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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who wish to obtain further information about this meeting may contact Ms. Vivian Turner, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by mail at EPA SAB Staff Office (1400F), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 343-9697; by fax at (202) 233-0643; or by e-mail at turner.vivian@epa.gov. The SAB mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

EPA's National Homeland Security Research Center (NHSRC) is developing an interactive online risk assessment and management software tool to provide health advisors and other emergency response officials with rapid access to critical information during an environmental emergency or training exercise. The Emergency Consequence Assessment Tool (ECAT) is designed to assess and provide site-specific numeric estimates of health risks for selected chemical, biological and radiological threat agents; and identify what response actions might be appropriate to mitigate health risks. Additionally, NHSRC is conducting research to assist program offices and decision-makers in: (1) Assessing the hazard and risk of exposure to highly toxic chemical and biological agents after deliberate contamination, and (2) deriving decontamination goals for cleanup and re-entry to contaminated buildings. One of the most important issues in regards to biological threat agents is the development of a risk assessment methodology to accomplish these goals. Currently, there is no consensus-based methodology for evaluating biological contaminants and establishing cleanup levels. To address this gap, the research being conducted is evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of existing biological risk assessment methods and tools to develop a preliminary incident-based Microbial Risk Assessment (MRA) Framework. The preliminary MRA framework represents an initial template and decision tool that addresses information gathering and decision support activity to conduct risk assessment over projected time intervals

following the incident. The MRA framework is organized to support initial site assessment followed by more in-depth hazard and exposure assessment methodologies as additional site and hazard information is accumulated from the ongoing investigations and sampling analyses. Two primary goals of the framework are to address the uncertainties of the many unknown variables associated with biothreat agents and deriving preliminary acceptable decontamination goals other than "zero". In the context of deriving safe cleanup levels for biothreat agents, the applicability and quality of existing data on biological organisms and the research conducted to fill critical gaps in this data are key to continued progress in this area. The NHSRC has requested the SAB to provide technical advice regarding the development of ECAT and MRA. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator. The SAB HSAC will be augmented with other SAB members to conduct these consultations through the Chartered SAB. The HSAC will provide advice to the Agency on the preliminary versions of the ECAT and the MRA and early recommendations for the future development and application of both.

Availability of Meeting Materials

A roster of committee members, their biographical sketches, and the meeting agenda will be placed on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of this meeting. Dr. Kevin Garrahan (garrahan.kevin@epa.gov) is the technical contact for ECAT and Dr. Tonya Nichols (nichols.tonya@epa.gov) is the technical contact for MRA. Access to ECAT and MRA materials will be available on the NHSRC Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/nhsrc>.

Procedures for Providing Public Input

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB to consider during the advisory process.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker, with no more than one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Ms. Turner, DFO, at the contact information provided above, by May 23, 2007, to be placed on the public speaker list for the May 30-31, 2007 meeting.

Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by May 23, 2007, so that the information may be made

available to the SAB for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature at the mailing address provided above, and one electronic copy via e-mail to turner.vivian@epa.gov (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Meeting Accommodations

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Ms. Vivian Turner at (202) 343-9697, or via e-mail at turner.vivian@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Ms. Turner, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: April 19, 2007.

Anthony F. Maciorowski,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0943; FRL-8122-1]

Mecoprop-p Risk Assessments; Notice of Availability and Request for Risk Reduction Options

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's risk assessments, and related documents for the pesticide mecoprop-p, and opens a public comment period on these documents. The public is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for mecoprop-p through a modified, 4-Phase public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration decisions. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0943, by one of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

• *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0943. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The Federal [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow

the instructions on the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) web site to view the docket index or access available documents. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosanna Louie, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-0037; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: louie.rosanna@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a

copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.
- vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. Background

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is releasing for public comment its human health and environmental fate and effects risk assessments and related documents for mecoprop-p, a phenoxy pesticide, and soliciting public comment on risk management ideas or proposals. Mecoprop-p is a herbicide frequently co-formulated with other phenoxy herbicides for annual and perennial broadleaf weeds and brush control in industrial and residential areas. These sites include: drainage ditch banks, golf courses, greenhouse ornamentals, ornamental turf/lawns (institution, industrial, and residential), rights-of-way, roadsides, and sod farms. EPA developed the risk assessments and risk characterization for mecoprop-p through a modified version of its public process for making pesticide reregistration eligibility decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that pesticides meet current standards under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by

the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA).

EPA is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide comments and input on the Agency's risk assessments for mecoprop-p. Such comments and input could address, for example, the availability of additional data to further refine the risk assessments, such as typical use rate data, or could address the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions as applied to this specific pesticide.

Through this notice, EPA also is providing an opportunity for interested parties to provide risk management proposals or otherwise comment on risk management for mecoprop-p. Risks of concern associated with the use of mecoprop-p are potential effects to some terrestrial and aquatic organisms. In targeting these risks of concern, the Agency solicits information on effective and practical risk reduction measures.

EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical, unusually high exposure to mecoprop-p, compared to the general population.

EPA is applying the principles of public participation to all pesticides undergoing reregistration. The Agency's Pesticide Tolerance Reassessment and Reregistration; Public Participation Process, published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2004 (69 FR 26819)(FRL-7357-9), explains that in conducting these programs, the Agency is tailoring its public participation process to be commensurate with the level of risk, extent of use, complexity of the issues, and degree of public concern associated with each pesticide. For mecoprop-p, a modified, 4-Phase process with one comment period and ample opportunity for public consultation seems appropriate in view of its few complex issues. However, if as a result of comments received during this comment period EPA finds that additional issues warranting further discussion are raised, the Agency may lengthen the process and include a second comment period, as needed.

All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before

the closing date. Comments will become part of the Agency Docket for mecoprop-p. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

B. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 4(g)(2) of FIFRA as amended directs that, after submission of all data concerning a pesticide active ingredient, "the Administrator shall determine whether pesticides containing such active ingredient are eligible for reregistration," before calling in product-specific data on individual end-use products and either reregistering products or taking other "appropriate regulatory action."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: April 12, 2007.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0244; FRL-8125-6]

Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Delete Uses in 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 request for amendments by registrants to delete uses in certain pesticide registrations. Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be amended to delete one or more uses. FIFRA further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any request in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: The deletions are effective by October 22, 2007 or May 25, 2007 for registrations for which the registrant requested a waiver of the 180-day comment period. The Agency will consider withdrawal requests postmarked no later than October 22, 2007 or May 25, 2007, whichever is applicable. Comments must be received

on or before October 22, 2007 or May 25, 2007, for those registrations where the 180-day comment period has been waived.

Users of these products who desire continued use on crops or sites being deleted should contact the applicable registrant on or before October 22, 2007 or May 25, 2007 for registrations for which the registrant requested a waiver of the 180-day comment period.

ADDRESSES: Submit your withdrawal request, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0244, by one of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Attention: John Jamula, Information Technology and Resources Management Division (7502P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Jamula, Information Technology and Resources Management Division (7502P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6426; e-mail address: jamula.john@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0244. Publicly available docket materials are available either in