

recent state of science on asbestos. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the molecular induction of asbestos related disease, lung/pleural pathogenesis, and the extrapolation of a dose response relationship. Expert panelists will discuss the following topic areas: Molecular, chemical and biochemical mechanisms of asbestos fiber toxicity; mechanisms of fiber-inducing lung and pleural disease; and exposure and dose response relationships. A summary report will be prepared documenting the discussions of the workshop, and this report will be publicly available and will support EPA's administrative record for IRIS. This meeting is being sponsored by EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response and by EPA's Office of Research and Development.

DATES: The workshop will be held on June 12–13, 2003. The workshop hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, June 13. Observers will be encouraged to submit comments on panel discussions currently scheduled on Thursday and Friday.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. To attend the workshop as an observer, contact the MNG Center of SRA International (MNG) either in writing, by electronic mail, or by telephone. MNG's contact information for this workshop is: MNG Center, Asbestos Workshop Registration, 2801 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 100, Arlington, Virginia 22201. Phone Number: (703) 292–5939. E-mail: asbestosworkshop@sra.com. Web link: http://www.epa.gov/swerrims/asbestos_ws/index.htm.

There is no charge for attending this workshop as an observer, but observers are encouraged to register early as the number of seats will be limited. Each registrant will receive a confirmation notice, a preliminary agenda, and a logistical fact sheet that contains directions to the meeting location. Copies of the presentation material can be obtained prior to the meeting from the EPA, Web page http://www.epa.gov/swerrims/asbestos_ws/index.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA's current assessment of asbestos toxicity is based primarily on an asbestos assessment completed in 1986, and EPA's assessment has not changed substantially since that time. However, since 1986, there have been substantial improvements in asbestos measurement techniques and in the understanding of how asbestos exposure contributes to disease. To incorporate the knowledge gained over the last 17 years into the

agency's toxicity assessment for asbestos, EPA is interested in reviewing the most up-to-date peer review literature on the mechanisms of asbestos toxicity. The experts will include scientists with extensive expertise in relevant fields, such as mechanistic toxicology, pulmonology toxicology, and risk assessment. The panelists will be asked to respond to several questions that address key issues, including interpretations of epidemiology and toxicology literature, mechanistic toxicity and general topics. The product of the workshop will be a report that summarizes the panelists' and observers' comments, conclusions, and recommendations on the proposed methodology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA/CERCLA Call Center at 800–424–9346 or TDD 800–553–7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC metropolitan area, call 703–412–9810 or TDD 703–412–3323.

For more detailed technical information on this conference call Anna Treinies (202–566–1039) Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460–0002, Mail Code 5103T.

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Difenzoquat, Diquat Dibromide; Notice of Closure for 2002 Tolerance Reassessment Decisions (TREDs)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the closure of the tolerance reassessment decisions for the chemical active ingredients difenzoquat and diquat dibromide. No adverse comments were received during the 30-day comment periods for the “Tolerance Reassessment Progress and Risk Mitigation Decision TRED for Difenzoquat” or the “Report of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Tolerance Reassessment and Risk Management Decision TRED for Diquat Dibromide.” Therefore, the TREDs for

these chemicals fulfill the requirements of FQPA and are considered closed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For difenzoquat:* Tawanda Spears, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 308–8050; fax number: (703) 308–8005; e-mail address: spears.tawanda@epa.gov.

For diquat dibromide: Tyler Lane, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–2737; fax number: (703) 308–8005; e-mail address: lane.tyler@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 particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). 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 persons 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–2003–0082. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal