

extending the comment period for 30 days, from September 12, 2005, to October 12, 2005.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 12, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number OPP-2005-0125 may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of the July 13, 2005 **Federal Register** document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dirk Helder, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-4610; fax number: (703) 308-8041; e-mail address: [helder.dirk@epa.gov](mailto:helder.dirk@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

The Agency included in the July 13, 2005 **Federal Register** document a list of those who may be potentially affected by this action. If you have 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-2005-0125. 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.

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. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

*C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

To submit comments, or access the official public docket, please follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of the July 13, 2005 **Federal Register** document. If you have questions, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**II. What Action is EPA Taking?**

This document extends the public comment period established in the **Federal Register** of July 13, 2005 (70 FR 40333) (FRL-7722-1). In that document, EPA made available the human health risk assessment for metam sodium and metam potassium. They are non-selective pre-plant soil fumigants with fungicidal, herbicidal, insecticidal, and nematocidal properties. Metam sodium is one of the most widely used agricultural pesticides in the U.S. and is presently registered on a wide variety of crop groups including: root and tuber vegetables; bulb vegetables; leafy vegetables; Brassica (cole) leafy vegetables; legume vegetables; fruiting vegetables; cucurbit vegetables; citrus fruits; pome fruits; stone fruits; berries; tree nuts; cereal grains; nongrass livestock feeds; and herbs and spices. Metam sodium may be applied to plant beds as a soil drench treatment. It may also be applied to field or row crops during pre-plant and postharvest stages via chemigation, soil broadcast treatment, soil band treatment, soil-incorporated treatment, and soil-injection treatment. An estimated 51 million pounds of metam sodium is applied annually. Lesser amounts of metam potassium are used in the U.S.; unless further qualified or specified, use of the term "metam sodium" should be assumed to also include "metam potassium." EPA is hereby extending the comment period, which was set to end on September 12, 2005, to October 12, 2005. The Agency received a request from the Society of American Florists and is therefore, granting the extension based on the volume and complexity of the documents to be reviewed.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 7, 2005.

**Debra Edwards,**

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**FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD**

**Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Announcing a Partially Open Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**TIME AND DATE:** The open meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2005. The closed portion of the meeting will follow immediately the open portion of the meeting.

**PLACE:** Board Room, First Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1625 Eye Street NW., Washington DC 20006.

**STATUS:** The first portion of the meeting will be open to the public. The final portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE OPEN PORTION:**

*Fiscal Year 2006 Budget.* The Board of Directors will consider a resolution adopting the Finance Board's fiscal year 2006 budget.

*Annual Performance Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.* The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-11 require agencies to produce an Annual Performance Budget that links performance goals with costs for achieving a target level of performance. The Board of Directors will consider a resolution adopting a Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Performance Budget for the Finance Board.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE CLOSED PORTION:**

*Periodic Update of Examination Program Development and Supervisory Findings.*

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Shelia Willis, Paralegal Specialist, Office of General Counsel, at 202-408-2876 or [williss@fhfb.gov](mailto:williss@fhfb.gov).

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Dated: September 8, 2005.

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