ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6109–9]

Board of Scientific Counselors; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) will be renewed for an additional two-year period. The BOSC is deemed a necessary committee which is in the public interest, and is in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. appl. 2 section 9(c). The purpose of BOSC is to counsel the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development (AA/ORD), on the operation of ORD's research program. It is determined that BOSC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, BOSC, U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development (mail code 8701R), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: June 3, 1998.

Henry L. Longest II,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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[OPP–00541; FRL–5796–7]

EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC) has been established as a subcommittee under the auspices of the EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The TRAC is in response to Vice President Gore's request for EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to work together to ensure the smooth implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA).

DATES: The second set of TRAC meetings will be held on Monday, June 22, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, June 23, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The third set of TRAC meetings will be held on Monday, July 13, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, July 14, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The dates of the final set of TRAC meetings are July 27 and 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The second and third TRAC meetings will be held at the International Trade Center—Conference Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC; telephone: (202) 312–1300 and fax: (202) 312–1310. Specific times and location of the final meeting will be announced in the **Federal Register** prior to that meeting. The permanent record is available for inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at the Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall 2, Rm. 101, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, telephone: (703) 305–5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Linda Murray, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Crystal Mall 2, Rm. 1119, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305–7090; e-mail: fehrenbach.margie@epamail.epa.gov or murray.linda@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FQPA, Pub. L.104–170, was passed in 1996, this new law strengthens the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. The TRAC will be asked to provide policy guidance on sound science, ways to increase transparency in decisionmaking, strategies for a reasonable transition for agriculture, and ways to enhance consultations with stakeholders, as pesticide tolerances are reassessed, including those for organophosphates.

The TRAC is co-chaired by EPA Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen and USDA Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger. The TRAC is composed of experts that include farmers, environmentalists, public health officials, pediatric experts, pesticide companies, food processors and distributors, public interest groups, academicians, and tribal, State, and local governments.

The TRAC meetings are open to the public under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463. Outside statements by observers are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to 2–3 minutes, and it is preferred that only one person per organization present the statement. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after a TRAC meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent record and will be provided to the TRAC members. The permanent record will be available for public inspection at the address in ''Addresses'' at the beginning of this document.

Agendas and other background information specific to these meetings, as well as information from the first meeting, will be available on the EPA TRAC World Wide Web site (http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/trac) 1 week before each meeting or can be obtained by calling (703) 305–7090.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemicals, Foods, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF–810; FRL–5793–1]

FMC Corporation; Pesticide Tolerance Petition Filing

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 the docket control number PF–810, must be received on or before July 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Information and Records Integrity Branch, Public Information and Services Divison (7502C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under ''SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.'' No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

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