

are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are *not* available from the SAB Office.

1. Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)

The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the Science Advisory Board will meet on Monday, December 15, 1997 at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Environmental Research Center, Main Auditorium, Route 54 and Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. The meeting will begin at 9 am and end no later than 5 pm. At this meeting, the Committee will receive briefings from Agency Staff concerning: (a) the project work plan for preparation of the air quality criteria document for Carbon Monoxide (CO), which will serve as the scientific basis for the next periodic review of the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); (b) the schedule for the Particulate Matter (PM) NAAQS review; and (c) an overview of the Agency's plans for upcoming reviews of the other NAAQS. These briefings will help set the stage for subsequent meetings of the Committee as it begins its review responsibilities for the various NAAQS.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the CO Project Work Plan by writing to the CO Project Manager, USEPA, Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711 or by sending a request via fax (919-541-1818) or e-mail (ray.diane@epamail.epa.gov). The review schedule for the PM NAAQS is contained in 62 FR 55201 (October 23, 1997).

2. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the Science Advisory Board, will meet on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 in the Science Advisory Board Conference Room, Room 2103 Mall Level (entry near the Safeway Supermarket), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 4:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive briefings from Agency Staff on the Office of Research and Development's (ORD) strategic

planning and budgeting process and to discuss the upcoming RSAC review of the ORD budget and the role of RSAC in ORD's strategic planning process.

For Further Information

Members of the public desiring additional information about either meeting should contact Mr. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC), Science Advisory Board (1400), Room 2812, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 260-5133; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via the INTERNET at FLAAK.ROBERT@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Those individuals requiring a copy of the draft Agenda for either meeting should contact Ms. Dorothy Clark at (202) 260-8414 or by FAX at (202) 260-7118 or via the INTERNET at CLARK.DOROTHY@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260-8414.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to either Committee must contact Mr. Flaak in writing (by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 Noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, December 9, 1997 in order to be included on the respective Agenda. Public comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, the name of the committee (CASAC or RSAC) they wish to address, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the presentation itself. Public comments should focus on scientific or technical aspects of the matters before the respective Committee at its meeting. There will be time allocated for public comment at subsequent meetings when the Committees are actually involved in substantive review activities.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten

minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

A. Robert Flaak,

Acting Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00513; FRL-5758-5]

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, December 8, and December 9, 1997. This notice announces the location and times for the meetings and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The SFIREG will meet on Monday, December 8, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, December 9, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Airport Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, 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: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall #2, Rm. 1113I, Arlington-Crystal City, VA; (703) 305-5306; (703) 308-1850 (fax); e-mail: Lyon.elaine@epamail.epa.gov.

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

1. Update on the Food Quality Protection Act:
 - a. Tolerance reassessment program.
 - b. Minor crops - office interactions with USDA for use data collection.

- c. Section 18 regulations.
- 2. Section 18 homepage.
- 3. Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) Updates:
 - a. Performance partnerships status.
 - b. Urban pesticide initiative activities and states funding request.
 - c. Cooperative agreement issues.
- 4. Antimicrobial Issues:
 - a. Definition of pest in the antimicrobial rule.
 - b. Clarification of state support in the antimicrobial area.
 - c. Office of Enforcement and Compliance assurance plans for efficacy testing.
 - d. State lab involvement.
- 5. Performance Measures:
 - a. Results of September 1997 workshop.
 - b. Future activities.
 - c. OECA's direction regarding measures and GPPA.
- 6. Policy to address changes to worker risk mitigation measures.
- 7. Quality assurance/quality control/national environmental laboratory program.
- 8. Pesticide regulatory education program course offerings.
- 9. Regional reports and introduction of issue papers.
- 10. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

Jay Ellenberger,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-777; FRL-5754-4]

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-777, must be received on or before December 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and

Records Integrity Branch (7502C), Information Resources and Services Division, 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 to: 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. 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: By mail: Joanne Miller (PM 23), Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 237, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-6224, e-mail: miller.joanne@epamail.epa.gov.

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-777] (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

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [PF-777] and appropriate petition number. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Food additives, Feed additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: November 4, 1997.

James Jones,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summaries of Petitions

Petitioner summaries of the pesticide petitions are printed below as required by section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA. The summaries of the petitions were prepared by the petitioners and represent the views of the petitioners. EPA is publishing the petition summaries verbatim without editing them in any way. The petition summary announces the availability of a description of the analytical methods available to EPA for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemical residues or an explanation of why no such method is needed.

BASF Corporation

PP 6F4604, 4F3041 and FAP 4H5428

EPA has received pesticide petitions (PP 6F4604, 4F3041, and FAP 4H5428) from BASF Corporation, 26 Davis Drive, Research Triangle Park, P.O. Box 13528, NC 27709, proposing pursuant to section 408 (d) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR 180.227 by