

C. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

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-00637 in the subject line on the first page of your response. Members of the public wishing to submit comments should contact the persons listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" to confirm that the meeting date and the agenda have not been modified or changed.

Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits, and upon advanced written request to the persons listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT", interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the FIFRA SAP to present oral statements at the meeting. 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, etc). There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the Panel are limited to approximately 5 minutes. The Agency also urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify the persons listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" and submit 40 copies of the summary information. The Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #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.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-00637. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

II. Background

A. Purpose of the Meeting

This 2-day meeting concerns the pesticide, atrazine, which is currently undergoing Special Review within the EPA/Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). Atrazine is a mammary carcinogen. There are several issues surrounding the interpretation of experimental data pertaining to tumor response in test animals. Laboratory animal studies available on atrazine indicate that its mode of action involves a perturbation of the neuroendocrine system that results in prolonged exposure to endogenous estrogen and prolactin. This endogenous exposure to estrogen leads to effects on several endocrine organs and tissues. Given the complexity and multiplicity of effects that result from exposure to atrazine, OPP is at a point in its assessment of atrazine where external peer review by the FIFRA SAP would facilitate further development and refinement of the draft carcinogen assessment document. Furthermore, very little is understood about the long term consequences that may result from prenatal and early postnatal exposures to endocrine-perturbing chemicals. Presenting the atrazine cancer assessment to the FIFRA SAP at this time allows the Agency an opportunity to obtain comments on the adequacy of the approach taken by the Agency to address potential cancer hazard to children.

The purpose of the session is not to discuss the dose-response assessment (i.e., quantification of potential risk). The focus of this session is to obtain advice and comments on the draft document on specific science issues, such as: the factors that should be considered in evaluating this particular endocrine mode of action; the relevance and implications of this type of perturbation in humans; the key biological events driving the hazard concern; and the potential cumulative effects and hazards on the developing brain that could result from the effects

of atrazine on the function of the endocrine system.

B. Panel Report

Copies of the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available approximately 45 working days after the meeting, and will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I. of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

Martha K. Shimkin,

Acting Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Pesticides Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6516-6]

Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Local Government Advisory Committee will meet on February 10-11, 2000, in Chattanooga, TN. The theme of the meeting is sustainability/smart growth. There will be two panel discussions in the morning on February 10. Participants on the first panel will be from Chattanooga and will discuss how EPA helped or hindered the City's redevelopment efforts. Participants on the second panel, will be EPA officials and they will discuss the Agency's programs policies, and tools for smart growth/sustainability. Subcommittee sessions will take place on both February 10 and 11.

The Committee will hear comments from the public between 1 pm and 1:15 pm on February 10. Each individual or organization wishing to address the Committee will be allowed a minimum of three minutes. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the number listed below to schedule agenda time. Time will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to attend. Meeting minutes will be available after the meeting and can be obtained by written request from the DFO. Members

of the public are requested to call the DFO at the number listed below if planning to attend so that arrangements can be made to comfortably accommodate attendees as much as possible. However, seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 10 and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on February 11.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Chattanooga, TN at the Radisson Read House Hotel and Suites located at M.L. King Blvd. and Broad Street.

Requests for Minutes and other information can be obtained by writing the DFO at 401 M Street, SW (1306), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The DFO for this Committee is Denise Zabinski Ney. She is the point of contact for information concerning any Committee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 260-0419.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

Denise Zabinski Ney,

Designated Federal Officer, Local Government Advisory Committee.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Regulatory Reinvention (XLC) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Steele County Project XL for Communities (XLC) Draft Final Project Agreement.

SUMMARY: EPA is today requesting comments on a draft Project XLC Final Project Agreement (FPA) for Steele County, MN. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed by the Steele County Community Sponsors, the Cities of Owatonna and Blooming Prairie, MN, project stakeholders, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and EPA.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on January 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Abeer Hashem, Water Division, WC-15J, US EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604-3507, or Kristina Heinemann, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 445WT (1802), Washington, DC 20460. Comments may

also be faxed to Ms. Hashem at (312) 886-0168 or Ms. Heinemann at (202) 260-7875. Comments will also be received via electronic mail sent to: hashem.abeer@epa.gov or heinemann.kristina@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement, contact: Abeer Hashem, Water Division, WC-15J, U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604-3507, or Kristina Heinemann, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 445WT (1802), Washington, DC 20460. The documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: "http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL". In addition, public files on the Project are located at EPA Region 5 in Chicago, IL. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Abeer Hashem at (312) 886-1331 or Kristina Heinemann at (202) 260-5355. Additional information on Project XL and XLC, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL and XLC, application information, and descriptions of existing XL and XLC projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at "http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Project XLC, announced in the *Federal Register* on November 1, 1995 (60 FR 55569), gives regulated sources the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

If implemented, the draft FPA would carry out the first phase of a community-wide project consisting of a two-phase approach to attain Environmental Excellence and Leadership. This draft FPA states the intentions of the parties to implement Phase I of the Steele County, MN Community XL Project Pilot.

Phase I would specifically address industrial regulated wastewater effluent reductions, and at the same time concentrate on significant water use reduction controls. Phase II would expand to a multi-media approach to environmental permitting. It would be based on overall community performance, rather than individual member performance, in the areas of air emissions, solid waste, hazardous waste, chemical storage, and community sustainability.

In Phase I, direct participants from the Steele County community have agreed jointly to four Superior Environmental Performance (SEP) approaches. The Owatonna, MN Sponsors have

committed to: (1) Reduce the discharge of four priority metals; (2) reduce water usage; (3) develop and implement a storm water and sewer water separation and education plan in an effort to minimize the impact of storm water on the Owatonna wastewater treatment facility; and (4) develop and participate in a training and assessment program to better understand potential benefits of an ISO 14000 Environmental Management System (EMS). The Blooming Prairie, MN Sponsor has agreed to: (1) Reduce the discharge of three priority effluents; and (2) reduce water usage.

Phase I of this agreement would also provide regulatory flexibility to the Owatonna Sponsors in the following areas: (1) An incentive-based monitoring approach, such that as metal discharge goals are met, the frequency of monitoring may be reduced; (2) a mass-based compliance standard would replace the concentration-based standard currently in place; (3) the elimination of pollutant monitoring where a pollutant is not discharged; (4) the development of an alternative Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) approach, under which qualifying violations may be posted on the MPCA website in lieu of being published in the local newspaper. Phase I of this agreement would provide regulatory flexibility to the Blooming Prairie Sponsor in two areas: (1) An incentive-based monitoring approach, such that as effluent discharge goals are met, the frequency of monitoring may be reduced; and (2) the elimination of pollutant monitoring where a pollutant is not discharged. Regulatory flexibility will rely on EPA to issue a federal site-specific rule (subject to public notice and consideration of public comment) and any corresponding State and City action needed for the project to proceed.

For Phase I current regulatory limits for participating facilities would remain in effect. The regulatory limits would be changed from concentration-based limits to mass-based limits. An exceedance of a mass-based limit could result in the use of traditional enforcement tools.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Richard T. Farrell,

Associate Administrator, Office of Policy and Reinvention.

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