

7. *Post selection activity.* Selected applicants must formally apply for receipt of funds through the appropriate EPA Regional office. In addition, selected applicants must negotiate a final workplan including reporting requirements with the designated EPA Regional project officer. For more general information on post award requirements and the evaluation of grantee performance, see 40 CFR part 31.

## II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), in coordination with the EPA Regions, is soliciting Tribal pesticide water quality projects for FY2001 funding. The total amount of funding available in FY2001 to be awarded to tribal governments and/or intertribal consortia for pesticide water quality projects is \$245,500.

## III. Statutory Authority and Regulations

Sections 23(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorize EPA to enter into cooperative agreements with States and Indian Tribes to implement pesticide enforcement programs. Pursuant to the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1999, pesticide program implementation grants under section 23(a)(1) of FIFRA are available for "pesticide program development and implementation, including enforcement and compliance activities."

The award and administration of these grants will be governed by the Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments set forth at 40 CFR part 31.

## IV. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

Under the Agency's current interpretation of the definition of a "rule", grant solicitations such as this which are competitively awarded on the basis of selection criteria, are considered rules for the purpose of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S.

House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Grants, Water quality.

Dated: March 7, 2001.

Anne E. Lindsay,

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6954-4]

### National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Correction, notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a change to the meeting date of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). A one-day meeting will be held on March 21, 2001.

The NACEPT is addressing several policy issues associated with EPA's human resource planning and the identification of emerging issues and trends facing the Agency. The NACEPT Council will: present its recommendations regarding EPA's Workforce Capacity efforts to the Agency, and provide an update on the identification of emerging issues and trends facing EPA over the next five to ten years.

**DATES:** The NACEPT will hold a 1-day public meeting on Wednesday, March 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** The NACEPT 1-day public meeting will be held at the Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Materials or written comments may be transmitted to the Council through Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer/NACEPT, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The public will have an opportunity to make comments directly to the Council. Oral comments will be limited to a total time of five minutes. Requests to make oral comments must

be submitted no later than March 19, 2001 to Gwendolyn Whitt, at the address above or faxed to (202) 501-0661. Anyone who has not reserved time in advance, may make comments during the public comment period as time allows.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer, NACEPT, at (202) 564-9741.

Dated: March 6, 2001.

Timothy O. Sherer,

*Acting Director Office of Cooperative Environmental Management.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6955-2]

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

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of two meetings of the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

*Important Notice:* Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

#### 1. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)—Teleconference Meeting April 3, 2001

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee will meet by conference call from 3:00 to 5:00 pm Eastern time on Tuesday, April 3, 2001. Members of the public wishing to call-in to the teleconference must make arrangements with Ms. Mary Winston by noon the Wednesday *before* the meeting. Instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Mary Winston, Management Assistant, at (202) 564-4538, or via e-mail at: [winston.mary@epa.gov](mailto:winston.mary@epa.gov).

**Purpose of the Meeting—**The purpose of the April 3, 2001 conference call meeting is to allow the Committee and the Agency to complete preparations for the face-to face meeting on April 20, 2001. The Agency will provide a briefing for the Committee on the Science to Achieve Results (STAR)

Water and Watersheds program (see background below), and the Committee will review the charge questions and review materials provided to them for the April 20, 2001 meeting.

Availability of Materials and Contact Information—See below.

## 2. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)—April 20, 2001

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee will meet on Friday, April 20, 2001 at the Radisson Hotel Fisherman's Wharf, 250 Beach Street, San Francisco, CA 94133, telephone (416) 392-6700. The meeting will convene at 8:30 am Pacific time and will adjourn no later than 5 pm.

*Purpose of the Meetings*—The Committee will review the STAR Water and Watersheds program, based upon (a) written materials provided by the EPA, and (b) the research status reports presented at the EPA-sponsored STAR Water and Watersheds Research Grants Progress Review Meeting, being held April 17-19, 2001 at the Radisson Hotel Fisherman's Wharf. (Information on the EPA-sponsored meeting may be obtained from Mr. William Stelz—see Availability of Materials below)

*Background:* The goals of the STAR Water and Watersheds program are to: (a) Develop an improved understanding of the natural and anthropogenic processes that govern the quantity, quality, and availability of water resources in natural and human-dominated systems, and an understanding to the structure, function, and dynamics of the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems that comprise watersheds; and (b) promote integration across the biological, physical, and social sciences in the area of watershed management.

In 1995, a joint solicitation sponsored by EPA-STAR and the National Science Foundation (NSF) was advertised. Six hundred eighty-five proposals were received; 21 grants were funded by EPA and 15 by NSF. Because of the overwhelming response, the RFA was narrowed and has been the basis of the program ever since. In 1996, 11 grants were funded (8 EPA, 3 NSF); in 1997, 14 grants were funded (10 EPA, 4 NSF); in 1998, 15 grants were funded (9 EPA, 3 NSF, 3 USDA (new partner)); in 2000, 11 were funded (8 EPA, 1 USDA, 2 NSF).

The essence of the RFA is a Venn Diagram with intersecting circles of the ecological, physical and social sciences. Since 1996, only those proposals that integrate across all circles have been eligible for funding. In addition to integrating across disciplines, each

proposal must demonstrate stakeholder involvement.

While the basic RFA has been stable over time, there have been shifts in programmatic emphasis. In 1997, the RFA focused on watershed restoration, in 1998 on urban systems, and in 2000 on projects relevant to the development of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) assessments. From Fiscal Year 1995 to 2000, the STAR Water and Watersheds grants have totaled about \$30 million from EPA, about \$12 million from NSF, and about \$4 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

*Charge to the Committee*—The Agency is asking the Committee to consider the following charge questions as it evaluates the STAR Water and Watersheds program:

### *Program Design and Impact*

(a) Are the STAR Water and Watershed grants, taken collectively, producing a body of research that will improve our practical understanding of:

(a) "Natural and anthropogenic processes that govern the quantity, quality, and availability of water resources in natural and human-dominated systems," and (b) "the structure, function, and dynamics of the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems that comprise watersheds"

(b) Are the research findings likely to make a difference in environmental protection (i.e., are research results influencing Agency programs, directions, or regulations? influencing other organizations and other researchers?)

(c) Is the requirement that grant proposals integrate ecological, physical and social sciences producing a unique body of research? Would funding each of the science areas individually have the same outcome? Is the integrated approach so important that it is giving us new insights into decision-making at the watershed scale?

(d) As a result of the Water and Watersheds program, do we see any major advancements or breakthroughs in watershed science or interdisciplinary integration across the relevant disciplines?

(e) How is the program perceived within and outside the research community? What changes would you recommend to the program managers?

*Availability of Materials*—Copies of background materials provided to the Committee can be obtained by contacting Mr. William Stelz, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development/ NCER, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Mail Code 8723R, Washington, DC 20460. Mr. Stelz may also be contacted

at telephone (202) 564-6834 or via e-mail at [stelz.william@epa.gov](mailto:stelz.william@epa.gov).

Information on the STAR program also is available at <http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/grants>. The draft meeting agenda will be posted on the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) approximately two weeks before the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (10 minutes or less) must contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4561; fax (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov](mailto:sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov). Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. Sanzone no later than noon Eastern Standard Time on the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting.

### **Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings**

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

*Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to Ms. Sanzone at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files

(in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

**General Information**—Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY2000 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

**Meeting Access**—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Ms. Sanzone at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: March 12, 2001

**Donald G. Barnes,**  
Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30509; FRL-6771-5]

### Pesticide Products; Bt Corn Registration Application

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of an application to register a pesticide product containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

**DATES:** Written comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-30509, must be received on or before May 3, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-30509 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Mendelsohn, Regulatory Action Leader, Biopesticides and Pollution

Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8715; e-mail address: mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

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

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Cat-egories	NAICS codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
Industry	111 112 311	Crop production Animal production Food manufacturing Pesticide manufacturing
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This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have 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 Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. **Electronically.** You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," 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/fedrgstr/>.

2. **In person.** The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-30509. The official record consists

of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, 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 submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

##### C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-30509 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. **By mail.** Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. **In person or by courier.** Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. **Electronically.** You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov), or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-30509. Electronic