

representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6353-5]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Children's Total Exposure to Persistent Pesticides and Other Persistent Organic Pollutants (CTEPP)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Children's Total Exposure to Persistent Pesticides and Other Persistent Organic Pollutants, EPA ICR Number 1892.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at [farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov), or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1892.01.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Children's Total Exposure to Persistent Pesticides and Other Persistent Organic Pollutants, EPA ICR Number 1892.01. This is a new collection.

**Abstract:** The National Exposure Research Laboratory of the Office of Research and Development (ORD) at EPA plans to conduct a research study

investigating preschool children's exposure to persistent pesticides and other persistent organic pollutants. This study is necessary to respond to the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996 which requires that EPA evaluate non-occupational sources (e.g., food, water, air, dust, soil, etc.) of exposures to pesticides when constructing risk assessments, consider the cumulative health impact of pesticides, and provide particular attention to young children such that "there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from aggregate exposure to pesticide chemical residue."

Study respondents will be children between the ages of 2-5 and their adult caregivers in approximately 260 households. Participation will be entirely voluntary. The participants' exposures will be estimated by collection and analysis of samples of food, beverages, air, house dust, soil, hand wipes, and urine in conjunction with information from questionnaires including activity diaries. Young children, especially those of the preschool ages, are believed to have greater exposures than do older children or adults to persistent organic pesticides, including some compounds that may have endocrine-disrupting effects or developmental toxicity. These greater exposures may result from what children eat and drink, where they spend their time, and what they do there. The impact of the exposures may be greater on young children because of their smaller body masses, immature body systems, and rapid physical development.

The data will be used by scientists within ORD and external to the Agency to refine and validate exposure models which, in turn, will be used to reduce the uncertainty in the health risk estimates of young children to these toxic pollutants. The information will also be used by the EPA Office of Children's Health Protection and the EPA Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances in their consideration of children's risk assessment and risk management options. The information will appear in the form of final EPA reports, journal articles, and will also be made publicly available in an electronic data base.

The total cost of the study is estimated to be \$4.5M over a three year period. Approximately 308 respondents will be included. An incentive payment will be offered to defray the burden to the respondent.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a

collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 2/1/1999 (64 FR 4868); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6.2 hours per 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:

Parents/households, day care or pre-school operators.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 308.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 670 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (non-labor costs only):** \$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. 1892.01 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 27, 1999.

**Joseph Retzer,**

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34187; FRL-6083-5]

### Bensulide and Profenofos, Revised Organophosphate Pesticide Risk Assessments; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA will hold a public meeting to present the revised risk assessments for two organophosphate pesticides, bensulide and profenofos, to interested stakeholders. This public meeting, called a "Technical Briefing," will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the data, information, and methodologies that the Agency used in revising its risk assessments for bensulide and profenofos. In addition, representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide ideas on possible risk management for bensulide and profenofos.

**DATES:** The technical briefings will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 1999. The bensulide technical briefing is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, and the profenofos technical briefing is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The technical briefings will be held at the Holiday Inn-Old Town, 625 First St., Alexander, VA 703-548-6300.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does This Action Apply To Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. The Agency believes that a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in technical briefings on organophosphates, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates, the chemical

industry, pesticide users, and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

###### B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and certain other available documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access information about the revised risk assessments for bensulide and profenofos organophosphate pesticides, go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>. In addition, brief summaries of the bensulide and profenofos revised risk assessments are now available at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/status.htm/>, as well as in paper as part of the public version of the official record as described in Unit I.B.2. of this document.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for these actions under docket control numbers: Bensulide, OPP-34132A and profenofos, OPP-34138A. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during the applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during the applicable comment period, is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

##### II. What Action Is EPA Taken?

This document announces the Agency's intention to hold technical briefings for the organophosphate pesticides, bensulide and profenofos. The Agency is presenting the revised risk assessments for bensulide and profenofos to interested stakeholders. The technical briefings are designed to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to become even more informed about an organophosphate's risk assessment. EPA will describe in detail the revised risk assessments, including: The major points (e.g., contributors to risk estimates); how public comment on the preliminary risk assessments affected the revised risk assessments; and the pesticide use information/data that was used in developing the revised risk assessments. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. In addition, representatives of the USDA will provide ideas on possible risk management for bensulide and profenofos.

Technical briefings are part of the pilot public participation process that EPA and USDA are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998 as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate risk assessment and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998 in response to Vice President Gore's directive to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation.

On the day of the technical briefings, in addition to making copies available at the meeting site, the Agency will also release for public viewing the bensulide and profenofos revised risk assessments and related documents to the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch and the OPP Internet web site that are described in Unit I.B.1. of this document. In addition, the Agency will issue a **Federal Register** notice to provide an opportunity for a 60-day