

Review Board (SRB). These scientists shall be available to the FIFRA SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the FIFRA SAP.

#### B. Public Meeting

The FIFRA SAP will meet to consider and review issues associated with deployment of a type of plant-incorporated protectant (PIP), specifically those based on plant viral coat proteins (PVCP-PIPs). A plant-incorporated protectant (PIP) is a pesticidal substance that is intended to be produced and used in a living plant, or in the produce thereof, and the genetic material necessary for production of such a pesticidal substance. The term includes both active and inert ingredients. PIPs are regulated as pesticides by EPA under FIFRA because they meet the FIFRA definition of a pesticide, being intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating a pest.

PIPs may occur naturally or be introduced into plants by conventional breeding or genetic engineering. PVCP-PIPs are PIPs in which inserted genetic material is derived from a plant virus sequence that encodes a plant virus coat protein. Plant virus coat proteins encapsidate the viral nucleic acid and are known to have a role in nearly every stage of viral infection including replication, movement throughout an infected plant, and transport from plant to plant. Incorporation of plant virus coat protein gene sequences into plant genomes has been found to confer resistance to the virus from which it was derived and often to related viruses.

EPA is seeking the assistance of the SAP in evaluating several issues concerning PVCP-PIP transgenic plants, including the potential environmental consequences associated with gene flow and novel viral interactions.

#### C. FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Science Advisory Board Staff Office

#### Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Health Effects Subcommittee of the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the Health Effects Subcommittee (HES) of the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council) to discuss follow-on matters related to its report issued in March 2004 entitled *Advisory on Plans for Health Effects Analysis in the Analytical Plan for EPA's Second Prospective Analysis—Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act, 1990–2020*.

**DATES:** The public teleconferences of the Council HES will be held on September 21, 2004 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern time) and on September 29, 2004 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code or who wish to submit written or brief oral comments (five minutes or less) must contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer, at telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9867 or via e-mail at: [stallworth.holly@epa.gov](mailto:stallworth.holly@epa.gov). Requests to provide oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Dr. Stallworth no later than five business days prior to the teleconference in order to reserve time on the meeting agenda. It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the SAB or the Council HES may also contact Dr. Stallworth, or visit the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Background

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) conducts periodic, scientifically reviewed studies to assess the costs and benefits of regulations promulgated under the Clean Air Act. The Council is an outside body of recognized experts charged with reviewing the data, methods and cost-benefit analyses conducted by OAR for implementing its programs. EPA has thus far issued one retrospective analysis of the Clean Air Act covering the 1970–1990 time period and one prospective analysis covering the 1990–2010 time period. EPA is planning a second prospective analysis covering the 1990–2020 time period and has issued two analytic blueprints for this analysis. The Council provided advice on these analytic blueprints in 2001 and 2004. These reports of the Council and its subcommittees may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/fiscal04.htm>. OAR provides more information on "Section 812" reports at: <http://www.epa.gov/air/sect812/index.html>. Additional background on the Council and on the statutorily mandated analyses of the costs and benefits of Clean Air Act programs was provided in a **Federal Register** notice published on February 14, 2003 (68 FR 7531–7534).

In its March 2004 Advisory report, posted at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/council\\_adv\\_04002.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/council_adv_04002.pdf), the Council HES provided advice through the Council on the health science aspects of EPA's analytic blueprint for its second prospective analysis. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation and EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation recently requested that the Council provide clarification on its advice in this March 2004 report pertaining to cessation lags, *i.e.* the time delay between reductions in air pollution and reductions in human health effects. The Agency seeks clarification of the Council's advice regarding this issue of cessation lags so that the Agency's analysis of the benefits of future rules for particulate matter (PM 2.5) might comport with the Council's previous recommendations. The Agency seeks the Council's advice on this proposed cessation lag structure.

The September 21 and September 29 teleconferences will provide the Council HES an opportunity to address the Agency's questions as stated in the letter to the Council which is posted at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/comments\\_on\\_council\\_adv\\_04001.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/comments_on_council_adv_04001.pdf). Agendas for these teleconferences will be posted on the SAB Web site prior to the teleconference calls.

Dated: September 3, 2004.

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Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0305; FRL-7677-4]

### Poly(hexamethylenebiguanide) hydrochloride Preliminary Risk Assessment; Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's preliminary risk assessment, and related documents for the antimicrobial pesticide poly(hexamethylenebiguanide) hydrochloride (also referred to as PHMB), and opens a public comment period on these documents. PHMB was registered in the United States as an active ingredient in 1982. The public also is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for PHMB using a modified, four-phase public participation process. EPA uses this process to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2004-0305, must be received on or before September 27, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Slotnick, Antimicrobials Division (7510C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 703-305-0601; fax number: 703-308-8481; e-mail address: [slotnick.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:slotnick.jennifer@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. General Information

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

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides. Since others 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-2004-0305. 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, 1801 S. Bell St., 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. 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. 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