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## II. Background

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of the American food supply, the protection and education of those who apply or are exposed to pesticides occupationally or through use of products, and the general protection of the environment and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides.

The PPDC was established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, in September 1995 for a 2-year term and has been renewed every 2 years since that time. PPDC provides advice and recommendations to OPP on a broad range of pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues that are associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The following sectors are represented on the PPDC: Pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental/public interest and consumer groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; Federal and State/local/Tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations. Copies of the PPDC charter are filed with appropriate committees of Congress and the Library

of Congress and are available upon request.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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**James Jones,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8029-8]

### Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office; Notification of Public Teleconferences of the Arsenic Review Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Arsenic Review Panel to continue discussions of its draft report, *Advisory on EPA's Assessments of Carcinogenic Effects of Organic and Inorganic Arsenic*.

**DATES:** The dates for the teleconference meetings are February 23, 2006 and February 28, 2006, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., eastern time on each day.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain the teleconference call-in number and access code to participate in the teleconferences may contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by telephone at (202) 343-9982 or e-mail at [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto:miller.tom@epa.gov). General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the teleconference announced in this notice, may be found on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Human exposure to arsenic compounds may occur through various environmental media by their use as pesticides (e.g., dessicants/defoliant, wood preservatives) or from industrial wastes. EPA regulates environmental exposure to arsenic compounds pursuant to requirements of several laws (e.g., the Safe Drinking Water Act; the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; and the Food Quality Protection Act). EPA requested its Science Advisory Board (SAB) to

provide advice on scientific issues underlying the Agency's assessments of the carcinogenic potential of arsenic compounds.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Arsenic Review Panel will hold public teleconferences on the dates and times provided above. The purpose of these teleconference meetings is to allow the SAB Panel to continue the discussion of the Panel's draft report, *Advisory on EPA's Assessments of Carcinogenic Effects of Organic and Inorganic Arsenic*. This draft report was previously discussed at the telephone conference meeting held on January 24, 2006 (see 70 FR 76451-76452). Background on this advisory activity has been provided in **Federal Register** notices published on February 23, 2005 (70 FR 8803-8804) and July 26, 2005 (70 FR 43144-43145).

#### Availability of Meeting Materials

A roster of the Panel members, the teleconference agenda, the charge to the Panel may be found on the SAB Web Site at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/arsenic\\_review\\_panel.htm](http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/arsenic_review_panel.htm). The draft SAB report which is the subject of discussion may be found at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/arsenic\\_12-27-2005\\_dft\\_for\\_jan-24-2006.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/arsenic_12-27-2005_dft_for_jan-24-2006.pdf).

EPA's *Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic* and related background information on inorganic arsenic may be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/sab>. The technical contact for the above information on inorganic arsenic is Dr. Elizabeth Doyle, (202) 566-0056, of the Office of Water. EPA's assessment for organic arsenic, *Science Issue Paper: Cancer Mode of Action of Cacodylic Acid (Dimethylarsinic Acid, DMAV and Recommendations for Dose Response Extrapolation* and other related background information on organic arsenic may be found at: [http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/cacodylic\\_acid](http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/cacodylic_acid). The technical contact for the above information on organic arsenic is Dr. Anna Lowit, (703) 308-4135, of the Office of Pesticide Programs.

#### Procedures for Providing Public Input

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Panel to consider during the advisory process. Written and oral statements should not repeat information previously submitted to the Panel at its previous meetings.

**Written Statements:** Written statements should be submitted at least five days prior to the scheduled

conference calls so that the information may be made available to the Panel for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

**Oral Statements:** The SAB Panel had previously received oral statements from interested members of the public on the SAB draft advisory report during the January 24, 2006 telephone conference meeting. Because of time limitations, oral statements will be scheduled only for the February 28, 2006 meeting. In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker with no more than a total of fifteen minutes for all speakers. Interested individuals or groups should contact the DFO, in writing via e-mail by February 26, 2006, to be placed on the public speaker list for the teleconference.

#### Meeting Accommodations

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact the DFO, contact information provided above. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the DFO, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process the request.

Dated: February 2, 2006.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

*Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0034; FRL-7759-6]

### Lindane and Other Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH) Isomers Risk Assessment; Notice of Availability and Solicitation of Risk Reduction Options

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's risk assessment for the organochlorine pesticide lindane, gamma hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH) and the other HCH isomers, and opens a public comment period on these documents. In addition, this notice

solicits public comment on risk reduction options for lindane and the other HCH isomers. This action follows up on issues discussed in the July 2002 Lindane RED, in public comments EPA received on that decision document and in the draft North American Regional Action Plan (NARAP) on Lindane and other HCH Isomers.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 10, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0034, by one of the following methods:

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

- *E-mail:* [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov).
- *Mail:* Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

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**Instructions:** Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0034. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public 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 [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [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 [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address will be captured automatically and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public 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.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 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 sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the