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Dated: June 12, 1997

**Elaine Stanley,**

*Director.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00488; FRL-5728-6]

### State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG); Open Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will hold a 2-day meeting, June 30, and July 1, 1997. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will meet on Monday, June 30, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 1, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Airport Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Dr., Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: (703) 308-5306; (703) 308-1850 (fax); e-mail: lyon.elaine@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tentative agenda of the SFIREG includes the following:

1. Implementation status of the Food Quality Protection Act - includes:
  - i. Section 18 rule
  - ii. Minor use discussions with USDA
  - iii. Tolerances expiring (Agency approach)

iv. Use of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee workgroups on some of the implementation issues. (Includes an update from each workgroup committee co-lead).

2. Worker protection standard update.
3. Consumer labeling initiative update.
4. Bee labeling update.
5. Tribal programs.
6. Government Performance and Results Act.
7. Outcome of endangered species workshop.
8. Regional reports and introduction of issue papers.
9. Discussion of issues papers.
10. Data harmonization.
11. Other topics as appropriate.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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**Jay S. Ellenberger,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5847-4]

### Announcement of stakeholders Meeting on Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Stakeholders meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting on EPA's development of the List of Compliance Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems. The purpose of this meeting is to have a dialogue with stakeholders and the public at large on the process of determining Compliance Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 (1412(b)(4)(E)(v)) required EPA to publish within 1 year a list of technologies for small systems that meet the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR). The SDWA Amendments of 1996 (1412(b)(4)(E)(ii)) also required EPA to identify technologies that are affordable and which can achieve compliance for categories of systems serving fewer than 10,000 when EPA promulgates new national primary drinking water regulations. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input

from national, State, Tribal, municipal, and individual stakeholders and other interested parties on the list of technologies for the SWTR and on the process of developing national level affordability criteria. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process.

**DATES:** The stakeholders meeting on Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems will be held on July 22-23, 1997. The meeting will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 22, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 23.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RESOLVE, 1255 23rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. For additional information, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791, fax: (703) 285-1101, or by e-mail at <hotline-sdwa@epamail.epa.gov>. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by July 8, 1997. Those registered for the meeting by July 8 will receive background materials prior to the meeting. Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call and should register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by July 8 as well. Members of the public who cannot participate via conference call or in person may submit comments in writing by August 12, 1997 to Tara Cameron, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St, SW (4607), Washington, DC, 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about the meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791, fax: (703) 285-1101, or by e-mail at: <hotline-sdwa@epamail.epa.gov>. For other information on Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems please contact Tara Cameron, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Phone: (202) 260-3702, Fax: (202) 260-3762.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Background

The SDWA, as amended in 1996, states that: Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, the Administrator shall publish a Compliance Technology List for the SWTR for Small Systems. The new Amendments specifically direct EPA to focus on three small system population size categories: systems serving 10,000-3,301; 3,300-501; and 500-25. For each size category, EPA shall list treatment

technologies that can achieve compliance with the existing regulations. For future regulations, EPA must determine affordable treatment technologies that can achieve compliance for each of the size categories. Within 2 years of the SDWA Amendments of 1996, EPA must list technologies that achieve compliance with all existing regulations. The List of Compliance Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems to meet the present SWTR is required to be published by August 1997.

## B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to compile the initial list of compliance technologies for the SWTR. EPA would like to review the initial list of compliance technologies with stakeholders as well as obtain their inputs on additional technologies that should be considered when EPA updates this list in a year.

The meeting will be divided into two parts. The first part involves getting feedback from stakeholders on the EPA proposed list of Compliance Technologies for the SWTR which will be distributed in the background materials to those registered for the meeting. The second part involves getting ideas and insights from stakeholders on approaches to the national level affordability criteria that will be used to determine which pathway (compliance technology or a variance) a system will proceed along and which technologies would be available for the system. The issues on affordability criteria do not apply to the first list of technologies for the SWTR; however, they will apply to future rules and EPA therefore wants to begin to get input on these issues.

The specific issues for discussion at the meeting will be based on the above-mentioned material and will include (but may not be limited to) the following:

1. The compliance technologies for the filtration component of the SWTR will include some technologies that would fall under the "other filtration technologies" as per § 141.73(d). The pilot testing for viability would be waived for those technologies on the compliance technology list. These technologies would be treated like the filtration technologies in § 141.73(a)-(c). Testing to ensure that the system is capable of operating the treatment technology may still be required for

these other filtration technologies and the technologies directly identified in the SWTR. What are the stakeholder's opinions about this approach for the other filtration technologies?

2. Are there Point-Of-Entry units available that could be used to meet the requirements of the Surface Water Treatment Rule? Is it a manageable option?

3. The primary role of the national-level affordability criteria is to direct a system either into a compliance technology pathway or a variance technology pathway. If the national-level affordability criteria are set very high, then the variance technology pathway will be limited or eliminated and systems will need to install compliance technologies. If the national-level affordability are set very low, the compliance technology pathway will be limited or eliminated and more systems will operate under small system variances. What components should be included in the national-level affordability criteria? What is the best measure of national-level affordability?

4. The initial list of compliance technologies will be similar to the list of disinfection and filtration technologies in the SWTR. What level of detail would stakeholders like to see on the compliance technologies when the list is updated in August, 1998? Is the compliance technology list the best mechanism to incorporate applicability ranges?

5. Do stakeholders recommend any specific criteria for distinguishing treatment applications, in relation to the 3 small system categories specified under SDWA? Would design, operational and management capability, chemical reactivity and/or a hazard posed by some technologies (e.g., chlorine dioxide, chlorine gas) be good parameters to consider within the <10,000 population PWS categories?

The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above and other issues related to the List of Compliance Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems and the Affordable Criteria during the July 22-23, 1997 meeting or in writing by August 12, 1997.

Dated: June 19, 1997.

**Cynthia Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-736; FRL-5719-6]

### 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-736, must be received on or before July 25, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following 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. 1132 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: