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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. EPA's Office of Research and Development has requested the SAB to provide advice on EPA's Draft Sustainability Research Strategy its multi-year research plan. The Sustainability Research Strategy proposes a scientific framework for a more systematic and holistic approach to environmental protection that takes into consideration the complex nature of environmental issues and the welfare of future generations. The multi-year research plan describes ORD's research to meet the short-term and long-term goals of the Research Strategy.

The SAB Environmental Engineering Committee will provide this advice, augmented by other SAB members. Biosketches for the SAB participants will be posted at the SAB Web site. The Committee will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate SAB procedural policies.

The purpose of the May 17, 2006 teleconference is to prepare the Committee for the face-to-face meeting through briefings, a discussion of the charge, an opportunity to ask preliminary questions, and the identification of areas where additional information would be valuable. The purpose of the June 13-15, 2006, face-to-face meeting is for the Committee to reach consensus on the content of their response to the charge questions, to capture that consensus in writing, to brief the Agency on the major findings and conclusions, and to respond to Agency questions. As time allows, the Committee may also hear briefings, engage in planning for future activities, and engage in other committee business. The purpose of the August 1, 2006,

teleconference is to provide the Committee with an opportunity to discuss the draft report and agree to final language or to additional changes needed. Subsequently, the Committee's report will be considered by the Board and transmitted to the Administrator.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the Environmental Engineering Committee to consider during the advisory process. *Oral Statements:* In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker with no more than a total of thirty minutes for all speakers. In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to five to ten minutes with no more than two hours for all speakers. Those interested should contact Ms. White (preferably via e-mail) no later than May 10 for the May 17 teleconference, June 6 for the June 13-15 face-to-face meeting, and July 25 for the August 1 teleconference to be placed on the public speaker list. *Written Statements:* Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least seven days before the meeting so that the comments may be made available to the Committee for timely consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature by mail, and one electronic copy by e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MSWord, MSPowerPoint or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Accessibility: For information on access or services for people with disabilities, please contact Ms. Kathleen White at (202) 343-9878 or white.kathleen@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Ms. White, preferably at least ten business days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: April 21, 2006.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0339; FRL-8061-3]

Alkyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride Risk Assessments and Preliminary Risk Reduction Options; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's risk assessments, preliminary risk reduction options, and related documents for the Group II Quat Clustr of structurally similar quaternary ammonium compounds known as alkyl dimethyl ammonium chloride (ADBAC), and opens a public comment period on these documents. The public also is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED), for ADBAC 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 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0339, by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

- **Important Note:** OPP will be moving to a new location the first week of May 2006. As a result, from Friday, April 28 to Friday, May 5, 2006, the OPP Regulatory Public Docket will NOT be accepting any deliveries at the Crystal Mall #2 address and this facility

will be closed to the public. Beginning on May 8, 2006, the OPP Regulatory Public Docket will reopen at 8:30 a.m. and deliveries will be accepted in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. The mail code for the mailing address will change to (7502P), but will otherwise remain the same. The OPP Regulatory Public Docket telephone number and hours of operation will remain the same after the move.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0339. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the 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 Federal [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site 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 automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the 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.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket at the location identified under "Delivery" and "Important Note." The hours of

operation for this docket facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline McFarlane, Antimicrobials Division (7510C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-6416; fax number: (703) 308-6416; e-mail address: campbell-mcfarlane.jacqueline@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 [regulations.gov](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 ID 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, preliminary risk reduction options, and related documents for ADBAC and encouraging the public to suggest risk management ideas or proposals. This chemical is an antimicrobial pesticide used in agricultural, food handling, commercial, institutional/industrial, residential, and public access, and medical settings. EPA developed the risk assessments and preliminary risk reduction options for ADBAC 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).

ADBAC is an active ingredient in numerous types of products. These products are mainly disinfectants, food and non-food contact sanitizers, wood preservatives, bacteriocide/bacteriostat, microbiocide/microbiostats, fungicide/fungistats, algaecides, and virucides. These products are used in agricultural, food handling, commercial, institutional/industrial, residential, and public access, and medical settings. Examples of registered uses for ADBAC in these settings include application to indoor and outdoor hard surfaces (e.g., walls, floors, tables, toilets, and other similar surfaces), eating utensils, laundry, carpets, agricultural tools and vehicles, egg shell, shoes, milking equipment and udders, humidifiers, RV

tanks, medical instruments, human remains, ultrasonic tanks, reverse osmosis units, and water storage tanks. There are products that are used in residential and commercial swimming pools, aquatic areas such as decorative ponds, decorative fountains, and agricultural watering lines, and industrial process and water systems such as once through and recirculating cooling water systems, cooling water towers, evaporative condensers, pasteurizers, drilling mud and packer fluids, oil well injection and wastewater systems, pulp and paper products, water, and chemicals. Additionally, these products are used in wood preservation through non-pressure and pressure treatment methods. There are a number of methods for applying these products such as fogging in both occupational and residential settings. The Agency's risk assessment identified residential, occupational, and ecological risks of concern for some exposure scenarios. Due to limited information for some exposure scenarios, conservative assumptions were used in this assessment. The Agency is interested in receiving any information.

EPA is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide comments and input on the Agency's risk assessments for ADBAC. Such comments and input could address, for example, the availability of additional data to further refine the risk assessments, such as higher tier modeling to assess degradation for once-through cooling towers, a leaching study to address the liquid availability from ADBAC treated wood, refinement of the percent active ingredient in solution for pressure treatment of lumber, detailed description of the application/spray equipment used on hard surfaces and wood, detailed use information, confirmatory exposure data to support the using the 10% transfer rate in the dietary assessment, confirmatory exposure data to support the occupational scenarios, or could address the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions as applied to this specific pesticide. Through this notice, EPA also is releasing for public comment its preliminary risk reduction options for ADBAC, and is providing an opportunity for interested parties to provide risk management proposals or otherwise comment on risk management.

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 ADBAC, 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 ADBAC, a modified, 4-Phase process with one comment period and ample opportunity for public consultation seems appropriate in view of its refined risk assessments and/or other factors. However, if as a result of comments received during this comment period EPA finds that additional issues warranting further discussion are raised, the Agency may lengthen the process and include a second comment period, as needed.

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 ADBAC. 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0320; FRL-8061-5]

2-(Thiocyanomethylthio)benzothiazole Risk Assessment; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's risk assessment, preliminary risk reduction options, and related documents for the pesticide 2-(Thiocyanomethylthio)benzothiazole (TCMTB), and opens a public comment period on these documents. The public also is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for TCMTB 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 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0320, by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

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