

establish by 2002 two million miles of conservation buffers to reduce polluted runoff and protect watersheds, direct new funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to support watershed restoration, and develop as many new agreements with states as practicable to use the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program to improve watersheds. The Plan also envisions new and innovative methods to provide incentives for private landowners to implement pollution prevention plans, including risk management protection for adoption of new pollution prevention technologies and market recognition for producers that meet environmental goals.

In addition, DOI will expand its existing Partners for Wildlife Program, which restores degraded fish and wildlife habitats and improves water quality through partnerships with landowners. The program provides technical and financial assistance, and gives priority to threatened and endangered species.

D. Informed Citizens and Officials

Effective management of water resources requires reliable information about water quality conditions and new tools to communicate information to the public. Federal agencies, led by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), will work with states and tribes to improve monitoring and assessment of water quality, focusing on nutrients and related pollutants. Federal agencies will also work with states and tribes to develop and use state-of-the-art systems, such as EPA's Index of Watershed Indicators on the Internet, to communicate meaningful information to the public about water quality conditions in their communities.

III. Clean Water and Watershed Restoration Budget Initiative

To support the new and expanded efforts to restore and protect the nation's waters as proposed in the Clean Water Action Plan, the President's FY 1999 budget proposes a Clean Water and Watershed Restoration Budget Initiative. The funding provided in this budget initiative will dramatically increase federal financial support for clean water programs in FY 1999 and beyond. Specifically, the Clean Water and Watershed Restoration Budget Initiative will: increase direct support to states and tribes to carry out a watershed approach to clean water; increase technical and financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, and foresters to reduce polluted runoff and enhance the natural resources on their lands; fund watershed assistance programs and

grants to engage local communities and citizens in leadership roles in restoring their watersheds; accelerate progress in addressing critical water quality problems on federal lands, including those related to roads, abandoned mines, riparian areas, and rangelands; expand and coordinate water quality monitoring programs; and increase efforts to restore nationally significant watersheds, such as the Florida Everglades and the San Francisco Bay-Delta.

IV. A Continuing Commitment to Clean Water

The publication of the Action Plan is just the beginning of a long-term effort. Many of the proposed actions will provide for later public review and comment and federal agencies are committed to working closely with states, tribes, and others to ensure successful implementation of specific actions.

In addition, regular reports will keep the public apprised of progress and remaining challenges. By the end of the year 2000 and periodically thereafter, status reports on progress in implementing watershed restoration plans and related programs will be provided to the President, the nation's governors, tribal leaders, and the public.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

James R. Lyons,

Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board

Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, notification is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, 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. Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC)

The Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on April 9, 1998, from 9 am to no later than 4 pm in Room 1103 West Tower, US EPA, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan Committee activities for the next twelve months. Topics to be discussed include the mission of the EEAC, economic analysis at the US EPA, and economics research planning.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Single copies of the information provided to the Committee can be obtained from Ms. Diana Pozun, Staff Secretary, Committee Operations Staff, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW., Washington DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-8414, fax (202) 260-7118, or via Email at: pozun.diana@epa.gov. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Mr. Thomas Miller, the Designated Federal Officer for the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, *in writing* no later than 4 pm, April 3, 1998, at the above address, via fax (202) 260-7118, or via Email at: miller.tom@epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Miller no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. To discuss technical aspects of the meeting, please contact Mr. Miller by telephone at (202) 260-5886.

2. The Integrated Risk Project (IRP) Steering Committee (IRP-SC)

The Integrated Risk Project (IRP) Steering Committee, an *ad hoc* committee established by the Executive Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on April 13-14, 1998 at the Quality Hotel, 1200 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA, telephone (703) 524-4000. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am on April 13, and end no later than 5:30 pm on April 14, 1998. The purpose of the meeting is to review and reach closure on two draft reports that are being developed as part of the Integrated Risk Project. The

reports include a short overview document and a longer detailed document which describes the approach for integrated environmental decision-making that has been developed by the Committee.

Background on the Integrated Risk Project (IRP)

In a letter dated October 25, 1995, to Dr. Matanoski, Chair of the SAB Executive Committee, Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen charged the SAB to: (a) Develop an updated ranking of the relative risk of different environmental problems based upon explicit scientific criteria; (b) provide an assessment of techniques and criteria that could be used to discriminate among emerging environmental risks and identify those that merit serious, near-term Agency attention; (c) assess the potential for risk reduction and propose alternative technical risk reduction strategies for the environmental problems identified; and (d) identify the uncertainties and data quality issues associated with the relative rankings. The project is being conducted by several SAB panels, working at the direction of an *ad hoc* Steering Committee established by the SAB Executive Committee.

Single copies of Reducing Risk, the report of the previous relative risk ranking effort of the SAB, can be obtained by contacting the SAB's Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (1400), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-8414, or fax (202) 260-1889. Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting, including an agenda, should contact Ms. Wanda Fields, Staff Secretary, Committee Operations Staff, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, by telephone at (202) 260-8414, fax at (202) 260-7118, or via Email at: fields.wanda@epa.gov.

Anyone wishing to make a brief oral presentation at the IRP meeting must contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer, no later than 4:00 pm on April 3, 1998, at fax: (202) 260-7118 or via the Internet at miller.tom@epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Miller no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. For further information, you may also reach Mr. Miller by phone on (202) 260-5886. See below for additional

information on providing comments to the SAB.

3. Executive Committee

The Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee (EC) will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 1998 and Thursday, April 16, 1998. The meeting will convene each day at 8:30 am, in the Administrator's Conference Room 1103 West Tower of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, and will adjourn no later than 5:30 pm on each day.

At this meeting, among the topics to be addressed by the Executive Committee are the following: (a) Consideration of updates from its committees; (b) Review of any reports that are available for Executive Committee action; (c) Discussion of possible "strategic-oriented" projects that could be undertaken by the Board; (d) Discussion with Agency leaders on the role and impact of science at EPA; and (e) Discussion of other issues that may arise.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public desiring additional information concerning the meeting or who wish to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-4126; fax (202) 260-9232; or via Email at: barnes.don@epa.gov. Copies of the draft meeting agenda and available draft reports listed above can be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson on (202) 260-8414; fax (202) 260-7118; or via Email at: tillery.priscilla@epa.gov. An updated agenda will be mounted on the SAB Website [<http://www.epa.gov/sab>] no later than one week prior to the meeting.

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.

Information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The FY1997 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (CESS) by contacting US EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400), Attention: CESS, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 or via fax (202) 260-1889. Additional information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Home Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

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Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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BioSafe Systems; Approval of a Pesticide Product Registration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of an application to register the pesticide product ZeroTol, containing an active ingredient involving a change use pattern of the product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Anne Ball, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. CS51B6, Westfield Building North Tower, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8717; e-mail: ball.anne@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).