

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FQPA, Pub. L. 104-170, was passed in 1996, this new law strengthens the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. The TRAC will be asked to provide policy guidance on sound science, ways to increase transparency in decisionmaking, strategies for a reasonable transition for agriculture, and ways to enhance consultations with stakeholders, as pesticide tolerances are reassessed, including those for organophosphates.

The TRAC is co-chaired by EPA Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen and USDA Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger. The TRAC is composed of experts that include farmers, environmentalists, public health officials, pediatric experts, pesticide companies, food processors and distributors, public interest groups, academicians, and tribal, State, and local governments.

The TRAC meetings are open to the public under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 2-3 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after a TRAC meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be provided to the TRAC members. The permanent record will be available for public inspection at the address in "Addresses" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemicals, Foods, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 13, 1998.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6014-8]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council, Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites all interested persons to suggest individuals to serve as members of the working groups that

will be formed under the National Drinking Water Advisory Council on specific matters relating to implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Advisory Council was established to provide practical and independent advice, consultation, and recommendations to the Agency on the activities, functions and policies related to the Act as amended. At the April 29 and 30, 1998, meeting of the Council, it was decided that working groups should be formed on the following subjects: Small Systems; Shallow Injection Wells/Drinking Water Source Protection Program Integration; Public Right-to-Know; and Waterborne Disease Education. These working groups will join two established groups, Benefits and Operator Certification.

Because membership on these groups will be limited and must be representative of balanced views, selections will be made by the Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, based on drinking water expertise and demonstrated interest in drinking water policy. Any interested person or organization may suggest an individual for a position on the working groups. Candidates should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number and the working group for which they wish to be considered for membership.

Persons selected for membership are responsible for any expenses that would be incurred while attending meetings. Suggestions should be submitted to Charlene E. Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, no later than May 28, 1998. The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations. E-Mail your questions to shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov or call 202/260-2285.

Dated: May 12, 1998.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00530A; FRL-5791-8]

Clarification of Treated Articles Exemption; Availability of Draft PR Notice; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 17, 1998, EPA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of availability of proposed guidance clarifying the criteria that pesticide products must meet to be eligible for the "treated articles exemption." This guidance was identified as draft Pesticide Registration (PR-X) notice entitled "Eligibility of Pesticide Products For Exemption From Registration as Treated Articles Pursuant to 40 CFR 152.25(a)" and is available upon request as indicated below. This notice extends to June 30, 1998 the time period in which interested parties may submit comments on the proposed guidance. This extension is being granted to give all parties an opportunity to respond more fully to the proposed clarification of the criteria for exemption.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed PR notice, identified by the docket number [OPP-00530], must be received on or before June 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments identified by the docket control number OPP-00530 by mail to: 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, bring comments directly to the OPP Docket Office, which is located in Room 119 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions as noted below in 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 may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Walter Francis, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 6E, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-6419, fax: 703-308-4687, e-mail: francis.walter@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the draft PR Notice also are available from the EPA Home page at the Federal Register - Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

For Fax on Demand, use a faxphone to call 202-401-0527 and select item (6110) for a copy of this document and the PR Notice.

I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of April 17, 1998 (63 FR 19256) (FRL-5780-7), EPA published a notice of availability of the draft PR Notice identified above. The Agency solicited comments on proposed guidance clarifying the criteria that pesticide products must meet to be eligible for the "treated articles exemption" pursuant to 40 CFR 152.25(a). If, after reviewing any comments, EPA determines that changes to the Notice are warranted, the Agency will revise the draft PR Notice prior to release.

Following publication of the April 17, 1998 notice, the National Paint and Coatings Association and the Treated Articles Coalition requested that EPA extend the comment period on the proposed PR Notice to enable these and other groups to more fully discuss these provisions and to coordinate data and information solicited from their member constituencies. In this fashion, a more comprehensive assessment of the potential impacts of this proposal could be determined.

In order to give all parties an opportunity to respond more fully to the proposed PR notice, this notice announces that EPA is extending the comment period. The new deadline for receipt of comments is June 30, 1998. Submit written comments to the address given earlier in this document. Submit electronic comments as noted in Unit II. of this document.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-

00530" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 119 of the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the Virginia address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form or encryption. Comments will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00530." Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Antimicrobial pesticides, Treated articles exemption.

Dated: May 13, 1998.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6014-1]

Internet Availability of Data in the Sector Facility Indexing Project

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the Internet release of data in the Sector Facility Indexing Project (SFIP). The SFIP is a community-right-to-know and data integration pilot project that provides environmental performance data for facilities within five industrial sectors. The industrial sectors profiled within the SFIP are automobile assembly; petroleum refining; pulp manufacturing; iron and steel; and primary smelting and refining of aluminum, copper, lead, and zinc (nonferrous metals).

DATES: An Internet website containing the data in the SFIP was released on May 1, 1998 and is currently available to the public.

ADDRESSES: Data may be accessed electronically via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/sfi>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Lischinsky, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Compliance (2223-A), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-2628, fax: (202) 564-0050; e-mail: lischinsky.robert@epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SFIP, a pilot program developed by EPA, integrates and provides public access to more environmental information than has ever before been available to the public in one location. The SFIP profiles approximately 650 facilities in five industrial sectors. The goals of the SFIP include the following: (1) Make environmental information about industrial facilities and regulatory compliance more accessible to the public; (2) expand the comprehensiveness and improve the accuracy of data for analyzing the environmental track record of an industrial sector; (3) provide industrial and government stakeholders with better analytical tools for permitting, reporting, compliance, bench marking, self-policing, and pollution prevention purposes; and (4) help all stakeholders take a more holistic, multi-media approach to environmentally sound performance. The five industrial sectors chosen for the pilot stage of the SFIP are automobile assembly; pulp manufacturing; petroleum refining; iron and steel production; and primary smelting and refining of aluminum, copper, lead, and zinc (nonferrous metals). For each facility, the SFIP provides information on its location, production or production capacity, surrounding population, permits held under major environmental programs, the number of inspections received, record of compliance with federal