

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.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, 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 or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide(s) discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

## II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of fluxapyroxad on rice to control sheath blight caused by the fungus *Rhizoctonia solani*. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the applicant asserts that fluxapyroxad is needed to control sheath blight in rice caused by the fungus *Rhizoctonia solani*. *Rhizoctonia solani* has developed resistance to the fungicides typically used to control the resulting sheath blight, thus leading to a lack of alternative and effective control practices. Without the requested

chemical control, fluxapyroxad, Louisiana has stated that economic losses to rice growers could range from 21% to 27%, with as much as 50% on very susceptible varieties. An additional 10% to 15% reduction in grain quality could also be experienced.

The Applicant proposes to make no more than two applications per year at a rate of 4.5 oz. formulated product (0.087 lb fluxapyroxad)/acre/application to a maximum of 40,000 acres of rice during the 2012 growing season in the state of Louisiana. At total of 2,812.5 gallons (6,960 lbs fluxapyroxad) may be used.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a new chemical (i.e., an active ingredient) which has not been registered by EPA. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: March 16, 2012.

**Lois Rossi,**

*Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9653-2]

### National and Governmental Advisory Committees to the U.S. Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The National and Governmental Advisory Committees advise the EPA Administrator in her capacity as the

U.S. Representative to the CEC Council. The Committees are authorized under Articles 17 and 18 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, Public Law 103-182, and as directed by Executive Order 12915, entitled "Federal Implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation." The NAC is composed of 13 members representing academia, environmental non-governmental organizations, and private industry. The GAC consists of 12 members representing state, local, and Tribal governments. The Committees are responsible for providing advice to the U.S. Representative on a wide range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, and economic issues related to implementation and further elaboration of the NAAEC.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice on the Guidelines for Submissions on Enforcement Matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the NAAEC and to discuss other trans-boundary environmental and trade issues. The meeting will also include a public comment session. A copy of the agenda will be posted at <http://www.epa.gov/ofacmo/nacgac-page.htm>.

**DATES:** The National and Governmental Advisory Committees will hold an open meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. EPA, Conference Room 1117A, located in the EPA East Building, 1201 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20004. Telephone: 202-564-2294. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis. If you plan to attend, please register with Ms. Stephanie McCoy, by no later than April 20th by calling 202-564-2294 or via email at [mccoy.stephanie@epa.gov](mailto:mccoy.stephanie@epa.gov). Please provide your name, organization, address and telephone number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, [carrillo.oscar@epa.gov](mailto:carrillo.oscar@epa.gov), 202-564-0347, U.S. EPA, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Management and Outreach (1601-M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests to make oral comments, or provide written comments to the Committees, should be sent to Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, at the contact information above.

*Meeting Access:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Oscar

Carrillo at 202-564-0347 or [carrillo.oscar@epa.gov](mailto:carrillo.oscar@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Oscar Carrillo, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: March 20, 2012.

**Oscar Carrillo,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9653-1]

### Notification of Two Public Teleconferences of the Science Advisory Board; Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Panel to discuss the Panel's draft review report of EPA's Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (*August 2011 Draft*).

**DATES:** The SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel will conduct public teleconferences on May 1, 2012 and May 8, 2012. The teleconferences on these dates will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The public teleconferences will be conducted by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the public teleconferences may contact Dr. Diana Wong, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2049 or via email at [wong.diana-M@epa.gov](mailto:wong.diana-M@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found at the EPA SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDAA) codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal

Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Panel will hold two public teleconferences to discuss its draft review report of EPA's draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (*August 2011*). The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the Office of Research and Development (ORD) has requested SAB to review EPA's Draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos in Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). The draft assessment evaluates cancer and noncancer health hazards and exposure-response of Libby amphibole asbestos. The SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel previously held a face-to-face meeting on February 6-8, 2012 to discuss its review comments on EPA's draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (*August 2011*). Background information about this SAB review can be found on the SAB Web site at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedgrstr\\_activites/Libby%20Cancer%20Assessment?OpenDocument](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedgrstr_activites/Libby%20Cancer%20Assessment?OpenDocument).

The purpose of the upcoming teleconferences is for the SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel to discuss its draft review report.

**Availability of the review materials:** Agendas and materials in support of the teleconferences will be placed on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of the teleconferences. For technical questions and information concerning EPA's Draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (*August 2011*), please contact Dr. Danielle DeVoney, of EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), by phone (703) 347-8558, or via email at [devoney.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:devoney.daniel@epa.gov); or Dr. Bob Benson, of EPA Region 8, by phone (303) 312-7070, or via email at [benson.bob@epa.gov](mailto:benson.bob@epa.gov).

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees and panels, including

scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it consists of comments that provide specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB panel to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information.

**Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Interested parties should contact Dr. Diana Wong, DFO, in writing (preferably via email), at the contact information noted above, by April 24, 2012 to be placed on the list of public speakers for the May 1, 2012 public teleconference. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by April 24, 2012 so that the information may be made available to the SAB Panel for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in electronic format via email (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB Web site. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Diana Wong at the phone number or email 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: March 21, 2012.

**Thomas H. Brennan,**

*Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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