Central East constraint
Generation
Seams Issues (RTOs)—Impact of NYISO practices and procedures on regional transactions
Balancing Market Evaluation (BME) performance and improvements
Virtual bidding, trading hubs and other proposals enhancing liquidity

VI. Next Steps—1½ hours

This session will be used to finalize a list of priorities for projects in the energy and NSR markets and to establish deadlines for their completion. This session will also be used to establish any further procedures required, including setting dates for initial and reply comments.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[FRL–6934–2]**

## Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the Science Advisory Board's (SAB's) Executive Committee will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Time. The meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

### 1. Executive Committee—Teleconference Meeting—February 1, 2001

The U.S. EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) will conduct a public teleconference meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2001 between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 6013 in the U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in the conference room noted above. However, the public may also attend through a telephonic link, to the extent that lines are available. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Diana Pozun no earlier than one week prior to the meeting (beginning on January 25) at (202) 564–4544, or via e-mail at *pozun.diana@epa.gov.*

*Purpose of the Meeting:* In this meeting, the Executive Committee plans to review reports from some of its Committees/Subcommittee, most likely including the following:

(a) Natural Attenuation Research Subcommittee of the Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC) ''Review of EPA's Natural Attenuation Research Program'' (see 65 FR 60189, dated October 10, 2000 for details).

(b) Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC): ''An SAB Advisory: A Review of ORIA's Use and Adaptation of GENII Environmental Radiation Dosimetry System, GENII Version 2 (v.2)'' (see 65 FR 18095, dated April 6, 2000 for details).

*Availability of Review Materials:* Drafts of the reports that will be reviewed at the meeting will be available to the public on the SAB website (http://www.epa.gov/sab) by close-of-business on January 16, 2001.

*For Further Information:* Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments must contact Dr. Donald Barnes, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564–4533; FAX (202) 501–0323; or via e-mail at *barnes.don@epa.gov.* Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail preferred) and received by Dr. Barnes no later than noon Eastern Time on January 25, 2001.

### 2. Executive Committee—February 5–6, 2001

The U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB's) Executive Committee will conduct a public meeting on Monday and Tuesday, February 5–6, 2001. The meeting will convene each day at 8:30 a.m. in Room 6013, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will adjourn no later than 5 p.m. each day.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* At this meeting, the Executive Committee will receive updates from its committees and subcommittees concerning their recent and planned activities. As part of these updates, some committees will present draft reports for Executive Committee review and approval. We anticipate that the following report will be completed by the SAB Subcommittee involved and be ready for Executive Committee review at this meeting, however, to determine if this, or any other reports are under consideration at this meeting, please contact Ms. Diana Pozun at (202) 564–4544 or *pozun.diana@epa.gov.* Draft report(s) will appear on the Science Advisory Board website (*www.epa.gov/sab*) approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

(a) Dioxin Reassessment Review Committee (DRRC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) ''Review of EPA's Draft Exposure and Human Health Reassessment of 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin (TCDD) and Related Compounds'' (see 65 FR 60190, dated October 10, 2000 for details).

As part of this two day meeting, the Executive Committee will also: (a) Meet with various Agency officials to discuss matters of mutual interest; (b) receive briefings from Agency staff on various topics; and (c) discuss future business of the Board including projects for FY2001.

*Availability of Materials:* The draft meeting agenda and drafts of any reports that will be reviewed at the meeting will be available to the public on the SAB website (http://www.epa.gov/sab) by close-of-business on January 22, 2001.

*For Further Information:* Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Executive Committee at U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; phone (202) 564–4533; fax (202) 501–0323; or via e-mail at <barnes.don@epa.gov>. Those wishing to submit brief oral comments should contact Dr. Barnes, *in writing,* no later than close of business January 29, 2001.

### Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written

comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM–PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

*General Information:* Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB website (*http://www.epa.gov/sab*) and in The FY2000 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564–4533 or via fax at (202) 501–0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

*Meeting Access:* Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Dr. Barnes at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 11, 2001.

**Donald G. Barnes,**

*Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[0PP–60059; FRL–6762–9]**

## Notice of Receipt of Request for Cancellation of Registration of Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) subspecies tolworthi Cry9C and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production in Corn

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of a request by Aventis CropScience USA LP the sole U.S. registrant, to cancel their registration of *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) subspecies tolworthi Cry9C and the genetic material necessary for its production in corn.

**DATES:** Unless the request is withdrawn, the Agency will approve these use deletions and the deletions will become effective on February 20, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Phil Hutton, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7511C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308–8260; e-mail address: hutton.phil@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. General Information

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA, provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled. The Act further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.

### II. Background

On May 12, 1998, EPA issued a registration to Plant Genetic Systems (America) Inc. for StarLink™ corn (original EPA Registration No. 70218–1). StarLink™ contains the active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. tolworthi Cry9C protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in corn. EPA issued the registration, but restricted the use of the pesticide to field corn used for feed, industrial non-food uses, and seed increase because the Agency could not find that there was a reasonable certainty of no harm from its use in human food, based on a concern that the protein Cry9C could be allergenic. The Agency's assessment of Cry9C revealed that it has particular characteristics in common with known allergens: it is relatively heat stable and does not readily breakdown in simulated digestive fluids. This raises the possibility that it could be a human allergen. However, EPA determined that, notwithstanding its concern with respect to human ingestion of Cry9C, Cry9C was ''safe'' and when used as animal feed, would not present unreasonable risks to human health. Because the protein does not transfer to meat and poultry products, use in animal feed would not result in human dietary exposure to the protein/potential allergen.

On October 29, 1998, the StarLink™ corn registration was conveyed from Plant Genetic Systems (America) to AgrEvo USA. AgrEvo USA and Rhone Poulenc Ag Company subsequently formed Aventis CropScience USA LP (Aventis). As of February 22, 2000, the StarLink™ corn registration is now held by Aventis under registration number 264–669.

Test data from several sources demonstrate that StarLink™ corn was diverted into human food. Data from Aventis, Kraft Corporation, and the Food and Drug Administration confirmed the presence of Aventis' Cry9c DNA (the genetic material necessary for the production of Cry9C) in Taco Bell taco shells when tested using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) primers. The PCR primers used are unique to the Aventis *cry9c* gene.

### III. Intent to Cancel Registration

This notice announces receipt by the Agency of an application from Aventis, to cancel the registration for StarLink™ corn (EPA Registration No. 264–669). The active ingredient in this product is *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. tolworthi Cry9C protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in corn.

The 30–day comment period will permit other interested members of the public to comment prior to the Agency's approval of the deletions. Users of this product who desire continued use should contact both the EPA contact person listed above, and the registrant at the following address: Dr. Sally Van Wert, Aventis CropScience, P.O. Box 12014, 2 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: (919) 549–2379, to discuss withdrawal of the application for cancellation before February 20, 2001. It should be noted however, that this cancellation is being proposed because Aventis has failed to ensure that StarLink™ corn will not be diverted to human food, it is incumbent on any proponent of further use to demonstrate either: (1) That further use will not be diverted to human food, or (2) that StarLink™ corn is safe for human consumption because it will not present an unreasonable allergenic risk.

### IV. Existing Stocks Provision

For the purpose of this notice, existing stocks are defined as those stocks of Cry9C corn grain and corn seed (EPA Registration No. 264–669) that exist before the date on which the registration of this product is canceled. Under section 6(a)(1), the Administrator may permit the continued sale or use of existing stocks of a pesticide whose registration has been canceled, if she determines that such sale or use would be consistent with the purposes of FIFRA (7 U.S.C. 136d(a)(1)). Sales of corn grain produced by farmers growing