

maintaining and operating the EPA CBI computer facilities located in Research Triangle Park, NC. Access to TSCA data, including CBI, was to continue until September 30, 2007.

The contract has been extended until September 30, 2008. CSC and its subcontractors, Digital Intelligence Systems Corporation (Disys) of 4151 LaFayette Center Drive, Suite 600, Chantilly, VA; Tek Systems of 7437 Race Road S, Hanover, MD; Yoh I.T. of 1818 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA; Excel Management Systems of 691 N. High Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, OH; Kenrob, Inc. of 44084 Riverside Parkway, Suite 125, Leesburg, VA; Paloma Systems of 7002 Evergreen Court, Annandale, VA; APPTIS of 4800 Westfields Blvd. Chantilly, VA 20151, previously PlanetGov of 14155 Newbrook Drive, Chantilly, VA; Superlative Technologies, Inc. (STI) of 8300 Greensboro Drive, Suite 425, McLean, VA; SoftPath of 1945 Cliff Valley Way NE, Suite 312, Atlanta, GA; and Apex Systems of 4400 Cox Road, Suite 200, Glen Allen, VA will continue to undertake the identified function.

It is possible that the contract will be extended a further year, until September 30, 2009. If this occurs no further notice will be provided.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide CSC and its identified subcontractors access to materials, including CBI materials on a need-to-know basis until September 30, 2008, unless the contract is extended again. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and Research Triangle Park, NC facilities, the CSC facility at Research Triangle Park, NC, and also remote electronic access using secure means.

CSC and subcontractor personnel are required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection,  
Confidential business information.

Dated: September 13, 2007.

**Brion T. Cook,**

*Director, Information Management Division,  
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8470-6]

### Research Plan for Dosimetric and Toxicologic Assessment of Amphibole Asbestos Fiber-Containing Materials From Libby, MI

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Data Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This action announces a plan for a series of research projects aimed at addressing the toxicological effects and dosimetry of amphibole asbestos-contaminated vermiculite from Libby, Montana (referred to here as Libby amphibole). Although available human data establish the toxicity of asbestos, and preliminary dose response analyses for Libby amphibole have been developed, these estimates can be refined by addressing some of the key uncertainties that exist due to gaps in our understanding or lack of quantitative descriptions of internal dosimetry and toxicological effects. This planned set of projects is aimed at addressing these gaps and providing tools for quantitative characterization, including a comparative analysis of the toxicity of Libby amphibole relative to asbestos fibers and asbestos-like mineral occurrences. Other key areas of research will also inform the risk assessment, including inherent toxicity of Libby amphibole relative to other forms of asbestos and differential susceptibility, including that of different life stages. EPA conducted an internal and external review of the research plan and has documented the responses to comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen H. Gavett, PhD, Pulmonary Toxicology Branch, Experimental Toxicology Division, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development (B143-01), Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: 919-541-2555; fax number: 919-541-0026; e-mail address: [gavett.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gavett.stephen@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

*A. How Can I Get Copies of the Research Plan and the Responses to Peer Review Comments?*

1. *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/> or <http://www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/libby>.

Dated: September 13, 2007.

**James Woolford,**

*Director, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0934; FRL-8149-7]

### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** There will be a 4-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review the interpretation of the Ecological Significance of Atrazine Stream-Water Concentrations Using a Statistically-Designed Monitoring Program.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 4-7, 2007, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

*Comments.* The Agency encourages written comments be submitted by November 19, 2007 and requests for oral comments be submitted by November 27, 2007. Written comments and requests to make oral comments are accepted until the date of the meeting but anyone submitting written comments after November 19, 2007 should contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. For additional instructions, see Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

*Nominations.* Nominations of candidates to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for this meeting should be provided on or before October 3, 2007.

*Special accommodations.* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, and to request accommodation of a disability, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza - Washington National Airport, 1489 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. The telephone number for the Crowne Plaza - Washington National Airport is (703) 416-1600.

*Comments.* Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID)

number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0934, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- **Delivery:** OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

**Instructions.** Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0934. If your comments contain any information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to obtain special instructions before submitting your comments. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

**Docket.** All documents in the docket are listed in a docket index available in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow the instructions on the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although listed in a docket index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

**Nominations, requests to present oral comments, and requests for special accommodations.** Submit nominations to serve as an ad hoc member of the FIFRA SAP, requests for special seating accommodations, or requests to present oral comments to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Downing, DFO, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7201M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8432; fax number: (202) 564-8382; e-mail addresses: [downing.jim@epa.gov](mailto:downing.jim@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 particular interest to persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), FIFRA, and the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). 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 DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### **B. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?**

When submitting comments, remember to:

1. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).

2. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

3. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

4. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

5. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

6. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

7. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

8. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

###### **C. How May I Participate in this Meeting?**

You may participate in this meeting by following the instructions in this unit. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0934 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

1. **Written comments.** The Agency encourages that written comments be submitted, using the instructions in **ADDRESSES**, no later than November 19, 2007, to provide FIFRA SAP the time necessary to consider and review the written comments. Written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting but anyone submitting written comments after November 19, 2007 should contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Anyone submitting written comments at the meeting should bring 30 copies for distribution to the FIFRA SAP.

2. **Oral comments.** The Agency encourages that each individual or group wishing to make brief oral comments to FIFRA SAP submit their request to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than November 27, 2007, in order to be included on the meeting agenda. Requests to present oral comments will be accepted until the date of the meeting and, to the extent that time permits, the

Chair of the FIFRA SAP may permit the presentation of oral comments at the meeting by interested persons who have not previously requested time. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard). Oral comments before FIFRA SAP are limited to approximately 5 minutes unless prior arrangements have been made. In addition, each speaker should bring 30 copies of his or her comments and presentation slides for distribution to the FIFRA SAP at the meeting.

3. *Seating at the meeting.* Seating at the meeting will be open and on a first-come basis.

4. *Request for nominations to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for this meeting.* As part of a broader process for developing a pool of candidates for each meeting, the FIFRA SAP staff routinely solicits the stakeholder community for nominations of prospective candidates for service as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to be considered as prospective candidates for a specific meeting. Individuals nominated for this meeting should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Aquatic ecology, aquatic community modeling, environmental sampling statistics, environmental monitoring design and exposure assessment, watershed vulnerability assessment, including experience in evaluating chemical run-off potential, and soil science. Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments on the scientific issues for this meeting. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, and telephone number. Nominations should be provided to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before October 3, 2007. The Agency will consider all nominations of prospective candidates for this meeting that are received on or before this date. However, final selection of ad hoc members for this meeting is a discretionary function of the Agency.

The selection of scientists to serve on the FIFRA SAP is based on the function of the panel and the expertise needed to address the Agency's charge to the panel. No interested scientists shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal department or agency or their employment by a

Federal department or agency except the EPA. Other factors considered during the selection process include availability of the potential panel member to fully participate in the panel's reviews, absence of any conflicts of interest or appearance of lack of impartiality, independence with respect to the matters under review, and lack of bias. Although financial conflicts of interest, the appearance of lack of impartiality, lack of independence, and bias may result in disqualification, the absence of such concerns does not assure that a candidate will be selected to serve on the FIFRA SAP. Numerous qualified candidates are identified for each panel. Therefore, selection decisions involve carefully weighing a number of factors including the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications and achieving an overall balance of different scientific perspectives on the panel.

In order to have the collective breadth of experience needed to address the Agency's charge for this meeting, the Agency anticipates selecting approximately 10 ad hoc scientists. FIFRA SAP members are subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634, Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by the EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. In anticipation of this requirement, prospective candidates for service on the FIFRA SAP will be asked to submit confidential financial information which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the candidate's employment, stocks and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. The EPA will evaluate the candidates financial disclosure form to assess whether there are financial conflicts of interest, appearance of a lack of impartiality or any prior involvement with the development of the documents under consideration (including previous scientific peer review) before the candidate is considered further for service on the FIFRA SAP. Those who are selected from the pool of prospective candidates will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings. In addition, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes. The list of FIFRA SAP members participating at this meeting will be posted on the FIFRA SAP website at <http://epa.gov/scipoly/sap> or may be obtained from the OPP Regulatory Public Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the FIFRA SAP

The FIFRA SAP serves as the primary scientific peer review mechanism of EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) and is structured to provide scientific advice, information and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on pesticides and pesticide-related issues as to the impact of regulatory actions on health and the environment. The FIFRA SAP is a Federal advisory committee established in 1975 under FIFRA that operates in accordance with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The FIFRA SAP is composed of a permanent panel consisting of seven members who are appointed by the EPA Administrator from nominees provided by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. FIFRA, as amended by FQPA, established a Science Review Board consisting of at least 60 scientists who are available to the Scientific Advisory Panel on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the Scientific Advisory Panel. As a peer review mechanism, the FIFRA SAP provides comments, evaluations and recommendations to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members of the FIFRA SAP are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to provide expert advice and recommendation to the Agency.

### B. Public Meeting

A risk assessment was conducted by EPA as part of the 2003 Interim Registration Eligibility Document (IRED) for the pesticide active ingredient atrazine. The assessment indicated potential community-and population-level risk to sensitive aquatic ecosystems at prolonged concentrations of atrazine from 10 – 20 parts per billion. As a condition of re-registration, atrazine registrants were required to develop a monitoring program to determine the extent to which atrazine concentrations in streams associated with corn and sorghum production may be exceeding levels that could cause effects to aquatic communities. If the threshold were exceeded, then a watershed-based mitigation program could be required.

The atrazine exposure threshold was developed based on an analysis of the magnitude and duration of atrazine exposure that caused significant effects as reported in experimental microcosm and mesocosm studies. The primary endpoint of concern focused on impacts

to the primary producers in the aquatic plant community and the subsequent impacts to community structure. The monitoring program design was based on a population of 1,172 watersheds whose streams were identified as highly vulnerable to atrazine exposure based on factors such as atrazine use intensity in corn and sorghum production and run-off vulnerability. A sub-set of 40 sites was selected for monitoring using a stratified, random statistical survey design. Streams were monitored for a minimum of two years with samples collected at least once every four days. Data from each stream were evaluated on a yearly basis to determine if atrazine concentrations were detected at sufficient levels over sufficiently long time durations to exceed the exposure threshold of concern. Based on the sampling design, the results from the streams in the 40 watersheds allow statistically-based inferences to the larger population of 1,172 watersheds vulnerable to atrazine runoff.

Key questions to be addressed by the FIFRA SAP at this public meeting are as follows:

1. Based on available experimental microcosm and mesocosm studies and ecosystem response models were the relationships between atrazine exposure profiles and aquatic community responses determined in a reasonable and transparent manner to establish thresholds of concern for atrazine?

2. Based on the monitoring design, is the approach to estimating the extent of watersheds in corn and sorghum producing areas that exceed atrazine thresholds of concern for aquatic community effects appropriate?

3. Based on results of the monitoring study, are the hypotheses and related methods and data sets being employed to identify potential watershed attributes associated with higher atrazine exposures appropriate?

#### *C. FIFRA SAP Documents and Meeting Minutes*

EPA's background paper, related supporting materials, charge/questions to the FIFRA SAP, FIFRA SAP composition (i.e., members and ad hoc members for this meeting), and the meeting agenda will be available by mid-November 2007. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, at <http://www.regulations.gov> and the FIFRA SAP homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency approximately 90 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP website or may be obtained from the OPP Regulatory Public Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 13, 2007.

**Clifford J. Gabriel,**

*Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0098; FRL-8146-5]**

#### **Tribal Pesticide Program Council; Notice of Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Tribal Pesticide Program Council will hold a 2-1/2 day meeting, beginning on October 10, 2007 and ending October 12, 2007. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 10-11, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on October 12, 2007.

To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the BlueWater Resort & Casino, 11300 Resort Drive, Parker, AZ 85344.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Georgia McDuffie, Field and External Affairs Division (7506P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 605-0195; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address: [mcduffie.georgia@epa.gov](mailto:mcduffie.georgia@epa.gov) or Lillian Wilmore, TPPC Coordinator, PO Box 470329 Brookline Village, MA 02447; Telephone: (617) 232-5742; Fax: (617) 277-1656; e-mail address: [NAEcology@aol.com](mailto:NAEcology@aol.com).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. General Information**

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

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are interested in TPPC information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA's decision-making process, you are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate. "Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to: Those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

##### *B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2007-0098 Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are 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>.

##### **II. Tentative Agenda:**

1. TPPC State of the Council Report
2. Tribal Presentations
3. FIFRA Discussion (Problems for Tribes)
4. Section 18s and 24c Issues (FIFRA 2ee Solution/Yakama Pilot)
5. Tribal Invasive Species Working Group Report
6. Reports from the State FIFRA Issues Research Evaluation Group (SFIREG); Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC); Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Actions (FOSTTA); California Indian Basketweavers Association (CIBA); National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC); and Alaska Intertribal Council.
7. Tribal Caucus (TPPC Only)
8. US EPA Region Reports