

In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit risk management proposals or otherwise comment on risk management for carbaryl. The Agency is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide written risk management proposals or ideas to the Agency on carbaryl. Such comments and proposals could address ideas about how to manage dietary, residential, occupational, or ecological risks on specific carbaryl use sites or crops across the U.S. or in a particular geographic region of the country. To address dietary risk, for example, commenters may choose to discuss the feasibility of lower application rates, increasing the time interval between application and harvest ("pre-harvest intervals") modifications in use, or suggest alternative measures to reduce residues contributing to dietary exposure. For residential risk, commenters may suggest lowering application rates, modification in use, or other measures to reduce exposures to homeowners. For occupational risks, commenters may suggest personal protective equipment or technologies to reduce exposure to workers and pesticide handlers. For ecological risks, commenters may suggest ways to reduce environmental exposure, for example, exposure to birds, fish, mammals, and other non-target organisms. All comments and proposals must be received by EPA on or before June 2, 2003 at the addresses given under Unit I. Comments and proposals will become part of the Agency record for carbaryl.

On February 24, 2003, EPA received from Bayer CropScience, the technical registrant for carbaryl, a submission titled "Evaluation of Potential Aggregate Human Health Risks Associated with Agricultural and Consumer Uses of Carbaryl." In this submission, Bayer estimates the potential aggregate human health risks associated with dietary (food) and residential exposures to carbaryl. Bayer conducted the analysis using the Cumulative and Aggregate Risk Evaluation System (CARES), version 1.3., which is a software model that provides a probabilistic assessment of human health risks. The software has been reviewed by the FIFRA Science Advisory Panel (SAP), and was found to be an acceptable model for assessing aggregate risks. EPA is currently reviewing the carbaryl-specific CARES assessment submitted by the registrant.

EPA did not receive this submission in time to completely or comprehensively review it prior to publishing this notice, but is releasing the Agency's revised human health risk

assessment for carbaryl now to allow time for public comment before June 30, 2003, which is the court-ordered deadline for EPA to make a reregistration eligibility decision for carbaryl. Also, to allow as much time as possible for the public to comment on the registrant's submission, EPA has placed it in the official public docket for carbaryl and briefly discussed it in EPA's revised human health risk assessment.

Depending on the results of the Agency's full review of the registrant's submission and comments received from the public, EPA might further amend, at some future time, its revised human health risk assessment for carbaryl, particularly aggregate risks from food, drinking water, and residential exposures. Bayer's current submission does not include a dietary drinking water component in its aggregate assessment of carbaryl's human health risks, but the registrant has informed the Agency that this information will be submitted shortly, and EPA will also endeavor to make this information publically available as quickly as possible. However, because this information will not be received until later, EPA does not believe it will be able to provide an analysis of this information during the comment period.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Diuron; Availability of Risk Assessments; Tolerance Reassessment Decision

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of risk assessments that were developed as part of EPA's process for making pesticide Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) and tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. These risk assessments are the human

health and environmental fate and effects risk assessments and related documents for diuron. In addition, EPA is announcing the availability of the tolerance reassessment decision for diuron. This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the risk assessments and tolerance reassessment decision documents. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the risk assessments and tolerance reassessment documents, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure decisions made under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2002-0249, must be received on or before June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. 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 risk assessments for diuron, 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. Since other entities 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. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2002-0249. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action,