

of Scientific and Technical Information—OAQPS Staff Paper (Final Lead Staff Paper, November 2007), in accordance with a court-ordered schedule; and the related technical support document, *Lead: Human Exposure and Health Risk Assessments for Selected Case Studies* (Final Lead Risk Assessment Report, November 2007).

The Agency is implementing its new and improved process for conducting NAAQS reviews (<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/>) during the course of the Lead NAAQS review. As part of this revised NAAQS review process, the Agency intends to issue an ANPR on the NAAQS for Lead around the end of November 2007 for publication in the **Federal Register**. The ANPR, which draws heavily from EPA's Final Lead Staff Paper and the Final Lead Risk Assessment Report, presents the range of policy options that the Agency is considering with respect to the NAAQS for Lead. The purpose of this public advisory meeting is for the CASAC to provide independent advice and recommendations on these policy options under consideration by EPA.

**Technical Contacts:** Any questions concerning the ANPR or the Agency's Final Lead Staff Paper or Final Lead Risk Assessment Report can be directed to Dr. Deirdre Murphy, OAQPS, at telephone: 919-541-0729, or e-mail: [murphy.deirdre@epa.gov](mailto:murphy.deirdre@epa.gov).

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** The Final Lead Staff Paper and the Final Lead Risk Assessment Report are posted on the Agency's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Web site at URL: [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pb/s\\_pb\\_index.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pb/s_pb_index.html), in the "Documents from Current Review" section under "Staff Papers" and "Technical Documents," respectively. Around the end of November 2007, the Agency will sign the ANPR for publication in the **Federal Register**, and will also post this on the same Web site at the URL above, in the "Documents from Current Review" section under "Federal Register Notices." A copy of the draft agenda and other materials for this CASAC meeting will be posted on the SAB Web site prior to the meeting.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the CASAC Lead Review Panel 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 a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Mr. Butterfield, DFO, in

writing (preferably via e-mail), by Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at the contact information noted above, to be placed on the list of public speakers for these meetings. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by Friday, December 7, 2007, so that the information may be made available to the CASAC Panel for their consideration prior to these meetings. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature (optional), and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Butterfield at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the first meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: November 14, 2007.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1088; FRL-8339-7]

### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** There will be a 4-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review the Scientific Issues Associated with the Agency's Proposed Action under FIFRA 6(b) Notice of Intent to Cancel Carbofuran.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 5-8, 2008, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

**Comments.** The Agency encourages that written comments be submitted by January 22, 2008 and requests for oral comments be submitted by January 29, 2008. Written comments and requests to make oral comments are accepted until the date of the meeting, but anyone submitting written comments after January 22, 2008 should contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed

under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. For additional instructions, see Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**Nominations.** Nominations of candidates to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for this meeting should be provided on or before December 3, 2007.

**Special accommodations.** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, and to request accommodation of a disability, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Environmental Protection Agency Conference Center, Lobby Level, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22202.

**Comments.** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1088, 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 Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

**Instructions.** Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1088. If your comments contain any information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to obtain special instructions before submitting your comments. 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 or e-mail. The 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, 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 a docket index available in 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 website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although listed in a docket 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 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 Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

**Nominations, requests to present oral comments, and requests for special accommodations.** Submit nominations to serve as an ad hoc member of the FIFRA SAP, requests for special seating accommodations, or requests to present oral comments to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharlene R. Matten, DFO, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7201M), Environmental Protection

Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-0130; fax number: (202) 564-8382; e-mail addresses: [matten.sharlene@epa.gov](mailto:matten.sharlene@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. General Information**

###### *A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), FIFRA, and the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). Since other entities may also 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 DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

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

When submitting comments, remember to:

1. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).

2. 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.

3. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

4. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

5. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

6. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

7. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

8. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

###### *C. How May I Participate in this Meeting?*

You may participate in this meeting by following the instructions in this unit. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1088 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

1. **Written comments.** The Agency encourages that written comments be submitted, using the instructions in **ADDRESSES**, no later than January 22, 2008, to provide FIFRA SAP the time necessary to consider and review the written comments. Written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting, anyone submitting written comments after January 22, 2008 should contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** Anyone submitting written comments of the meeting should bring 30 copies for distribution to the FIFRA SAP.

2. **Oral comments.** The Agency encourages that each individual or group wishing to make brief oral comments to FIFRA SAP submit their request to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than January 29, 2008, in order to be included on the meeting agenda. Requests to present oral comments will be accepted until the date of the meeting and, to the extent that time permits, the Chair of the FIFRA SAP may permit the presentation of oral comments at the meeting by interested persons who have not previously requested time. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard). Oral comments before FIFRA SAP are limited to approximately 5 minutes unless prior arrangements have been made. In addition, each speaker should bring 30 copies of his or her comments and presentation slides for distribution to the FIFRA SAP at the meeting.

3. **Seating at the meeting.** Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis.

4. **Request for nominations to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for this meeting.** As part of a broader process for developing a pool of candidates for each meeting, the FIFRA SAP staff routinely solicits the stakeholder community for nominations of prospective candidates for service as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to be considered as prospective candidates for a specific meeting. Individuals nominated for this meeting should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Wildlife epidemiology with avian incident familiarity, avian agro-ecology, wildlife toxicology, environmental chemistry and drinking water exposure to chemicals, deterministic and probabilistic ecological risk assessment of chemicals (including terrestrial risk assessment),

human toxicology with experience in pesticides causing acetylcholinesterase inhibition, human toxicology with experience with N-methyl carbamates (these pesticides pose specific challenges in the laboratory), dermal toxicology with particular experience with using animal toxicology data to extrapolate human risk, statistics and/or BMD modeling, and human health risk assessment and approaches to hazard assessment of chemicals. Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments on the scientific issues for this meeting. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, and telephone number. Nominations should be provided to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before December 3, 2007. The Agency will consider all nominations of prospective candidates for this meeting that are received on or before this date. However, final selection of ad hoc members for this meeting is a discretionary function of the Agency.

The selection of scientists to serve on the FIFRA SAP is based on the function of the panel and the expertise needed to address the Agency's charge to the panel. No interested scientists shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal department or agency or their employment by a Federal department or agency except the EPA. Other factors considered during the selection process include availability of the potential panel member to fully participate in the panel's reviews, absence of any conflicts of interest or appearance of lack of impartiality, independence with respect to the matters under review, and lack of bias. Although financial conflicts of interest, the appearance of lack of impartiality, lack of independence, and bias may result in disqualification, the absence of such concerns does not assure that a candidate will be selected to serve on the FIFRA SAP. Numerous qualified candidates are identified for each panel. Therefore, selection decisions involve carefully weighing a number of factors including the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications and achieving an overall balance of different scientific perspectives on the panel.

In order to have the collective breadth of experience needed to address the Agency's charge for this meeting, the Agency anticipates selecting approximately 12 to 15 ad hoc scientists. FIFRA SAP members are subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part

2634, Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by the EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. In anticipation of this requirement, prospective candidates for service on the FIFRA SAP will be asked to submit confidential financial information which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the candidate's employment, stocks and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. The EPA will evaluate the candidates financial disclosure form to assess whether there are financial conflicts of interest, appearance of a lack of impartiality or any prior involvement with the development of the documents under consideration (including previous scientific peer review) before the candidate is considered further for service on the FIFRA SAP. Those who are selected from the pool of prospective candidates will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings. In addition, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes. The list of FIFRA SAP members participating at this meeting will be posted on the FIFRA SAP website at <http://epa.gov/scipoly/sap> or may be obtained from the OPP Regulatory Public Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the FIFRA SAP

The FIFRA SAP serves as the primary scientific peer review mechanism of EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) and is structured to provide scientific advice, information and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on pesticides and pesticide-related issues as to the impact of regulatory actions on health and the environment. The FIFRA SAP is a Federal advisory committee established in 1975 under FIFRA that operates in accordance with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The FIFRA SAP is composed of a permanent panel consisting of seven members who are appointed by the EPA Administrator from nominees provided by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. FIFRA, as amended by FQPA, established a Science Review Board consisting of at least 60 scientists who are available to the Scientific Advisory Panel on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the Scientific Advisory Panel. As a peer review mechanism, the FIFRA SAP provides comments, evaluations and

recommendations to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members of the FIFRA SAP are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to provide expert advice and recommendation to the Agency.

### B. Public Meeting

In August, 2006, EPA published its Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED) document announcing EPA's intention to cancel all uses of carbofuran due to ecological and occupational risks of concern, as well as dietary risks from residues on food crops and in contaminated drinking water. The IRED summarized the Agency's revised human health and ecological risk assessments of carbofuran based on available data, public comments, and other information received in response to the preliminary risk assessments. In developing its decision, the Agency used risk assessment methodologies that have been previously vetted by the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP). Since the issuance of the IRED, the registrant has submitted for Agency review a number of studies addressing ecological and human dietary risk as well as other informational documents. EPA has reviewed all submitted data and documents, as well as additional data developed at the EPA Office of Research and Development. New data include comparative cholinesterase data in juvenile and adult rats, dermal toxicity in adult rats, brain acetylcholinesterase inhibition and recovery in birds, the effect of food-matrix on carbofuran toxicity in birds, and the effects of carbofuran on feeding behavior in birds. While these submissions have resulted in certain refinements to EPA's assessment, EPA continues to believe that all uses of carbofuran should be canceled for the reasons identified above. Therefore, pursuant to section 25(d) of FIFRA, EPA will be submitting for SAP review the action proposed in a draft FIFRA 6(b) Notice of Intent to Cancel carbofuran registrations. Accordingly, EPA is requesting the SAP panel members to review the underlying scientific assessments, and to render an opinion on the questions posed by the Agency, relating to the impact on health and the environment of the actions proposed.

### C. FIFRA SAP Documents and Meeting Minutes

EPA's background paper, related supporting materials, charge/questions to the FIFRA SAP, FIFRA SAP composition (i.e., members and ad hoc

members for this meeting), and the meeting agenda will be available by mid-January 2008. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, at <http://www.regulations.gov> and the FIFRA SAP homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency approximately 90 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP website or may be obtained from the OPP Regulatory Public Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: November 13, 2007.

**Elizabeth Resek,**

*Acting Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Science Advisory Board Ecological Processes and Effects Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee to discuss advisory activities for the coming year.

**DATES:** The SAB will hold a public teleconference on December 17, 2007. The teleconference will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public teleconference may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Dr. Armitage may be contacted at the EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue,

NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9995; fax (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov). General information about the EPA SAB, as well as any updates concerning the teleconference announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) will hold a public teleconference to discuss advisory activities for the coming year. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

**Background:** The SAB EPEC has been asked to provide advice on two EPA activities in the coming year. To acquaint the EPEC with these activities, EPA will provide introductory briefings on: (1) The EPA Office of Research and Development Ecological Research Strategy and Multiyear Plan; (2) A methodology for deriving water quality criteria for protection of aquatic life based on mode of action. Preliminary background information on these activities follow. EPEC will also discuss possible additional self-initiated work.

Ecological Research Strategy and Multiyear Plan—EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has requested that the SAB review the Agency's proposed Ecological Research Program Strategy and Multi-year Plan. The proposed research strategy is focused on developing an understanding of the ways in which management choices affect the type, quality, and magnitude of the goods and services received from ecosystems. ORD has requested that the SAB review the proposed approach and components of the research strategy and multiyear plan. ORD has also asked the SAB to comment on emerging research issues relative to ecosystem services.

Methodology for deriving water quality criteria for protection of aquatic life based on mode of action—EPA's Office of Water has developed a white paper that provides a scientific assessment of issues facing the Agency in deriving water quality criteria for chemicals such as pharmaceuticals and

personal care products, particularly those exhibiting endocrine disrupting activity. The Office of Water has requested advice from the SAB on the overall approach and proposed scientific methodology for deriving water quality criteria for these compounds.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** The draft agenda and other materials will be posted on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> prior to the teleconference.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Panel to consider during the public teleconference. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Armitage, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information noted above, no later than December 10, 2007 to be placed on a list of public speakers for the teleconference. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by December 10, 2007 so that the information may be made available to the SAB Panel members for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Armitage at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: November 13, 2007.

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