

nominated should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Toxicology, *in vitro* test methods, 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 the 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 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Form 3110–485–02) which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the nominee's employment, stocks, and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. The 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) of FIFRA 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 and the National Science Foundation.

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. Face-to-Face Public Meeting

The FIFRA SAP will meet to consider and review issues concerned with ensuring data quality for *in vitro* tests used as alternatives to animal studies for regulatory purposes. Many *in vitro* methods have been developed or are under development to replace animal tests. Organizations may develop *in vitro* methods using *ex vivo* tissues or biological constructs as the target tissue and fully disclose their test design and the scientific principles of the test. In other cases, *in vitro* methods may be developed by commercial sponsors for commercial marketing as Proprietary Test Methods (PTM). *In vitro* alternatives to animal testing pose unique issues regarding quality and performance. Once a new *in vitro* method is validated and accepted for regulatory use to characterize human health and environmental effects, a process is needed to provide assurance that it will continue to perform in a manner consistent with the test system

as it was originally validated.

Consistency of the *in vitro* assay system is needed with: Time, any change in ingredients or manufacturing process in the test system to be marketed, or variations in interpretation of a method described only generically in a test guideline. In addition, a process should be developed to allow “Me-too” methods to qualify for regulatory use, based on the validation originally performed for the PTM.

For this meeting, the FIFRA SAP will consider and review test guideline approaches to address performance and quality of *in vitro* methods when used as alternatives to animal studies. In addition, the panel will consider core guideline elements, and minimum performance and procedural standards for three new *in vitro* corrosivity assays.

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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticide Products; Registration Approvals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of applications to register the following four pesticide products Nut GuardV/Fruit GuardV, Novozymes Biofungicide Green-Release™ 710-140, GB34 Concentrate Biological Fungicide, and GB34 Technical Biological Fungicide containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.