

2. Mosquito labeling—proposal, **Federal Register** notice, request for comment.

3. Endangered Species Protection Program/update—new approach expectations for state lead agencies (SLAs).

4. Regional reports/regional cooperative enforcement agreement priorities/new issues papers, action items.

5. SFIREG working committees/reports and issue paper(s).

6. Activity based multiple reentry interval proposals/update.

7. Renovated issue papers/format, process, and existing issue papers.

8. Indemnification/waivers of liability.

9. SFIREG WQ/PD working committee report/pesticide product disposal/labeling language—label review manual/review and recommendations.

10. Label language risk mitigation measures/OECA—OPP.

11. Definition of shallow ground water.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

**William R. Diamond,**

*Director, Field and External Affairs Division,  
Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7669-5]

### Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) Notice of Meeting/Request for Nominations to the CAAAC

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical scientific, and enforcement policy issues.

*Open Meeting Notice:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2 Section 10 (a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold its next open meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2004, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower

Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. The Economics Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee and a CAAAC workgroup addressing the National Academy of Science Report on Air Quality Management will hold meetings on Wednesday, June 23, 2003 from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower, the same location as the full Committee. The Permits, New Source Reviews and Toxics Subcommittee will be having a public meeting of the Title V Task Force on June 25, 2004. The location of the meeting will be at the Washington Marriott Hotel 1221 22nd Street NW., Washington DC from approximately 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Two of the CAAAC's Subcommittees, the Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns Subcommittee; and the Mobile Source Technical Review Panel will not meet at this time. The schedule for the Wednesday meetings is: The NAS workgroup will meet at 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 am, and the subcommittee on Economics Incentives and Regulatory Innovations will meet at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Request for Nominations:* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointments to the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee and its subcommittees. Suggested deadline for receiving nominations is July 16, 2004. Appointments will be made by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Appointments for the full CAAAC committee are expected to be announced during November of 2004. Nominee's qualifications will be assessed under the mandates of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which requires Committees to maintain diversity across a broad range of constituencies, sectors, and groups. Nominations for membership must include a resume describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee as well as community-based experience. Contact details should include full name and title, business mailing address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address. A supporting letter of endorsement is encouraged but not required.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit nomination materials to: Pat Childers, Designated Federal Officer, Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, U.S. EPA (6102A) 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC

20004, T: 202 564-1082, F: 202 564-1352, e-mail [childers.pat@epa.gov](mailto:childers.pat@epa.gov).

*Inspection of Committee Documents:* The Committee agenda and any documents prepared for the meeting will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with CAAAC meeting minutes, will be available by contacting the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and requesting information under docket item A-94-34 (CAAAC). The Docket office can be reached by telephoning 202-260-7548; FAX 202-260-4400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning the CAAAC, please contact Pat Childers, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA (202) 564-1082, FAX (202) 564-1352 or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Air and Radiation (Mail code 6102 A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. For information on the Subcommittee meetings, please contact the following individuals: (1) Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration—Debbie Stackhouse, 919-541-5354; and (2) Linking Transportation, Land Use and Air Quality Concerns—Robert Larson, 734-214-4277; and (3) Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations—Carey Fitzmaurice, 202-564-1667. Additional Information on these meetings, CAAAC and its Subcommittees can be found on the CAAAC Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/>.

Dated: May 26, 2004.

**Elizabeth Craig,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0237; FRL-7360-5]

### Organophosphate Pesticides; Availability of Interim Risk Management Decision Documents for Methyl Parathion for Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces availability and starts a 60-day public comment period on the interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IREED) document for the pesticide active ingredient methyl parathion. This decision document was developed as part of the public participation process that EPA and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are now using for

involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The IRED document represents EPA's formal regulatory assessment of the health and environmental data base of the subject chemical and presents the Agency's determination regarding which pesticidal uses are eligible for reregistration.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2003-0237, must be received on or before August 2, 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:** John Pates, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8195; e-mail address: [pates.john@epa.gov](mailto:pates.john@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; pesticides users; and members of 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-2003-0237. 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 electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. To access RED documents and RED fact sheets electronically, go directly to the REDs table on the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs Home Page, at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/status.htm>.

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.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. 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. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

###### *C. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. If you wish to submit CBI or information that is otherwise protected by statute, please follow the instructions in Unit I.D. Do not use EPA Dockets or e-mail to submit CBI or information protected by statute.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed in this unit, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA

will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets.* Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once in the system, select "search," and then key in docket ID number OPP-2003-0237. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by e-mail to [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov), Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2003-0237. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail.* Send your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2003-0237.

3. *By hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2003-0237. Such deliveries are only accepted

during the docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit I.B.1.

#### *D. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?*

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

## **II. Background**

### *What Action is the Agency Taking?*

EPA has assessed the risks of methyl parathion and reached an Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED) for this organophosphate pesticides(s). Provided that risk mitigation measures are adopted, methyl parathion fits into its own risk cup—its individual, aggregate risks are within acceptable levels. EPA has determined that products containing methyl parathion are eligible for reregistration except for use on the following crops: cabbage, dried beans, dried peas, hops, lentils, pecans, and sugar beets. The use of eligible methyl parathion products in accordance with labeling specified in this IRED will not pose unreasonable adverse effects to humans or the environment. These products will be reregistered once the required confirmatory generic data, product specific data, CSFs, and revised labeling are received and accepted by EPA. Products which contain active ingredients in addition to methyl parathion will be reregistered when all of their other active ingredients also are eligible for reregistration.

The interim risk management decision for methyl parathion was made through the organophosphate pesticide pilot public participation process, which increases transparency and maximizes stakeholder involvement in EPA's development of risk assessments and risk management decisions. The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998, as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate pesticide risk assessments and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998, to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation. EPA worked extensively with affected parties to reach the decisions presented in the interim risk management decision documents.

Several studies were submitted by the registrants during Phase 6 of the public process as a result of a August 1999 Memorandum of Agreement between the EPA and the methyl parathion registrants. As a result of review and consideration of these studies, the occupational assessment for methyl parathion was revised. Even though numerous opportunities for public comment were offered as these interim risk management decision documents were being developed, the public has not had an opportunity to comment on the revised assessment. Therefore, the methyl parathion interim risk management decision document is issued with a formal 60-day public comment period to allow interested parties to review and comment on the revised worker assessment. Although the EPA will accept comment on any aspect of the risk assessment, we recommend that any comment suggesting changes to the mitigation should be substantiated by data.

The risk assessments for methyl parathion were released to the public through a notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 18, 1998 (63 FR 70126) (FRL-6052-6) and August 13, 1999 (64 FR 44219) (FRL-6093-4).

EPA's next step under FQPA is to complete a cumulative risk assessment and risk management decision for the organophosphate pesticides, which share a common mechanism of toxicity. The interim risk management decision documents on methyl parathion cannot

be considered final until this cumulative assessment is complete.

When the cumulative risk assessment for the organophosphate pesticides has been completed, EPA will issue its final tolerance reassessment decision(s) for methyl parathion and further risk mitigation measures may be needed.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 21, 2004.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0159; FRL-7360-8]

#### Metam-Sodium; Availability of Risk Assessments

**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 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 metam-sodium. This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the risk assessments. Comments are to be limited to issues directly associated with metam-sodium and raised by the risk assessments 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 our decisions under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments for metam-sodium are preliminary and that further refinements may be appropriate. Risk assessments reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2004-0159, must be received on or before August 2,

2004. Metam-sodium is under a Natural Resources Defense Council consent decree deadline for publication of revised risk assessments by August 31, 2004. Consequently, the Agency requests that you submit your comments on the preliminary risk assessments as soon as possible, so that they can be given thorough consideration.

**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:** Veronique C. LaCapra, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 703-605-1525; e-mail address: [lacapra.veronique@epa.gov](mailto:lacapra.veronique@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, nevertheless, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in obtaining the risk assessments for metam-sodium, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. Since other entities 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-2004-0159. 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 electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

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