

The Agency also will present statistical methodology for the use of composite data in acute dietary exposure assessment. The Agency has identified a reliable, statistical methodology for applying existing information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Pesticide Data Program (PDP) report to acute dietary risk assessments. This methodology consists of extrapolating pesticide residue data from composite samples of fruits and vegetables to single serving sizes of fruits and vegetables. Estimates of probable residues present on single serving sizes of fruits and vegetables will be applied to a probabilistic approach such as, the Monte-Carlo method, in order to estimate dietary (food) risks.

The final session will focus on estimating pesticide concentrations in drinking water. Passage of FQPA has led to the development of tools, policies, and methods for estimating pesticide concentrations in drinking water. As presented at the July 29, 1998 SAP meeting, the Agency proposed to replace the existing small edge of a field pond with a reservoir and factor in the extent of crop coverage into its screening-level drinking water exposure assessments. The proposed SAP session is designed to provide a progress report on the development of "Watershed-Derived Percent Crop Areas" (previously termed "crop area factors") as presented at the July 1998 SAP meeting as well as to seek scientific advice on implementation of the Watershed-Derived Percent Crop Areas in the FQPA drinking water exposure assessment using the proposed index reservoir modeling scenario.

Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Paul Lewis at the address listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## II. Availability of Review Materials

A meeting agenda is currently available, and copies of EPA primary background documents for the meeting will be available no later than May 3, 1999. The meeting agenda and EPA primary background documents will be available on the EPA web site -- <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/SAP/> or may be obtained by contacting the 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, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-5805.

## III. Written Comments and Oral Presentations at the Meeting

Members of the public wishing to submit comments should contact either Larry Dorsey or Paul Lewis at the address or the telephone number given under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" to confirm that the meeting date and the agenda have 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 either Larry Dorsey or Paul Lewis, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard, etc). 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 5 minutes. The Agency also urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify either Larry Dorsey or Paul Lewis and submit 40 copies of the summary information. The Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

## IV. Panel Report

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 listed in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

## V. Public Docket and Submission of Electronic Comments

A public record has been established for this notice under docket control number "OPP-00598" (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 at the address listed in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

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 5.1/6/7/8.0 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPP-00598." Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

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.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (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.

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: April 26, 1999.

**Susan B. Hazen,**

*Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00270; FRL-6081-1]

## High Production Volume (HPV) Chemical Initiative; Periodic Update Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Over the next 6 months, EPA plans to hold several meetings on the High Production Volume (HPV) Chemical Initiative. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for periodic updates on the Initiative's HPV Chemical Challenge program, as well as to provide a forum where interested parties can contribute information, discuss and give individual perspectives on various topics related to the HPV Chemical Challenge program. The HPV Chemical Challenge program, which was established in partnership with industry and environmental groups, is a voluntary program that is intended to make basic toxicity data on widely used industrial chemicals available to the public over the next 6 years. Prior to each meeting, EPA intends to develop an agenda for the meeting in consultation with the stakeholders. The meeting agenda will be made publicly available as early as possible prior to each of the meetings as described in Unit II. of this notice. Each meeting will be open to the public, but participation in discussions may be limited to those who pre-register with the Agency as described in Unit III. of this notice.

**DATES:** The first meeting will be held on May 20, 1999, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Requests to participate in this meeting, submitted according to the instructions in Unit III. of this notice, must be received by EPA 5 working days before each meeting. As discussed in Unit VI. of this notice, subsequent meetings will be held in July, September, and November, with dates and/or times still to be determined.

**ADDRESSES:** The first meeting, May 20, 1999, will be held at: API, 1220 L St. NW., 9th floor, Washington, DC 20005. Metro stop: McPherson Square.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information: Christine Augustyniak, Associate Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone numbers: 202-554-1404 and TDD: 202-554-0551; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

For technical information: David Sarokin, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone number: 202-260-6396; fax number: 202-260-2219; e-mail address: [sarokin.david@epa.gov](mailto:sarokin.david@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This notice applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this notice. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this notice to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

### II. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of Documents Discussed in this Notice?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and various other documents related to the Agency's HPV Chemical Initiative and the HPV Chemical Challenge program from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register - Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the "Federal Register" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/homepage/fedrgstr/>. To access information about the HPV Chemical Initiative, go to <http://www.epa.gov/chemrtk>.

2. *In person.* If you have any questions or need additional information about this action, you may contact the technical person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

In addition, the Agency has established an official record for the HPV Chemical Challenge program under administrative record number AR-201. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this document, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to the HPV Chemical Initiative, including any information claimed as confidential business information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the Center is (202) 260-7099.

### III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting through the mail, in person, or electronically. Do not submit any information in your request that you consider to be CBI. Your request must be received by EPA no later than 5 working days before the meeting in which you would like to participate. EPA will make every attempt to accommodate requests received by this date, taking into account the time constraints of the agenda for the meeting, and on a first come basis. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify administrative record number AR-201 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

1. *By mail.* You may submit a written request to: Irina Vaysman (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 517 East Tower, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* You may deliver a written request to: Irina Vaysman, Rm. 517 East Tower, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. Submissions can be delivered between 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit a request electronically by E-mail to: <http://www.epa.gov/chemrtk>. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You must avoid the use of any special characters and any form of encryption in your E-mail. All E-mail must be identified by the administrative record number AR-201.

### IV. What is the HPV Chemical Challenge Program?

The HPV Challenge Program, a key element of the Chemical Right-to-Know initiative was announced last year on the eve of Earth Day, by Vice President Gore and EPA Administrator Carol Browner. As part of this initiative, EPA, in partnership with industry and environmental groups, created a voluntary chemical testing program which will make basic toxicity data on about 2,800 widely used industrial chemicals (chemicals produced in excess of one million pounds annually) available to the public over the next 6 years. Testing will ensue only when existing data are not adequate. The testing will be carried out in a manner consistent with the internationally-recognized testing protocol (as developed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and

Development (OECD) Screening Information Data Sets (SIDS) program) to ensure that testing can be contributed to the international effort and, conversely, that international SIDS testing and assessments can be used to fulfill the Challenge Program's requirements.

#### V. What Will be Discussed at the Public Meetings?

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for periodic updates on the HPV Chemical Challenge program, as well as to provide a forum where interested parties can contribute information, discuss and give individual perspectives on various topics related to the HPV Chemical Challenge program. Each meeting will be open to the public, but participation in discussions may be limited to those who pre-register with the Agency as described in Unit III. of this notice.

An agenda for each meeting, which EPA will develop in consultation with the stakeholders, will be made publicly available as early as possible prior to the meeting. The agenda for each meeting will be distributed to the participants who registered for that meeting and will be posted on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/chemrtk>.

#### VI. Where Will Subsequent Public Meetings be Held?

EPA intends to hold additional meetings in July, September, and November, the dates, times, and locations for which still need to be determined. When scheduled, EPA will

announce and provide relevant information about the meeting on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/chemrtk>. The dates, times, and locations for these subsequent meetings will not be published in the **Federal Register**. Interested parties should consult the EPA Internet site indicated above for up-to-date information about these subsequent meetings.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

**Joseph A. Carra,**

*Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-870; FRL-6072-7]

#### Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-870, must be received on or before June 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: [opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov). Follow the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information 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 "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI 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. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The product manager listed in the table below:

Product Manager	Office location/telephone number	Address
Dani Daniel .....	Rm. 211, CM #2, 703-305-5409, e-mail: <a href="mailto:daniel.dani@epamail.epa.gov">daniel.dani@epamail.epa.gov</a> .	1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA
Cynthia Giles-Parker (PM 22).	Rm. 249, CM #2, 703-305-7740, e-mail: <a href="mailto:giles-parker.cynthia@epamail.epa.gov">giles-parker.cynthia@epamail.epa.gov</a> .	Do.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has received pesticide petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that these petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice of filing, as well as the public version, has

been established for this notice of filing under docket control number [PF-870] (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 official record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: [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 will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number (insert docket number) and appropriate petition number. Electronic comments on notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Food additives, Feed additives, Pesticides and