

Stennis Space Center, Mississippi. The committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 15 and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 16. Agenda items will include: Program Status (Update), Director's Perspective (Overview), Co-Chairs Perspective, and Program Priorities. The meeting is open to the public.

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Draft Agenda— IC/TAC Co-Chair Workshop, May 15–16, 1996

*Wednesday, May 15*

- Welcome & Introduction of Participants 10:00 am
- Program Status (Update)
- Director's Perspective (Overview)
  - Director's Vision
  - Observed Program Strengths and Weaknesses
  - Lessons Learned (Past Ecosystem Management Experiences)
  - Practical Future Concepts/Challenges/Solutions
- Co-Chairs Perspective (Roundtable Discussion)
  - Observed Program Strengths and Weaknesses
  - Reaction to Future Concepts/Challenges/Solutions
  - Appropriate Future Role of the Committees
- Adjourn for the day—4:30 pm
- Director's Social—6:00 pm  
(A sampling of the Gulf's sustainable resources!)

*Thursday, May 16*

- Program Priorities—8:30 am
  - Review of Goals and Objectives
  - Establish Consensus on Future Committee Roles & Responsibilities
- Workshop Summary (Director Facilitated)—2:00 pm
  - Summarize Workshop Agreements
  - Establish Follow-up Steps/Actions
- Workshop Adjourned—3:00 pm

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### Standard Operating Procedure for Measuring Cholinesterases in Laboratory Rats and Dogs Exposed to Non-Reversible Cholinesterase Inhibitors

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is making available for public comment Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for measuring cholinesterases. This SOP specifies the details of a clinical methodology for performing cholinesterase enzyme

assays in tissues taken from laboratory rats and dogs. This SOP is limited in scope to the measurement of cholinesterase levels in control animals and in animals exposed to a non-reversible cholinesterase inhibitor. This method is essentially the Ellman procedure (1961), with the stipulation that specific parameters be tightly controlled (e.g. pH, wavelength, substrate concentration, etc.).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 28, 1996..

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments in triplicate to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person: Bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP–00432." Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION."

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket without prior notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Robert B. Jaeger, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7509C), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 819B, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA (703) 305–5369 or 305–7351; e-mail: jaeger.bruce@epamail.epa.gov.

Copies of the SOP may be obtained by contacting: By mail: Public Docket and Freedom of Information Section, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or for courier pick-up: Office location and telephone number: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305–5805 or 305–5454. By internet: e-mail requests to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. The SOP is also electronically available on EPA's gopher server (gopher://gopher.epa.gov) and the world wide web (www) (<http://www.epa.gov>) under the heading "Rules, Regulations and Legislation".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A public record has been established for this notice under docket number "OPP–00432" (FRL–5364–5) (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132, Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov  
Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: April 18, 1996.

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Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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