

The goal of the Risk Management Program is to reduce chemical risk at the local level. Risk Management Plans (RMPs), which contain a summary of information about each facility's Risk Management Program, were required to be submitted by June 21, 1999 by regulations under section 112(r). Making the RMPs available to the public is intended to stimulate communication between industry and the public to improve accident prevention and emergency response practices at the local level.

Over 14,000 RMPs were submitted from many different industry sectors, and from both large and small businesses. Facilities are required to update RMPs at least every 5 years, or more frequently if there are important changes, such as the introduction of a new regulated chemical into their production process. RMPs will be stored in RMP*Info™ for 15 years from the date of receipt.

On August 5, 1999, President Clinton signed legislation that removed from coverage by the RMP program any flammable fuel when used as a fuel or held for sale as fuel by a retail facility. The legislation also limits access to the Off-Site Consequence Analysis (OCA) sections of the RMP.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee was created in September 1996 to advise EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) on these chemical accident prevention issues, specifically, section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act.

DATES: The Accident Prevention Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on November 5, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hall of States, 444 North Capitol St., NW, Washington DC, near Union Station. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public desiring additional information about this meeting, should contact Karen Schneider, Designated Federal Official, U.S. EPA (5104), 401 M. St., SW, Washington DC 20460, via the Internet at: schneider.karen@epamail.epa.gov, by telephone at (202) 260-2711 or FAX at (202) 401-3448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

8:30–9:00—Opening Remarks—Jim Makris (8:30–9:00)
9:00–12:00—Discussion of Public Law 106–40, the Chemical Safety

Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act: focusing on Section 2 of the law regarding flammable fuels removed from coverage

1:30–4:00—Discussion of Public Law 106–40, the Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act: focusing on Section 3 of the law regarding public access to Off-Site Consequence Analysis information

4:00–4:30—Comments from the Public

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation in person in Washington DC to the Subcommittee at the meeting, must contact Karen Schneider in writing (by letter, fax, or email—see previously stated information) no later than November 3, 1999, in order to be included on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Accident Prevention Subcommittee up through the date of the meeting. Please address such material to Karen Schneider at the above address.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive or previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than thirty minutes total. Written comments (twelve copies) received sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week prior to a meeting or teleconference), may be mailed to the Subcommittee prior to its meeting.

Additional information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee is available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/acc-pre.html>.

If you would like to automatically receive future information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee and its Workgroups by email, you can subscribe to the EPA–RMP Listserve by sending the following message to listserv@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov:
SUBSCRIBE EPA–RMP <Your firstname> <Your lastname>

Example: SUBSCRIBE EPA–RMP John Smith.

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Karen Schneider,
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Stakeholders Meeting on the Drinking Water Contaminant Identification and Selection Process, and the 6-Year Review of All Existing National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, as Required by the Safe Drinking Water Act, as Amended in 1996

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of stakeholders meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a two-day public meeting on November 16 and 17, 1999. This meeting will encompass two Safe Drinking Water Act requirements that have similar goals. Therefore, EPA has combined the meetings in order to increase meeting participation and make attendance as convenient as possible for stakeholders. The purpose of this meeting is to have a dialogue with stakeholders, and the public at large, on the contaminant identification and selection process (November 16), and to discuss the process to perform a 6-Year Review of all National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) (November 17).

For the contaminant selection process, EPA will discuss and seek input on: The draft research strategy EPA has formulated in order to fill data gaps for contaminants identified on the Agency's first drinking water contaminant candidate list (CCL); considerations in making regulatory determinations from the CCL, and the process for developing future CCLs.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, requires EPA to establish a list of contaminants, and revise it every five years, to aid in priority setting for the Agency's drinking water program. The SDWA requires EPA to make determinations for five contaminants as to whether a NPDWR is necessary. The SDWA, as amended, also requires that on a 6-Year cycle EPA must review and revise, as appropriate, each existing NPDWR and that any revision shall maintain, or provide for greater protection of the health of persons. EPA would like to have a dialogue with stakeholders on the various components of these projects, including status of analytical methods, treatment technologies, health effects information, and occurrence data.

At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from State and Tribal drinking water programs, the regulated

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

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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