

that EPA should take into consideration in deciding to approve or deny DuPont's application for a case-by-case extension of the LDR effective date. The State of Texas had no substantive issues for EPA to consider in evaluating DuPont's extension request.

#### IV. EPA's Action

For the reasons discussed above, the Agency believes that DuPont has satisfied all the requirements for a case-by-case extension to the April 8, 1998, effective date of the RCRA land disposal restrictions (LDR) treatment standards applicable to wastewaters with the hazardous waste code D018 (Benzene). Therefore, EPA is approving DuPont's requested case-by-case extension for a one year period. If during this time frame a final decision on DuPont's petition reissuance request is made, then this case-by-case extension will expire.

Dated: April 7, 1998.

**William B. Hathaway,**

*Director, Water Quality Protection Division (6WQ), EPA Region 6.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5996-1]

#### Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board on May 5, 1998

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold an open meeting on a proposed Environmental Bond Guaranty program for the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union (NIS). This program would create a \$100 million fund to enhance the credit of municipal bonds issued in the NIS by guarantying financial obligations undertaken by NIS regional or local governments (or those formally acting on behalf of such governments) for capital projects providing environmental infrastructure that serve the general public. Types of environmental infrastructure projects covered may include, but not be limited to, drinking water purification or distribution, wastewater collection or treatment, solid or hazardous disposal waste, the efficient generation or use of energy, and air pollution abatement.

The meeting is scheduled for May 5, 1998 in the Zenger Room at the National

Press Club Building, 526 14th St., NW., 13th Floor, Washington, DC. The meeting will run from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

EFAB is a federally chartered advisory board that provides analysis and advice to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on environmental finance issues. EFAB has been asked by the EPA's Office of International Activities to review and comment on the guaranty fund concept. As part of EFAB's review, this meeting will solicit public comment and facilitate discussion of the best approaches to encourage the financing of environmental projects in the NIS.

A draft feasibility study on the Environmental Bond Guaranty program is available on EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/efinpage/partcont.htm>. Summaries of the study in hard copy form are available by contacting the numbers listed below. Written comments are welcome at United States Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Finance Program, 401 M St. SW., Mail Code 2731R, Washington, DC 20460.

Several invited speakers will make presentations and the public is welcome, but seating is limited. Parties who wish to provide remarks should contact Michael Segal at (202) 564-2211 or Tim McProuty at (202) 564-4996 of the Environmental Finance Program.

Dated: April 9, 1998.

**Michael Ryan,**

*Comptroller.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel, Appointments

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of the appointment of three new members to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel established pursuant to section 25(d) of FIFRA. Public notice of nominees along with a request for public comments appeared in the **Federal Register** of December 5, 1997.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Congress mandated that the Scientific Advisory Panel would consist of seven members selected from candidates nominated by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Congress also mandated that the terms of appointment would be staggered. A list of nominees, including biographical data, appeared in the **Federal Register** of December 5, 1997 (62 FR 64371) (FRL-57758-6).

Comments about several nominees and suggestions for additional nominees were received from the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Agriculture; the Natural Resources Defense Council; the Children's Environmental Health Network; and Zeneca Ag Products, in response to this Notice. The purpose of this Notice is to announce the appointment of Dr. Fumio Matsumura, Dr. Herbert Needleman, and Dr. Christopher Portier as members of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel. Dr. Matsumura is Chair of the Department of Toxicology at the University of California at Davis; he will provide the experience and technical background needed in the area of the environmental health sciences. Dr. Needleman is Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; he will provide expertise in the area of pediatric medicine. Dr. Christopher Portier is Head of the Toxicokinetics Faculty at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, NC; his background in mathematics and biostatistics will provide the Panel with expertise in biostatistics and human health risk assessment methodology.

The decision to appoint Drs. Matsumura, Needleman, and Portier is based upon several additional factors: Dr. Matsumura's extensive experience in the toxicology of pesticides and related chemicals; Dr. Needleman's focus on the effects of lead, drugs, and other pollutants on children; and Dr. Portier's experience in the analysis of such diverse risks to human health as dioxin, Agent Orange, and polychlorinated biphenyls.

Meetings of the Scientific Advisory Panel are announced in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to each meeting, in accordance with the directives of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.