

Information to Construct a Midfield Terminal, Midfield Interchange, and Associated Developments, Airport Layout Plan Approval, Funding and Section 404 Permit, Marion County, IN.

Summary: EPA continues to have concerns related to the possibility of a shortfall in the provision of forested compensatory wetlands as related both to this project and the previous major construction project at the airport.

Dated: August 7, 2001.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7029-7]

Technical Workshop on the Draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a meeting, organized and convened by Versar, Inc., a contractor to EPA's Risk Assessment Forum, for external scientific peer consultation on the draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment. The meeting is being held to discuss technical issues associated with cumulative risk assessment and how to capture these issues in a broad, flexible framework that will inform future guidance development efforts in this area. Meeting participants, invited by Versar, Inc., will be drawn from academia, industry, consulting, environmental and community groups and will provide expertise in areas such as aggregate and cumulative exposure, chemical mixtures, socioeconomic vulnerability, as well as public health assessment and uncertainty analysis.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2001, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2001. Members of the public may attend as observers, and there will be a limited time for comments from the public. Comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by September 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, Arlington, VA. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, will convene and facilitate the workshop. To register to attend the

workshop as an observer, visit www.versar.com/epa/cumriskmtg.htm, or contact Ann Cyrus, Versar, Inc.; telephone: (703) 750-3000 extension 274; facsimile: 703-642-6954; email cyrusann@versar.com by 5 p.m. eastern daylight time, August 17, 2001. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time for comments from the public during the workshop. Please let Versar know if you wish to make comments, and provide Versar with one written copy of comments prior to the start of the meeting.

The draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment is available primarily via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/raf/rafpub.htm>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title, draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment. Copies are not available from Versar. Comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. Comments should be in writing and please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and two copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may be emailed to: nceadc.comment@epa.gov.

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be public information. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning the technical workshop please contact Ann Cyrus, Versar, Inc.; telephone: (703) 750-3000 extension 274; facsimile: 703-642-6954; email cyrusann@versar.com. For technical inquiries concerning the draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment, please contact Steven Knott, U.S. EPA Office of Research and

Development, Risk Assessment Forum (8601-D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-3359; facsimile (202) 565-0062; email knott.steven@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several reports have highlighted the importance of understanding the accumulation of risks from multiple environmental stressors. These include the National Research Council's (NRC) 1994 report *Science and Judgment in Risk Assessment* and the 1997 report by the Presidential/Congressional Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management entitled *Risk Assessment and Risk Management in Regulatory Decision-Making*. In addition, legislation such as the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA), has directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to move beyond single chemical assessments and to focus, in part, on the cumulative effects of chemical exposures occurring simultaneously. Further emphasizing the need for EPA to focus on cumulative risks are cases filed under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. These cases have necessitated a population-based approach to assessing human health risks from environmental contaminants.

In response to the increasing focus on cumulative risk, several EPA programs have begun to explore cumulative approaches to risk assessment. In 1997, The EPA Science Policy Council issued a guidance on planning and scoping for cumulative risk assessments (<http://www.epa.gov/ord/spc/2cumrisk.htm>). More recently, the Office of Pesticide Programs has developed draft cumulative risk assessment guidance focused on implementing certain provisions of FQPA. The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards has applied cumulative exposure models in its analyses for the National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA). In addition, community-specific cumulative risk assessment has been explored through the Agency's Cumulative Exposure Project.

The EPA Science Policy Council has asked the Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) to begin developing Agency-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance that builds from these activities. As a first step, a technical panel convened under the RAF has been working to develop a Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment. Building from the Agency's growing experiences, this Framework is intended to identify the basic elements of the cumulative risk assessment process. It should provide a flexible structure for the technical issues

and define key terms associated with cumulative risk assessment.

The workshop announced in this notice has two primary purposes. First, it will provide interested stakeholders with an opportunity to see an early draft of the Framework document. Second, it affords an early opportunity to hear input from these stakeholders which will assist with further development of the draft Framework. Versar will focus the workshop discussion on the technical issues associated with the current draft of the Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Art Payne,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00733; FRL-6797-4]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 3-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) review sets of issues being considered by the Agency pertaining to: Preliminary Cumulative Hazard and Dose-Response Assessment for Organophosphorus Pesticides: Determination of Relative Potency and Points of Departure for Cholinesterase Inhibition, and Common Mechanism of Action for Thiocarbamates and Dithiocarbamates. The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Paul Lewis at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 5 business days prior to the meeting, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATES: The meeting will be held from September 5 through September 7, 2001, from 8:30 am to 5 p.m., as follows:

September 5 and 6, 2001—Session I—Preliminary Cumulative Hazard and Dose-Response Assessment for Organophosphorus Pesticides: Determination of Relative Potency and Points of Departure for Cholinesterase Inhibition.

September 7, 2001—Session II—Common Mechanism of Action for Thiocarbamates and Dithiocarbamates.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. The telephone number for the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel is (703) 486-1111.

Requests to participate may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket control number OPP-00733 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Lewis or Larry Dorsey, Designated Federal Officials, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7202), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5369; fax number: (703) 605-0656; e-mail address: lewis.paul@epa.gov or dorsey.larry@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 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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

1. *Electronically.* A meeting agenda is now available; EPA's primary background documents should be available by late August. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the material becomes available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the FIFRA SAP Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>. To access this document on the Home Page select **Federal Register** notice announcing this meeting. You can also

go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for this meeting under docket control number OPP-00733. The administrative record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other material information, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This administrative record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the material becomes available. The public version of the administrative record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting through the mail, in person, or electronically. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00733 in the subject line on the first page of your request. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits, and upon advance written request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel 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 extent 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 at the meeting should contact the person listed under **FOR**