

encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate.

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

*B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket identification number (ID) EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0273; FRL-7771-6. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA. The Docket Facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Docket Facility is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

**II. Tentative Agenda**

1. Protecting Water Quality from Pesticides: Opportunities for State-Federal Partnerships.
2. U.S. Geological Survey National Water Quality Assessment Report on Pesticides in Streams and Ground Water.
3. Prioritizing Ambient Water Criteria for Pesticides.
4. Endangered Species and Pesticide Water Quality Issues.
5. Pesticide-Impaired Water Bodies.
6. Pesticide Degradates.
7. EPA Water Quality Performance Measures.
8. Water Quality & Pesticide Disposal Working Committee Workgroups Issue Papers/Updates.
9. FIFRA/CWA: Court Cases, USEPA Proposed Rule.
10. Water Quality Pesticide Regulatory Education Program Course.
11. Pesticide Recycling Survey.
12. EPA Update/Briefing:
  - a. Office of Pesticide Programs Update.
  - b. Office of Enforcement Compliance Assurance Update.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Endangered species, Pesticides and pests, Recycling, Water quality.

Dated: March 23, 2006.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0201; FRL-7768-8]

**Organic Arsenic Herbicides Risk Assessments; Notice of Availability and Risk Reduction Options**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's risk assessments and related documents for the pesticides monosodium methanearsonate (MSMA), disodium methanearsonate (DSMA), calcium acid methanearsonate (CAMA), and cacodylic acid, collectively referred to as the "organic arsenic herbicides," and opens a public comment period on these documents. The public is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for the organic arsenic herbicides through a modified, 4-Phase public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 5, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0201, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

*Hand Delivery:* Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA.

*Attention:* Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0201. The docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal

holidays. The telephone number for the docket facility is (703) 305-5805. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0201. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address will be captured automatically and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/docket.htm/>.

*Docket:* All documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov/> or in hard copy at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA. The docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal

holidays. The telephone number for the docket facility is (703) 305-5805.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lance Wormell, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 603-0523; fax number: (703) 308-8041; e-mail address: [wormell.lance@epa.gov](mailto:wormell.lance@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may 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. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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 docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for Preparing your Comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a 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.

**II. Background**

*A. What Action is the Agency Taking?*

EPA is releasing for public comment its human health and environmental fate and effects risk assessments and related documents for the organic arsenic herbicides MSMA, DSMA, CAMA, and cacodylic acid and is soliciting public comment on risk management ideas or proposals. MSMA and DSMA are selective herbicides used primarily for weed control in cotton and ornamental/residential turf. CAMA is a selective herbicide used in residential turf. Cacodylic acid is a non-selective herbicide used primarily as a defoliant in cotton and in lawn renovation. EPA developed the risk assessments and risk characterization for the organic arsenic herbicides through a modified version of its public process for making pesticide reregistration eligibility and tolerance reassessment decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that pesticides meet current standards under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA).

MSMA and DSMA are selective pre- and post-emergence herbicides used on cotton, non-bearing citrus and nuts, golf courses, and recreational areas including schoolyards, lawns, and rights-of-way. CAMA is a selective post-emergence herbicide registered for use on golf courses, and recreational areas including schoolyards, lawns, and rights-of-way. CAMA has no registered food uses. Cacodylic acid is a defoliant (non-selective) used primarily on cotton and, to a much lesser extent, on non-bearing citrus. There are also non-agricultural uses (e.g., golf courses, recreational areas, rights-of-way) and

residential uses (e.g., weed control, lawn renovation).

EPA is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide comments and input on the Agency's risk assessments for the organic arsenic herbicides. Such comments and input could address, for example, the availability of additional data to further refine the risk assessments, such as speciated soil or water monitoring data, or could address the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions as applied to this specific pesticide.

Through this notice, EPA also is providing an opportunity for interested parties to provide risk management proposals or otherwise comment on risk management for the organic arsenic herbicides. Risks potentially of concern associated with the use of the organic arsenic herbicides are: certain occupational and residential post-application exposure scenarios; the potential for applied organic arsenic herbicides to transform to inorganic arsenic in soil, water, and/or plants; the potential for applied organic arsenic herbicides to buildup in soil; the potential for applied organic arsenic herbicides to reach drinking water sources. In targeting these risks of concern, the Agency solicits information on effective and practical risk reduction measures.

EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, 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, unusually high exposure to the organic arsenic herbicides, compared to the general population.

EPA is applying the principles of public participation to all pesticides undergoing reregistration and tolerance reassessment. The Agency's Pesticide Tolerance Reassessment and Reregistration; Public Participation Process, published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2004 (69 FR 26819)(FRL-7357-9), explains that in conducting these programs, the Agency is tailoring its public participation process to be commensurate with the level of risk, extent of use, complexity of the issues, and degree of public concern associated with each pesticide. For the organic arsenic herbicides, a modified, 4-Phase process with 1

comment period and ample opportunity for public consultation seems appropriate in view of its refined risk assessments.

All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. Comments will become part of the Agency Docket for the organic arsenic herbicides. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

#### *B. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?*

Section 4(g)(2) of FIFRA as amended directs that, after submission of all data concerning a pesticide active ingredient, "the Administrator shall determine whether pesticides containing such active ingredient are eligible for reregistration," before calling in product-specific data on individual end-use products and either reregistering products or taking other "appropriate regulatory action."

Section 408(q) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(q), requires EPA to review tolerances and exemptions for pesticide residues in effect as of August 2, 1996, to determine whether the tolerance or exemption meets the requirements of section 408(b)(2) or (c)(2) of FFDCA. This review is to be completed by August 3, 2006.

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: March 23, 2006.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0189-FRL-7769-3]

#### **Pesticide Product; Registration Applications**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing a new active ingredient, Quillaja Saponaria Extract, not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 5, 2006.

**ADDRESS:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0189, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail.** Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

**Hand delivery.** Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA, Attention: Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0189. The docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the docket facility is (703) 305-5805. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

**Instructions.** Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0189. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) or e-mail. The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/), your e-mail address will be captured automatically and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be

able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/docket.htm/>.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. General Information**

##### *A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

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

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

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 this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of