

of FIFRA, as well as proposed and final forms of regulations 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. Public Meeting

The FIFRA SAP will meet to consider and review the N-methyl carbamate preliminary cumulative risk assessment. The Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 amended both FIFRA and FFDCFA. One of the major changes is the requirement that EPA consider risk posed by pesticides acting by common mechanism of toxicity. For such groups of pesticides, EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) has treated cumulative risk, under FQPA, as the risk of a common toxic effect associated with concurrent exposure by all relevant pathways and routes. The N-methyl carbamate pesticides were assigned priority for tolerance reassessment early during the process of FQPA implementation. OPP established the N-methyl carbamate pesticides as a common mechanism group in February 2004 based on their shared ability to inhibit acetylcholinesterase via carbamylation. Those pesticides included in the cumulative risk assessment were announced in a February **Federal Register** Notice. OPP has proceeded with the development of the cumulative risk assessment in a step by step process including review of a case study for the N-methyl carbamate risk assessment in February 2005 by the FIFRA SAP. Based on the comments from the SAP, the Agency made

appropriate revisions. The Agency plans to release the preliminary cumulative risk assessment for the N-methyl carbamate pesticides in late July 2005. This preliminary assessment will be reviewed by the SAP in August 2005. The hazard assessment for these chemicals involves empirical dose-response modeling of the available red blood cell and brain cholinesterase inhibition and recovery data. The exposure assessment of the N-methyl carbamate pesticides incorporates probabilistic approaches in all pathways considered: food, drinking water, and residential/non-occupational for various population subgroups and regions.

C. FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes

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 in Unit I.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2005-0168; FRL-7722-8]

Soil Fumigant Assessments; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold a public meeting to present to interested stakeholders the Agency's risk assessments for four soil fumigant pesticides: dazomet, metam sodium, methyl bromide, and 1,3-D or Telone. This public meeting, known as a "Technical Briefing," will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about the data, information, and methodologies that the Agency used in developing its risk assessments for these pesticides. EPA is concurrently assessing six soil fumigants, including these four pesticides, to ensure that its risk assessment approaches are consistent, and to ensure that risk tradeoffs and economic outcomes can be

adequately predicted in reaching risk management decisions. Risk assessments for two other soil fumigants, chloropicrin and a new active ingredient, iodomethane, will follow about a month later due to recently submitted data which are currently under review.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 13, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Sheraton Suites Alexandria, 801 North Saint Asaph St., Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone number: (703) 836-4700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Leahy, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6703; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: leahy.john@epa.gov.

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 interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may 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-2005-0168. The official public docket consists of this **Federal Register** Notice, and other information related to the Technical Briefing. 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, 1801 S. Bell St., 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 view public comments, to 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

This document announces EPA’s intent to hold a public meeting or Technical Briefing to present to interested stakeholders the Agency’s risk assessments for the soil fumigant pesticides dazomet, metam sodium, methyl bromide, and 1,3-D or Telone. EPA is assessing risks and will develop risk management decisions for five soil fumigants, including dazomet, metam sodium, and methyl bromide, plus chloropicrin and a new active ingredient, iodomethane. 1,3-D risks will be discussed for comparative purposes; however, the Agency’s risk management decision for 1,3-D was completed in September 1998. Risk assessments for chloropicrin and iodomethane will follow about a month later due to recently submitted data which are currently under review. The Technical Briefing is part of EPA’s process to involve the public in developing pesticide registration and reregistration eligibility decisions. Through these programs, the Agency is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

At the Technical Briefing, EPA will describe the risk assessments and the data, information and methodologies used in developing them. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. On the day of the Technical Briefing, the soil fumigant risk assessments and related documents will be available in their respective pesticide Dockets and EDOCKET on the Agency’s web site. These docket ID numbers will be as follows: Methyl bromide (OPP–2005–0123), 1,3-D (OPP–2005–0124), metam sodium (OPP–2005–0125), and dazomet (OPP–2005–0128). EPA will solicit public comment on the risk assessments and related documents

through **Federal Register** notices of availability, which are scheduled to be published on the day of the Technical Briefing.

After considering public comments received, EPA will revise the risk assessments for dazomet, metam sodium, methyl bromide, and 1,3-D (and later for chloropicrin and iodomethane) and develop any needed risk mitigation. Stakeholders and the public will have opportunities, including stakeholder meetings during public comment periods, to review the revised risk assessments and provide ideas and recommendations on risk mitigation options.

EPA is evaluating the soil fumigants to ensure that its risk assessment approaches are consistent, and to ensure that risk tradeoffs and economic outcomes can be adequately predicted in reaching risk management decisions. Using this approach, the Agency expects to address risks of concern while maintaining key use benefits.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–2005–0161; FRL–7718–5]

Imazethapyr; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number OPP–2005–0161, must be received on or before July 29, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Tompkins, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–5697; e-mail address: tompkins.jim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS 111)
- Animal production (NAICS 112)
- Food manufacturing (NAICS 311)
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS 32532)

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 ID number OPP–2005–0161. 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, 1801 S. Bell St., 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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