

community (public water systems), public health organizations, academia, environmental and public interest groups, engineering firms, and other stakeholders. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process.

DATES: The stakeholders meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, and Wednesday, November 17, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

REGISTRATION: To register for the meeting, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST. Those registered for the meeting by Wednesday, November 2, 1999 will receive an agenda, logistics sheet, and background materials prior to the meeting. Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call and should register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline. Conference lines will be allocated on the basis of first-reserved, first served. The meeting will be held in the offices of RESOLVE, Suite 275, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For information on other activities related to the contaminant selection process for the CCL, and the 6-Year Review process, and other EPA activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act in general, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, EPA must review and revise, as appropriate, at intervals not less than every six years, all existing National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs). Revised NPDWRs, must maintain, or provide for greater, protection of the health of persons. On November 17, 1999, EPA will discuss the analyses the agency has initiated, or plans to conduct, to identify candidate NPDWRs for possible revision. These analyses include health effects, occurrence and exposure, analytical methods and treatment technologies.

The SDWA also requires EPA, every five years, to develop and publish a list of contaminants known or anticipated to occur in drinking water. The Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) aids the Agency's drinking water program to assess priorities for research, guidance development, and possible development

of NPDWRs. The SDWA also requires a regulatory determination for five contaminants every five years. The first CCL was published in the March 2, 1998 **Federal Register**. On November 16, EPA seeks stakeholders' input on the process and considerations in making regulatory determinations for five contaminants by 2001. For contaminants listed on the first CCL, with data gaps identified that must be filled before EPA can make a scientifically informed regulatory determination, EPA's Office of Research and Development is developing a Research Strategy. EPA will discuss the status of the draft CCL Research Strategy at the upcoming stakeholders meeting. The meeting will also present an overview of studies completed, or are underway, by the National Research Council that evaluates methods for identifying and prioritizing drinking water contaminants.

The upcoming meeting addresses several aspects of EPA's efforts to determine the contaminant selection process from the Contaminant Candidate List and the new process of reviewing existing NPDWRs. Those registered for the meeting by Wednesday, November 2, 1999 will receive an agenda, logistics sheet, and background materials prior to the meeting.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA has announced this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on EPA's plans for the contaminant selection process from the CCL, and activities to develop a 6-Year Review Plan. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above during the November 16 and 17, 1999 meeting, or in writing to Mike Osinski, Contaminant Candidate List Team Leader, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, 401 M Street, NW, MC 4607, Washington DC 20460 or osinski.michael@epa.gov; or to Judy Lebowich, 6-Year Review Team Co-Leader, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, 401 M Street, SW, MC 4607, Washington DC 20460 or lebowich.judy@epa.gov, or Marc Parrotta, 6-Year Review Team Co-Leader, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, 401 M Street, SW, MC 4607, Washington DC 20460 or parrotta.marc@epa.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34145A; FRL-6389-2]

Organophosphate Pesticides; Availability of Revised Risk Assessments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the revised risk assessments and related documents for one organophosphate pesticide, fenthion. In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit risk management ideas or proposals. These actions are in response to a joint initiative between EPA and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase transparency in the tolerance reassessment process for organophosphate pesticides.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-34145A for fenthion, must be received by EPA on or before December 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION."

To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-34145A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration 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. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, nevertheless, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in obtaining the revised risk assessments and submitting risk management comments on fenthion, 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. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially 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."

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

A. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and other related documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, 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/fedrgrstr/>.

To access information about organophosphate pesticides and obtain electronic copies of the revised risk assessments and related documents mentioned in this notice, you can also go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>.

B. *In Person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-34145A. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any 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 an 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 PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

III. How Can I Respond to this Action?

A. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-34145A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of

Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* Submit electronic comments by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described in this unit. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP-34145A. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

B. How Should I Handle CBI Information that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any 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 version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record 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."

IV. What Action is EPA Taking in this Notice?

EPA is making available for public viewing the revised risk assessments and related documents for two organophosphates, fenthion. These documents have been developed as 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 assessments and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998, to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation. The documents being released to the public through this notice provide information on the revisions that were made to the fenthion preliminary risk assessments, which were released to the public, September 9, 1998 (63 FR 48213) (FRL-6030-2), through a notice in the **Federal Register**.

As part of the pilot public participation process, EPA and USDA may hold public meetings (called Technical Briefings) to provide interested stakeholders with opportunities to become more informed about revised organophosphate risk assessments. During the Technical Briefings, EPA describes the major points (e.g., risk contributors), use data that were used (e.g., data from USDA's Pesticide Data Program (PDP)), and discusses how public comments impacted the assessment. USDA provides ideas on possible risk management. Stakeholders have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions, and all meeting minutes are placed in the OPP public docket. Technical Briefings may not be held for chemicals that have limited use patterns or low levels of risk concern. The use patterns for fenthion are predominately mosquito control, therefore, no Technical Briefing is planned. In cases where no Technical Briefing is held, the Agency will make a special effort to communicate with interested stakeholders in order to better ensure their understanding of the revised assessments and how they can participate in the organophosphate pilot public participation process. EPA has a good familiarity with the stakeholder

groups associated with the use of fenthion who may be interested in participating in the risk assessment/risk management process, and will contact them individually to inform them that no Technical Briefing will be held. EPA is willing to meet with stakeholders to discuss the fenthion revised risk assessments. Minutes of all meetings will be docketed.

In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit risk management proposals or otherwise comment on risk management for fenthion. The Agency is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide written risk management proposals or ideas to the Agency on the pesticides specified in this notice. Such comments and proposals could address ideas about how to manage dietary, occupational, or ecological risks on specific fenthion use sites or crops across the United States or in a particular geographic region of the country. To address dietary risk, for example, commenters may choose to discuss the feasibility of lower application rates, increasing the time interval between application and harvest ("pre-harvest intervals"), modifications in use, or suggest alternative measures to reduce residues contributing to dietary exposure. For occupational risks, for example, commenters may suggest personal

protective equipment or technologies to reduce exposure to workers and pesticide handlers. For ecological risks, commentors may suggest ways to reduce environmental exposure, e.g., exposure to birds, fish, mammals, and other non-target organisms. EPA will provide other opportunities for public participation and comment on issues associated with the organophosphate tolerance reassessment program. Failure to participate or comment as part of this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commenter's opportunity to participate fully in later notice and comment processes. All comments and proposals must be received by EPA on or before December 13, 1999 at the addresses given under Unit I. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." Comments and proposals will become part of the Agency record for the organophosphate specified in this notice.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-893; FRL-6382-7]

Notice of Filing Pesticide Petitions to Establish a Tolerance for Certain Pesticide Chemicals in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number PF-893, must be received on or before November 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF-893 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The product manager listed in the table below:

Product Manager	Office location/telephone number/e-mail address	Address	Petition number(s)
Sidney Jackson	Rm. 272, CM #2, 703-305-7610, e-mail: jackson.sidney@epamail.epa.gov.	1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA Do.	PP 9E6035
Mary L. Waller	Rm. 249, CM #2, 703-308-9354, e-mail: waller.mary@epamail.epa.gov.		PP 9F5066, 9F6023, 7E4830

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Cat-egories	NAICS	Examples of potentially affected entities
Industry	111	Crop production
	112	Animal production
	311	Food manufacturing

Cat-egories	NAICS	Examples of potentially affected entities
	32532	Pesticide manufacturing

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have 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 and Other Related Documents?

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