

there will be a limited time for comments from the public. The Framework will be available to the public on or about July 7, 2004, from the Risk Assessment Forum Web site.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, will convene the workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, register by July 23, 2004, by visiting [www.versar.com/epa/metalriskworkshop.htm](http://www.versar.com/epa/metalriskworkshop.htm) or send an e-mail to Ms. Traci Brody of Versar at [tbrody@versar.com](mailto:tbrody@versar.com). You can also call Ms. Brody at (703) 750-3000 extension 449, or send a facsimile to (703) 642-6954. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time for comments from the public during the workshop. If you wish to make a statement during the observer comment period of the workshop, please check the appropriate box when you register at the Web site ([www.versar.com/epa/metalriskworkshop.htm](http://www.versar.com/epa/metalriskworkshop.htm)) or in your e-mail to Ms. Brody. Also provide Versar with one written copy of comments prior to the start of the meeting. Note that all technical comments received will be public information. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. The draft Framework for Metals Risk Assessment is available primarily via the Internet at <http://cfpub1.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=56752>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title, draft Framework for Metals Risk Assessment (EPA/630/P-04/068a). Copies are not available from Versar.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical inquiries concerning the draft Framework for Metals Risk Assessment, please contact Dr. William Wood, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development, Risk Assessment Forum (8601-D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-3361; facsimile (202) 565-0062; e-mail [forum.risk@epa.gov](mailto:forum.risk@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Development of the Framework to assess the risks of metals to humans or the environment was initiated by the Agency's Science Policy Council. An Agency Action Plan was previously

reviewed by EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) in September 2002. The SAB emphasized the importance of focusing on the unique properties of metals as they relate to environmental chemistry, bioavailability, bioaccumulation, exposure, and toxicity. To inform these considerations, and to engage the external scientific community, the Agency commissioned external experts to lead the development of a series of issue papers. Drafts of these papers were made available for public comment in September 2003. Currently, the papers are being finalized. Publication of the issue papers is anticipated in Fall 2004. The peer consultation announced today continues to engage the external scientific community as part of the Agency preparation for SAB review. The interagency review and public comment period, which will be held concurrent to the SAB review, will continue to extend opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement.

The Framework is a science-based document that focuses on the special attributes and behaviors of metals and metal compounds affecting human health and ecological risk assessments. The framework document will not be a prescriptive guide on how any particular type of assessment should be conducted within a U.S. EPA program office. Rather, it is intended to make recommendations and foster the consistent application of methods and data to metals risk assessment in consideration of the unique properties of metals.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0127; FRL-7363-2]

### Desmedipham and Phenmedipham; Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by the Bayer CropScience, to voluntarily cancel

certain pesticide registrations, containing Desmedipham and Phenmedipham

**DATES:** Unless a request is withdrawn by August 6, 2004, for EPA Registration Numbers: 264-628 and 264-629, orders will be issued canceling these registrations. The Agency will consider withdrawal requests postmarked no later than August 6, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Demson Fuller, Information Resources Services Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8062; e-mail address: [fuller.demson@epa.gov](mailto:fuller.demson@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

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

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, 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 information in this notice, 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-2004-0127. 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/>.

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

## II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This notice announces receipt by the Agency of an application from the registrant to cancel two pesticide products registered under section 3 or 24(c) of FIFRA. These registrations are listed in sequence by registration number (or company number and 24(c) number) in Table 1 of this unit:

TABLE 1.—REGISTRATIONS WITH PENDING REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATION

Registration Number	Product Name	Chemical Name
264–628, previously 45639–155	BETANEX 70 WP Herbicide	Desmedipham
264–629, previously 45639–156	BETAMIX 70 WP	Desmedipham and phenmedipham

Section 6(f)(1)(B) of FIFRA requires that before acting on a request for voluntary cancellation, EPA must provide a 30-day public comment period on the request for voluntary cancellation. In addition, section 6(f)(1)(C) of FIFRA requires that EPA provide a 180-day comment period on a request for voluntary termination of any minor agricultural use before granting the request, unless (1) the registrants request a waiver of the comment period, or (2) the Administrator determines that continued use of the pesticide would pose an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment. The registrants have requested that EPA waive the 180-day comment period. EPA is granting the registrants' request to waive the 180-day comment period. Therefore, EPA will provide a 30-day comment period on the proposed requests. EPA anticipates granting the cancellation request shortly after the end of the 30-day comment period for this notice.

Unless a request is withdrawn by the registrant within 30 days of publication of this notice, orders will be issued canceling all of these registrations. Users of these pesticides or anyone else desiring the retention of a registration should contact the applicable registrant directly during this 30-day period.

Table 2 of this unit includes the name and address of record for the registrant of the products in Table 1 of this unit.

TABLE 2.—REGISTRANT REQUESTING VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION

EPA Company Number	Company Name and Address
264	Bayer CropScience 2 T.W. Alexander Drive Research Triangle, NC 27709

## III. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled. FIFRA further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.

## IV. Procedures for Withdrawal of Request

Registrants who choose to withdraw a request for cancellation must submit such withdrawal in writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, postmarked before August 6, 2004. This written withdrawal of the request for cancellation will apply only to the applicable FIFRA section 6(f)(1) request listed in this notice. If the product(s) have been subject to a previous cancellation action, the effective date of cancellation and all other provisions of any earlier cancellation action are controlling. The withdrawal request must also include a commitment to pay any reregistration fees due, and to fulfill any applicable unsatisfied data requirements.

## V. Provisions for Disposition of Existing Stocks

The effective date of cancellation will be the date of the cancellation order. For purposes of the cancellation order, the term "existing stocks" is defined, pursuant to EPA's existing stocks policy (56 FR 29362, June 26, 1991), as those stocks of registered pesticide products which are currently in the United States and which have been packaged, labeled, and released for shipment prior to the effective date of the cancellation action. See the **Federal Register** of June 26,

1991 (56 FR 29362). The existing stocks provisions of the forthcoming cancellation order will be as follows:

*Distribution or sale.* It is unlawful for any person to distribute or sell existing stocks of any product identified in Table 1.

i. Registrants identified in Table 2 may sell and distribute existing stocks of their own products until 1-year from the effective date of the cancellation order.

ii. Any person may ship such existing stocks for the purpose of export consistent with FIFRA section 17 or for proper disposal in accordance with applicable law.

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## Chlorpyrifos-methyl; Amendment to the Tolerance Reassessment and Risk Management Decision and Notice of Receipt of Request for Registration Cancellation

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is modifying the terms of the voluntary cancellation notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 2002 (FR 67 20118) (FRL–