

102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended.

Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

#### Final EISs

*ERP No. F-MMS-L02026-AK*, Beaufort Sea Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170 (1997) Lease Offering, Offshore Marine, Beaufort Sea Coastal Plain, North Slope Borough of Alaska.

*Summary:* Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*ERP No. F-UAF-A11074-00*, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) Program, Development, Operation and Deployment, Proposed Launch Locations are Cape Canaveral Air Station (AS), Florida and Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB), California, Federal Permits and Licenses, FL and CA.

*Summary:* EPA stated that the Air Force adequately addressed earlier concerns and has no further comment.

*ERP No. F-UAF-L11013-ID*, Idaho Enhanced Training Project, Training for the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Approval for Rights-of-Way Permit by (BLM) and Airspace Modifications by (FAA), Owyhee County, ID.

*Summary:* Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*ERP No. FS-APH-A82124-00*, Logs, Lumber and Other Unmanufactured Wood Articles Importation, Improvements to the existing system to Prohibit Introduction of Plant Pests into the United States.

*Summary:* EPA continued to have environmental objections to the proposed project. Issues of concern included the efficacy of combinations of control methods, compliance by exporting countries, human health effects of eradication and control efforts, comparison of the alternatives, and the use of methyl bromide.

Dated: June 16, 1998.

**B. Katherine Biggs,**

*Associate Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

[FR Doc. 98-16397 Filed 6-18-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00540; FRL-5798-2]

#### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** There will be a two-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of scientific issues being considered by the Agency in connection with the FQPA 10x Safety Factor, Linear Low Dose Extrapolation for Cancer Risk Decisions, Proposed Methods for Basin-Scale Estimation of Pesticide Concentrations in Flowing Water and Reservoirs for Tolerance Reassessment, DDVP (Dichlorvos) and Chlorothalonil. The Agency will present a status report of the FQPA 10x Safety Factor, as requested by the SAP at the March 25, 1998, SAP meeting. For the cancer risk assessment session, the Agency will discuss the issue that due to uncertainties and variabilities surrounding input measures, estimates of carcinogenic risk using linear low dose extrapolation should be presented in a manner that reflects the precision of the estimated risk. The precision of the risk estimate can be no better than that for the least certain input parameter into the model. Representation of additional significant figures in risk estimates may introduce false precision into risk management decisions. The Agency will also present a session evaluating and developing improved methods to allow for basin-scale estimation of pesticide concentrations in surface waters used as drinking water. As an interim approach, the Agency is developing a reservoir scenario as a replacement water body for the standard small water body currently used in ecological exposure assessments and drinking water exposure assessments. The reservoir scenario is being developed to be representative of an actual reservoir which serves as a drinking water supply for a rural community. Additionally, the Agency is critically evaluating basin scale models and developing linkages of field scale models to estimate pesticide concentrations in flowing surface waters and reservoirs. Two sessions are scheduled for pesticide specific discussions. The first session will focus on two issues concerning the chlorothalonil human health risk assessment: (1) mechanism for the

formation of renal and forestomach tumors and; (2) calculations for acceptable margins of exposure. The second pesticide for discussion is DDVP (dichlorvos). For this session, the Agency will present the DDVP risk assessment.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, July 29 and July 30, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: Embassy Suites Hotel, 1300 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. The telephone number for the hotel is: (703) 979-9799.

By mail, submit written comments (one original and 20 copies) to: Larry C. Dorsey, Designated Federal Official for the FIFRA/Scientific Advisory Panel, (7509C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by delivery service, bring comments to: Rm. 819-B, Crystal Mall 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

Comments and data also may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: [opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov). Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data also will 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-00540." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Larry C. Dorsey, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Rm. 819B, CM2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-5369; e-mail: [Dorsey.Larry@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Dorsey.Larry@epamail.epa.gov).

A meeting agenda is currently available and copies of EPA primary background documents for the meeting will be available no later than July 6, 1998, and may be obtained by contacting: 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;

Office location: Rm. 119, CM2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-5805.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should contact Larry C. Dorsey at the address or the phone number given above to confirm that the meeting is still scheduled and that the agenda has not been modified or changed. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits and upon advanced written request to the Designated Federal Official, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the Panel are limited to approximately five minutes. As oral statements only will be permitted as time permits, the Agency urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify the Designated Federal Official and submit twenty copies of the summary information. Please note that comments should be received by July 20, 1998, to ensure that the Panel Members will have the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information marked CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. An edited copy of the comment that does not contain the CBI material must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket. All comments and materials received will be made part of the public record and will be considered by the Panel.

A public record has been established for this notice under docket number "OPP-00540" (including comments and data submitted electronically). A public version of this record, including printed versions of electronic comments, which does not include 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 (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency,

Crystal Mall 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

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 of encryption.

The official record for this notice, 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 directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 30 working days after the meeting and may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, at the address or telephone number given above.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 11, 1998.

**Stephen L. Johnson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs*

[FR Doc. 98-16248 Filed 6-18-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-F

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6113-7]

#### Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are *not* available from the SAB Office.

##### 1. Executive Committee

The Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee (EC) will conduct

a public meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 1998, and Thursday, July 9, 1998. The meeting will convene each day at 8:30 a.m., in the Administrator's Conference Room 1103 West Tower of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building at 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, and adjourn no later than 5:30 p.m. on each day (Eastern Time). The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

At this meeting, the Executive Committee will receive updates from its committees and subcommittees concerning their recent and planned activities. As part of these updates, some committees will present draft reports for Executive Committee review and approval. Anticipated drafts include the following:

(a) Ecological Processes and Effects Committee Review of the Blackstone River Initiative in Region I;

(b) Environmental Economics Advisory Committee Advisory on Economic Research Topics;

(c) Radiation Advisory Committee (1) Commentary on the Radiation Quality Assurance Program

(2) Report on the Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS).

Other items on the agenda tentatively include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Discussion of the Agency's new Urban Environment program and the role of science in the program;

(b) Discussion of the Agency's American Indian Program and the associated scientific issues;

(c) Discussion of Agency requests for SAB reviews in FY99.

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, phone (202)-260-4126; fax (202)-260-9232; or via Email at: [barnes.don@epa.gov](mailto:barnes.don@epa.gov). Copies of the draft meeting agenda and the draft reports will be available on the SAB Website (/http://www.epa.gov/sab) by July. Alternatively, these materials can be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson at the above phone and fax numbers or via Email: [tillery.priscilla@epa.gov](mailto:tillery.priscilla@epa.gov).

##### 2. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the Science