

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7613-3]

Symposium on Recent Scientific Research Related to the Health Effects of Trichloroethylene**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of public symposium.

SUMMARY: The National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), a part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development, is sponsoring a two-day public symposium on recently published scientific research related to the health effects of trichloroethylene (TCE). Eastern Research Group, Inc., (ERG) an EPA contractor, is organizing and convening the symposium. EPA's goal is to hear from the scientists who are at the forefront of TCE-related research.

The symposium will consist of a series of invited presentations by a number of researchers from a variety of scientific fields who have recently published scientific findings related to the health effects of TCE. Because of the volume of published research, and due to funding and timing limitations, this symposium necessarily presents selected important new scientific research. At the end of each speaker's presentation, there will be a limited period for related questions from the audience. The focus of this symposium is published primary research, and no summary or conclusions are being sought about the health risks of TCE.

Members of the public may attend the symposium as observers, and may participate in question periods. Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

A preliminary program agenda is available on the NCEA Web page at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/>. A transcript of the symposium will be made available on the NCEA Web page after the meeting.

DATES: The symposium will be held Thursday, February 26, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, February 27, 2004, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The symposium will be held at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036; telephone: (202) 347-3000. ERG, an EPA contractor, is organizing, convening, and conducting the symposium. To attend the symposium, please preregister by February 20, 2004. You may register on

line at <https://www.ergweb.com/projects/tce/register.htm> or call ERG's conference registration line at (781) 674-7374.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For symposium information, registration, and logistics, contact the ERG Conference Group at (781) 674-7272, 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421; telephone: (781) 674-7272; facsimile: (781) 674-2906; e-mail: meetings@erg.com (referencing the TCE Symposium). For further information, the EPA contact is Dr. Weihsueh Chiu, telephone: (202) 564-7789; e-mail: chiu.weihsueh@epa.gov.

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[OPP-2003-0287; FRL-7341-2]

Thiram Risk Assessments; Notice of Availability**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of documents that were developed as part of EPA's process for making pesticide reregistration eligibility decisions and tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). These documents are the human health, and environmental fate and effects risk assessments, and related documents for thiram. Additionally, this notice starts a 60-day public comment period, during which the public is encouraged to provide information to help refine the risk assessments for thiram. Comments are to be limited to issues directly associated with thiram and raised by the risk assessment or other documents placed in the docket. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the risk assessments, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement, and help ensure that the Agency's decisions under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2003-0287 for thiram, must be received on or before March 26, 2004.

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: Craig Doty, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-0122; fax number: (703) 308-8041; e-mail address: doty.craig@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information***A. Does This Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) or the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA); environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; pesticide users; and the public interested in the use of pesticides. 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**.

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-2003-0287. 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