31, 2003.

The EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations. From the nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice and through other sources (termed the "Widecast"), the SAB Staff Office will develop a smaller subset (known as the "Short List") for more detailed consideration. Criteria used by the SAB Staff in developing this Short List are given at the end of the following paragraph. The SAB Staff Office will contact individuals who are considered for inclusion on the Short List to determine whether they are willing to serve on the Committee. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> and will include, for each candidate, the nominee's name and their biosketch. The Short List also will be available from Mr. Miller at the address listed above. Public comments will be accepted for 21 calendar days on the Short List. During this comment period, the public will be requested to provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff should consider in evaluating candidates for the Committee.

For the EPA SAB, a balanced committee is characterized by inclusion of candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. Public responses to the Short List candidates will be considered in the selection of the Committee members, along with information provided by candidates and information gathered by the EPA SAB Staff Office independently on the background of each candidate (e.g., financial disclosure information and computer searches to evaluate a nominee's prior involvement with and statements on the topic under review). Specific criteria to be used in evaluating an individual committee member include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (c) scientific credibility and impartiality; (d) availability and willingness to serve; and (e) ability to work constructively and effectively in committees.

Those Short List candidates ultimately chosen to serve on the Committee will be appointed as Special Government Employees. Therefore, all Short List candidates will also be required to fill-out the "Confidential

Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities as a Special Government Employee and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The blank form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>. Committee members will likely be asked to attend two to three public meetings and public conferences per year over the anticipated course of the advisory activity.

Dated: July 2, 2003.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

*Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Transition Work Group of the EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Transition Work Group of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-U.S. Department of Agriculture Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (EPA-USDA CARAT) will hold a public meeting on July 17 and 18, 2003. This meeting will focus on recent case studies for the following selected commodities: Almonds, carrots, cranberries, peaches, potatoes, and walnuts. This first round of case studies was selected because of current pest management problems either from regulatory action, pest resistance, or a lack of adequate control measures. The Work Group intends to develop recommendations for EPA and USDA which will be presented to the full Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition at a future meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, July 18, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson

Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number is (703) 418-6800. The Hilton Crystal City is a 5-minute walk from the Crystal City Metro Station and about a 10 minute taxi ride from National Airport.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margie Fehrenbach, Office of Pesticide Programs, Mail code 7501C, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-308-4775; fax number: 703-308-4776; e-mail address: [Fehrenbach.Margie@epa.gov](mailto:Fehrenbach.Margie@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general; however, persons may be interested who work in agricultural settings or persons who are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA); and the amendments to both of these major pesticide laws by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. 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**. Potentially affected entities may include but are not limited to: Agricultural workers and farmers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer and farmworker groups; pesticide users and growers; pest consultants; State, local and Tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; food processors; and the public. 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-2003-0247. 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 agenda has been developed and is posted on EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/pesticides/carat](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/carat).

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 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**

The Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (CARAT) was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide advice and counsel to the Administrator of EPA and the Secretary of Agriculture regarding strategic approaches for pest management planning and tolerance reassessment for pesticides as required by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). Through CARAT, EPA and the USDA are working together to ensure smooth implementation of FQPA through use of sound science, consultation with stakeholders, increased transparency, and reasonable transition for agriculture. CARAT is composed of a balanced group of participants from the following sectors: Pesticide user, grower and commodity groups; industry and trade associations; food processors and distributors; environmental/public interest and farmworker groups; Federal, State and Tribal governments; public health organizations; and academia. The CARAT Work Group on Transition was established to identify barriers to the development and adoption by users of new, safer and effective pest management techniques

and to formulate recommendations for Federal agency actions that, in partnership with the range of stakeholders, will reduce or eliminate these barriers.

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

This meeting will be open to the public. Opportunity will be provided for questions and comments by the public. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after the meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be available for public inspection at the address listed under Unit I.B.1.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Agricultural workers, Agriculture, Chemicals, Foods, Pesticides, Pests, Risk assessment.

Dated: July 7, 2003.

**James Jones,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee's Registration Review Work Group; Notice of Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs will hold a public meeting of the Registration Review Work Group of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on July 16, 2003. The Registration Review Work Group was established as a forum to provide advice and recommendations to the PPDC regarding a registration review program that is efficient and fair to all stakeholders, focuses on risk reduction, and considers user needs for agricultural, non-agricultural and public health pesticides. Under section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, EPA must publish procedures for reviewing the registration of pesticides every 15 years.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number is (703) 486-1111.