

4. Special studies, the Fathead Minnow assays, Vitellogenin assay, and Avian Dosing Protocol.

5. The steroidogenesis detailed review paper.

6. The aromatase detailed review paper.

7. A proposed standard suite of chemicals for testing in the Tier 1 Screening assays.

8. The current efforts related to evaluating the relevance of animal data to human health.

9. EPA's approach to addressing low-dose issues.

#### June 2002

The objective of the June 2002 teleconference meeting (docket ID number OPPT-2002-0020) was for the EDMVS to provide input and advice on the steroidogenesis detailed review paper.

#### July 2002

The objectives of the July 2002 meeting (docket ID number OPPT-2002-0029) were:

1. To review the screening criteria, recommended by EDSTAC and adopted by EDSP for screens.

2. To receive an update of the NICEATM estrogen and androgen receptor binding efforts.

3. To discuss and provide advice on general dose setting issues; and to provide comments and advice on:

- A pubertal (special study)—restricted feeding.
- A mammalian 2-generation (draft)—Propylthiouracil (PTU) special study.
- An amphibian metamorphosis detailed review paper.
- An invertebrate detailed review paper.

#### December 2002

The objective of the December 2002 teleconference meeting (docket ID number OPPT-2002-0059) was for the EDMVS to provide input and advice on the Tier 2 Fish Life Cycle assay detailed review paper.

#### June 2003

The objectives of the June 5-6, 2003 meeting (docket ID number OPPT-2003-0016) were for the EDMVS to provide input and advice on:

1. The Tier II Mammalian 2-Generation Special Study and the 1-generation extension results.

2. The Tier I Steroidogenesis (Sliced Testes) Study results and validation plan.

3. The Tier I Pre-Optimization, substrate characterization for Aromatase Placental Microsomes Study results.

#### August 2003

The objectives of the August 18-20, 2003 meeting (docket ID number OPPT-2003-0027) were:

1. Review and discuss the status/results of the prevalidation work on:

- The Fish Screening assay, specifically: The survey of vitellogenin methods in Fathead Minnow, Zebrafish, and Medaka; the comparative evaluation of the Fathead Minnow assays; and the Fish Screen (Non-Spawning) assay.

- The Steroidogenesis Assay Optimized Protocol.

2. Provide input and advice on the:

- EDSP's validation plans for the Fish Screening assay and Steroidogenesis assay.

- Strain/species white paper.

- Chemicals used in EDSP's prevalidation and validation.

- Avian detailed review paper.

- Issues related to the Pubertal assays.

3. Receive an update on the amphibian workshop conducted recently.

#### III. Meeting Objectives for the December 2003 Meeting

The objectives for the December 10-12, 2003 meeting (docket ID number OPPT-2003-0064) are for EDMVS to provide input and advice on:

1. Discuss the Pubertals assay and Aromatase assay prevalidation results and recommend next steps.

2. Receive introductory presentation on Adult Intact Male assay.

3. Receive updates on:

- Androgen Receptor Binding assay.
- Efforts to finalize reference chemicals.

- OECD Fish Drafting Group.
- Activities regarding *In Vitro* Fish assays.

A list of the EDMVS members and meeting materials are available on our web site (<http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/oscpendo/edmvs.htm>) and in the public docket.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Endocrine disruptors, Hazardous substances, Health, Safety.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0336; FRL-7333-7]

#### Dichlormid; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2003-0336, must be received on or before December 22, 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**.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

##### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111)
- Animal production (NAICS code 112)
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311)
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532)

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of