

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00552; FRL-6027-9]

EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC) has been established as a subcommittee under the auspices of the EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The TRAC is in response to Vice President Gore's request for EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to work together to ensure the smooth implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA).

DATES: The final TRAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 16, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. EPA and USDA are considering options for extending this meeting, such as an evening session or an afternoon session on September 15th.

ADDRESSES: The TRAC meeting will be held at the Ramada Conference and Exhibition Center, 8500 Annapolis Rd., New Carrollton, MD [just off Interstate 495 at Exit 20B and 1/4 mile from the New Carrollton METRO station], telephone: (301) 459-6700.

The official record is available in the Docket for inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at the Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, Rm. 101, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, telephone: (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Linda Murray, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Crystal Mall #2, Rm. 1119, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-7090; e-mail: fehrenbach.margie@epamail.epa.gov or murray.linda@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FQPA, Pub. L. 104-170, was passed in 1996, this new law strengthens the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. The TRAC will be asked to provide policy guidance on sound science, ways to increase transparency in decisionmaking, strategies for a reasonable transition for agriculture,

and ways to enhance consultations with stakeholders, as pesticide tolerances are reassessed, including those for organophosphates.

The TRAC is co-chaired by EPA Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen and USDA Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger. The TRAC is composed of experts that include farmers, environmentalists, public health officials, pediatric experts, pesticide companies, food processors and distributors, public interest groups, academicians, and tribal, State, and local governments.

The TRAC meetings are open to the public under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 2-3 minutes by only one person per organization. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after a TRAC meeting. These statements will become part of the official record and will be provided to the TRAC members. The official record will be available for public inspection at the address in "Addresses" at the beginning of this document.

Agendas and other background information specific to these meetings, as well as information from the previous meetings, can be obtained on the EPA TRAC World Wide Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/trac>); or from the Docket (Rm 101, Crystal Mall #2, Arlington, VA; telephone (703) 305-5805; or by calling (703) 305-7090.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemicals, Foods, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34141; FRL-6030-2]

Increasing Transparency for the Tolerance Reassessment Process; Availability of Preliminary Risk Assessments for Seven Organophosphates**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability of documents which were

developed as part of EPA's process for making reregistration eligibility decisions for the organophosphate pesticides and for tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). These documents are the preliminary risk assessments and related documents for cadusafos, dimethoate, ethoprop, fenthion, sulfotepp, temephos, and tribuphos. This Notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the preliminary risk assessments.

Comments are to be limited to issues directly associated with the seven organophosphates that have risk assessments placed in the docket and should be limited to issues raised in those documents. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the preliminary risk assessments, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure the Agency's decisions under FQPA are transparent, and based on the best available information. The tolerance reassessment process will ensure that the U.S. continues to have the safest and most abundant food supply. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments are preliminary assessments only and that further refinements of the risk assessments will be appropriate for some, if not all, of these seven pesticides. These documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

DATES: Written comments on these assessments must be submitted by November 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments in triplicate to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, 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 Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) 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 CBI.

Information so marked 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 will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Copies of the preliminary risk assessments for the seven organophosphate pesticides can be accessed from the internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/op>.

To request a copy of any of the above listed preliminary risk assessments and related documents, contact the OPP Pesticide Docket, Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, in Rm. 119 at the address given above or call (703) 305-5805. The Docket staff will inform callers as to which of the documents can be sent directly from the docket and which need to be requested from the Freedom of Information Act Office due to their bulk.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (703) 308-8004; e-mail: angulo.karen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

EPA is making available preliminary risk assessments which have been developed as part of EPA's process for making reregistration eligibility decisions for the organophosphate pesticides and for tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). The Agency's preliminary health effects risk assessments for the following seven organophosphate pesticides are available in the individual pesticide dockets: cadusafos, dimethoate, ethoprop, fenthion, sulfotepp, temephos, and tribuphos. In addition, the preliminary ecological effects risk assessments for dimethoate, fenthion, and tribuphos have also been docketed.

Included in the individual pesticide dockets are the Agency's preliminary risk assessments and the registrants' comments to this point. As additional comments, reviews, and risk assessment modifications become available, these

will also be docketed for the above seven organophosphate pesticides. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments are preliminary assessments only and that further refinements of the risk assessments will be appropriate for some, if not all, of these seven pesticides. These documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

As the preliminary risk assessments for the remaining organophosphate pesticides are completed and registrants are given a 30-day review period to identify possible computational or other clear errors in the risk assessment, these risk assessments and registrant responses will be placed in the individual pesticide dockets. A Notice of Availability for subsequent assessments will appear in the **Federal Register**.

To provide users with the most recent information on the seven organophosphates, EPA has also included in each docket the Agency's July 7, 1998 "Hazard Assessment of the Organophosphates" and the Agency's August 6, 1998 "FQPA Safety Factor Recommendations for the Organophosphates." In general, these two documents were completed after the seven individual pesticide preliminary risk assessments discussed above. The Agency notes that where the preliminary risk assessments are inconsistent with the Hazard Assessment and FQPA Safety Factor Recommendation these latter assessments will supersede the relevant portions of the preliminary risk assessments and will be incorporated into the revised individual pesticide risk assessments. The Agency also notes that these documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced, and as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

The Agency is providing an opportunity, through this Notice, for interested parties to provide written comments and input to the Agency on the preliminary risk assessments for the chemicals specified in this Notice. Such comments and input could address, for example, the availability of additional data to further refine the risk assessments, such as percent crop treated information or submission of residue data from food processing studies, or could address the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and

assumptions as applied to these specific chemicals. Comments should be limited to issues raised within the preliminary risk assessments and associated documents. EPA will provide other opportunities for public comment on other science issues associated with the organophosphate tolerance reassessment program. Failure to comment on any such issues as part of this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commenter's opportunity to participate fully in later notice and comment processes. All comments should be submitted by November 9, 1998 to the address given above. Comments will become part of the Agency record for each individual pesticide to which they pertain.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been established for this action under the following docket control numbers. When submitting written or electronic comments regarding the seven organophosphates, use the following docket control numbers:

cadusafos	OPP-34142
dimethoate	OPP-34143
ethoprop	OPP-34144
fenthion	OPP-34145
sulfotepp	OPP-34146
temephos	OPP-34147
tribuphos	OPP-34148

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 Virginia 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 appropriate docket control number. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-66258; FRL 6024-8]

Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of requests by registrants to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations.**DATES:** Unless a request is withdrawn by March 8, 1999, orders will be issued cancelling all of these registrations.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: James A. Hollins, Office of Pesticide Programs (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier, delivery, telephone number, and e-mail: Rm. 216, CM#2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5761; e-mail: hollins.james@epamail.epa.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Introduction**

Section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, provides that a pesticide registrant may, at any time, request that any of its pesticide registrations be cancelled. The Act further provides that EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register** before acting on the request.

II. Intent to Cancel

This Notice announces receipt by the Agency of requests to cancel some 47 pesticide products registered under section 3 or 24(c) of FIFRA. These registrations are listed in sequence by registration number (or company number and 24(c) number) in the following Table 1.

TABLE 1. — REGISTRATIONS WITH PENDING REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATION

Registration No.	Product Name	Chemical Name
000070-00191	Kill-Ko Rabon 50% Wettable Powder	2-Chloro-1-(2,4,5-trichlorophenyl)vinyl dimethyl phosphate
000070-00192	Kill-Ko Rabon Livestock Dust	2-Chloro-1-(2,4,5-trichlorophenyl)vinyl dimethyl phosphate
000070-00225	Rigo Dipel Garden Insect Spray	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. kurstaki
000070-00226	Rigo Dipel Bait	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. kurstaki
000070-00227	Rigo 110 Dust Contains Dipel	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. kurstaki
000070-00234	Rigo Garden Dust Special	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. kurstaki
000491-00194	Selig's Sniper Residual Spray	1-Naphthyl-N-methylcarbamate
000769-00658	X-Cel Citrus Spray	<i>o</i> -Isopropoxyphenyl methylcarbamate
000769-00720	SMCP Dursban* 15 Granular Insecticide	<i>O,O,O',O'</i> -Tetraethyl <i>S,S'</i> -methylene bis(phosphorodithioate)
000769-00845	Pratt Rose & Floral Bomb	<i>O,O</i> -Diethyl <i>O</i> -(3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyl) phosphorothioate
		Pyrethrins
		Derris resins other than rotenone
		Rotenone
000769-00846	Pratt House Plant Spray Bomb	Pyrethrins
		Rotenone
		Cube Resins other than rotenone
000769-00860	Pratt Thuricide (R)-HPC	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. kurstaki
000769-00923	Science Thuricide, A Natural, Microbial Insect	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. kurstaki
003125 CA-87-0010	Morestan 25% Wettable Powder Miticide, Fungicide, Insecticide	6-Methyl-2,3-quinoxalinedithiol cyclic <i>S,S</i> -dithiocarbonate
003125 OR-89-0012	Morestan 25% Wettable Powder Miticide, Fungicide, Insecticide	6-Methyl-2,3-quinoxalinedithiol cyclic <i>S,S</i> -dithiocarbonate
003125 OR-90-0010	Morestan 25% Wettable Powder Miticide, Fungicide, Insecticide	6-Methyl-2,3-quinoxalinedithiol cyclic <i>S,S</i> -dithiocarbonate
003125 WA-85-0009	Morestan 25% Wettable Powder Miticide, Fungicide	6-Methyl-2,3-quinoxalinedithiol cyclic <i>S,S</i> -dithiocarbonate
003125 WA-90-0002	Morestan 25% Wettable Powder Miticide, Fungicide, Insecticide	6-Methyl-2,3-quinoxalinedithiol cyclic <i>S,S</i> -dithiocarbonate
005481 WA-83-0007	Vapam Soil Fumigant Solution for All Crops	Sodium <i>N</i> -methyldithiocarbamate
005887-00096	Black Leaf Thuricide	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. kurstaki
008845-00087	Hot Shot Flea & Tick Killer	2-Methyl-4-oxo-3-(2-propenyl)-2-cyclopenten-1-yl <i>d-trans</i> -2,2-dimethyl- <i>N</i> -Octyl bicycloheptene dicarboximide <i>O,O</i> -Diethyl <i>O</i> -(3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyl) phosphorothioate