

the meeting should contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and submit 30 copies.

3. *Seating at the meeting.* Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the DFO at least 5 business days prior to the meeting using the information under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

4. *Request for nominations to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA/SAP for this meeting.* The FIFRA/SAP staff routinely solicit the stakeholder community for nominations to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA/SAP for each meeting. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to serve on the FIFRA/SAP for a specific meeting. No interested person shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal department or Agency or their employment by a Federal department or Agency (except EPA). Individuals nominated should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Cancer epidemiology, epidemiology, and biostatistics. Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments on the issues for this meeting. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, and telephone number. Nominations should be provided to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before June 9, 2003.

The criteria for selecting scientists to serve on the FIFRA/SAP are that these persons be recognized scientists—experts in their fields; that they be as impartial and objective as possible; that they represent an array of backgrounds and perspectives (within their disciplines); have no financial conflict of interest; have not previously been involved with the scientific peer review of the issue(s) presented; and that they be available to participate fully in the review, which will be conducted over a relatively short time frame. Nominees will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings. Finally, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes.

If a FIFRA/SAP nominee is considered to assist in a review by the FIFRA/SAP for a particular session, the nominee is subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634, Executive Branch

Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. As such, the FIFRA/SAP nominee is required to submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at EPA, (EPA Form 3110–48 5–02) which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the nominee's employment, stocks, bonds, and where applicable sources of research support. EPA will evaluate the nominee's financial disclosure form to assess that there are no formal conflicts of interest before the nominee is considered to serve on the FIFRA/SAP. Selected FIFRA/SAP members will be hired as special government employees. The Agency will review all nominations. FIFRA/SAP members participating at this meeting will be posted on the FIFRA/SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the FIFRA/SAP

Amendments to FIFRA enacted November 28, 1975 (7 U.S.C. 136w(d)), include a requirement under section 25(d) that notices of intent to cancel or reclassify pesticide regulations pursuant to section 6(b)(2) of FIFRA, as well as proposed and final forms of rulemaking pursuant to section 25(a) of FIFRA, be submitted to a SAP prior to being made public or issued to a registrant. In accordance with section 25(d) of FIFRA, the FIFRA/SAP is to have an opportunity to comment on the health and environmental impact of such actions. The FIFRA/SAP also shall make comments, evaluations, and recommendations for operating guidelines to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments as to the impact on health and the environment of regulatory actions under sections 6(b) and 25(a) of FIFRA. The Deputy Administrator appoints seven individuals to serve on the FIFRA/SAP for staggered terms of 4 years, based on recommendations from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Section 104 of FQPA (Public Law 104–170) established the FQPA Science Review Board (SRB). These scientists shall be available to the FIFRA/SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the FIFRA/SAP.

### B. Public Meeting

The FIFRA/SAP will meet to consider and review the characterization of atrazine cancer epidemiology data. Atrazine is an example of a herbicide where multiple epidemiologic studies have suggested an association with various cancer endpoints especially prostate cancer. Results of a cancer epidemiology study of manufacturing workers found a significant excess of prostate cancer, but there is strong evidence that some or all of this finding could be an effect of increased screening of workers.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) and EPA are cooperating on a prospective cohort study of about 90,000 pesticide applicators and their spouses in the states of Iowa and North Carolina. Published results from this study did not find an excess of prostate cancer among commercial or private applicators, primarily in agricultural settings. However, these workers would be expected to have lower exposure to atrazine, at least in terms of duration of exposure compared to workers at the manufacturing plant.

Several epidemiologic studies have suggested an association between atrazine and other cancer endpoints. Considering the mixed results and the strengths and weaknesses of these studies, how should they contribute to the weight of evidence characterization in the atrazine risk assessment?

### C. FIFRA/SAP Meeting Minutes

The FIFRA/SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA/SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

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