

included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at your estimate.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternatives.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number in the subject line on the first page of your response. It would also be helpful if you provided the name, date and **Federal Register** citation related to your comments.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

In the **Federal Register** of March 9, 2005 (70 FR 11646) (FRL-7702-2), EPA requested public comment on a petition (available in docket number OPP-2005-0050) received from New York, California, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, requesting that the Agency modify or revoke all tolerances (maximum legal residue limits) for the pesticides alachlor, chlorothalonil, methomyl, metribuzin, and thiodicarb. The petitioners claim that EPA, in assessing whether these tolerances met the requirements of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), failed to properly apply the additional ten-fold safety factor for the protection of infants and children as provided by the FQPA. The petitioners argue that the full ten-fold factor should have been retained due to data gaps concerning cumulative effects from pesticides with a common mechanism of toxicity, developmental neurotoxicity, and endocrine effects. Failure to retain the full ten-fold safety factor for these five pesticides, according to the petitioners, has jeopardized children's health and therefore, the tolerances for these pesticides must be modified or revoked.

The Agency received a request from Crop Life America and American Farm

Bureau to extend the comment period. EPA is hereby reopening the comment period, which ended on May 9, 2005. The new comment period will end on June 15, 2005.

The petition can be found in full in EPA's electronic public docket. The internet address for EPA's electronic docket is <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. To access the petition, select "View EPA Headquarters Material Available for Comment" from the menu on the left side of the screen. The docket will then display all matters currently open for comment. Scroll down to docket number OPP-2005-0050 and select it. On the following screen you have the ability to submit comments as well as view the petition. EPA's assessment of whether the tolerances for alachlor, chlorothalonil, methomyl, metribuzin, and thiodicarb comply with the new safety standard in the FQPA is contained in the Reregistration Eligibility Documents for these pesticides which are available on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/status.htm>.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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Debra Edwards,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7912-5]

Public Water Supply Supervision Program; Program Revision for the State of Oregon

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon has revised its approved State Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) Primacy Program. Oregon has adopted drinking water regulations for Public Notification, Radionuclides, Filter Backwash Recycling, Arsenic, Variances and Exemptions, and Enhanced Surface Water Treatment for systems serving less than 10,000 people. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends on approving these State program revisions. This approval action

does not extend to public water systems (PWSs) in Indian Country, as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151. By approving these rules, EPA does not intend to affect the rights of Federally recognized Indian tribes in Idaho, nor does it intend to limit existing rights of the State of Oregon.

All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by June 15, 2005 to the Regional Administrator at the address shown below. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by June 15, 2005, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on June 15, 2005. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement of the information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; (3) the signature of the individual making the request, or if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

ADDRESSES: All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices: Oregon Department of Human Services, Drinking Water Program, 800 N.E. Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon 97232, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 Library, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Marshall, EPA Region 10, Drinking Water Unit, at the Seattle address given above; telephone (206) 553-1890.

Authority: Section 1420 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and 40 CFR Part 142 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Dated: May 5, 2005.

Julie Hagensen,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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