

respondent. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Facilitators, Mediators, including attorney-mediators; Arbitrators; Retired judges; Other consensus building professionals.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 500.

**Frequency of Response:** Once, with voluntary updates.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 458 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost (non-labor costs) Burden:** \$ 0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1888.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460;

and  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 6, 1999.

**Richard T. Westlund,**

*Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6341-3]

### Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463,

notice is hereby given that the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee (EC) will conduct a public teleconference meeting on Thursday, May 27, 1999, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 3709 of the Waterside Mall, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The public is welcome to attend the meeting physically or through a telephonic link. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson at (202) 260-4126, and via e-mail at: [tillery-priscilla@epa.gov](mailto:tillery-priscilla@epa.gov) by May 21, 1999.

During this meeting the Executive Committee plans to review draft reports from its Committees. Anticipated drafts include: (a) Review of Data from the Testing of Human Subjects (SAB/SAP Joint Subcommittee); (b) Review of the Cancer Risk Assessment Guidelines (EC Subcommittee); (c) Advisory on the Charter for Environmental Regulatory Monitoring (EC Subcommittee); (d) Advisory on Addressing Risks from Indoor Radon (Radiation Advisory Committee); (e) Commentary on Environmental Risks of Natural Hazards (Environmental Engineering Committee); and (f) Commentary on the Need to Address Source Reduction and Control Technology in PM2.5 Research Plans (Environmental Engineering Committee). It is possible that other draft reports may be available for review at this meeting as well. Please check with Ms. Tillery-Gadson prior to the meeting to confirm any changes in the planned review schedule.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or wishing to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-4126; FAX (202) 260-9232; and via e-mail at: [barnes.don@epa.gov](mailto:barnes.don@epa.gov). Copies of the draft reports are available from the same source, or from the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) at least one week prior to the meeting.

### General Information on 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 at will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three 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 (usually one week before the meeting), may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting, or mailed soon after receipt by the Agency.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260-4126 or via fax at (202) 260-1889.

### Meeting Access

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this teleconference meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Dr. Barnes at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: May 5, 1999.

**Donald G. Barnes,**

*Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00595; FRL-6076-3]

### Ecological Committee for FIFRA Risk Assessment Methods Scientific Peer Input Workshop on Probabilistic Methods

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) will hold a public workshop to review The Ecological Committee for FIFRA Risk Assessment Methods' (ECOFRAM) proposed probabilistic tools and methods for

evaluating the impact of pesticides on aquatic and terrestrial non-target organisms.

**DATES:** The Aquatic workshop will be held on Tuesday, 22 June 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 23 June 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Terrestrial workshop will be held on Wednesday, 23 June 1999, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, 24 June 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: the Old Town Holiday Inn Select, 480 King Street (corner of King and Royal Streets), Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Ingrid Sunzenauer (7507C), or Gail Maske (7507C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are as follows: Ingrid Sunzenauer (703) 305-5196, Sunzenauer.Ingrid@epamail.epa.gov; and Gail Maske (703) 305-5245, maske.gail@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Electronic Availability*

**Electronic Availability:** Electronic copies of this document and various support documents are available from the EPA home page at the Federal Register-Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>).

A copy of the prepared ECOFRAM draft reports can be obtained from the information contacts or electronically from OPP's Home Page under Pesticide Science, Ecological Risk Assessment Page, (<http://www.epa.gov/oppefed1/ecorisk/index.htm>) after May 20, 1999.

*II. Purpose and Scope of the Scientific Workshop*

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the scientific aspects of the probabilistic tools and methods for evaluating effects of pesticides to non-target species developed by the Terrestrial and Aquatic ECOFRAM Workgroups. Peer input reviews and comments will be presented by an invited group of scientists followed by a discussion session with ECOFRAM workgroup members. These participants in the workshop will include OPP's Environmental Fate and Effects Division, EPA's Office of Research and Development, members of some state governments and academia, and other stakeholders (some international interested parties). All have prepared reviews of the ECOFRAM's Draft Reports on probabilistic tools and methods for ecological risk assessment.

The workshop will focus on the technical reviews by the invited participants. Outside observers (interested parties who were not part of the technical review) will have an opportunity to comment on scientific and technical issues related to the document after the initial presentations. Additional comments may also be made at the closing discussions, after the reviewers have discussed the issues raised. OPP plans to discuss the results of this peer review workshop and related issues with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel at a later date.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.

Dated: April 19, 1999.

**Elizabeth Leovey,**

*Acting Director, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6341-5]

**Extrapolation of the Benzene Inhalation Unit Risk Estimate to the Oral Route of Exposure and IRIS Summary for Benzene**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 30-day public comment period to review the draft documents entitled, Extrapolation of the Benzene Inhalation Unit Risk Estimate to the Oral Route of Exposure (NCEA-W-0517) and the IRIS [Integrated Risk Information System] Summary for Benzene. The documents were prepared by the EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office (NCEA-W) of the Office of Research and Development. EPA will use comments and recommendations from the public to assist in revising the document.

**DATES:** The comment period begins May 12, 1999 and ends June 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The documents are available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> under the What's New and Publications menus. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, telephone: 202-564-

3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document titles, Extrapolation of the Benzene Inhalation Unit Risk Estimate to the Oral Route of Exposure (NCEA-W-0517) and IRIS Summary for Benzene.

Comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20074; telephone number 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. Comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by June 11, 1999. Please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may be sent to [benzene.new@epa.gov](mailto:benzene.new@epa.gov).

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be placed in a public record. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact Bob Sonawane (202-564-3292) or David Bayliss, (202-564-3294); mailing address: NCEA-W (8623D), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460; facsimile: 202-565-0078; e-mail: [benzene.new@epa.gov](mailto:benzene.new@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Division, Office of Research and Development, prepared this document on the Extrapolation of the Benzene Inhalation Unit Risk Estimate to the Oral Route of Exposure. This document will serve as a source for updating the oral cancer unit risk estimate for benzene in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS).

Dated: April 29, 1999.

**Arthur Payne,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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