consistent and timely federal input that will allow EPA, states, tribes, and the public to gauge whether pesticides represent a concern for aquatic life, for example, based on water monitoring results. To address these concerns, the Agency has begun a process to explore how to build on the high quality science in both OW and OPP to develop additional tools and approaches to support consistent and common effects characterizations using the best available information. If successful, this common tiered effects characterization methodology and resultant advisory values would allow Federal and State risk managers to make environmentally protective and scientifically defensible, timely decisions about chemicals that may be found in ambient water in a consistent manner while meeting the mandates of both CWA and FIFRA.

A scoping document was published in April 2009, http://www.epa.gov/oppefed1/cwa_fifra_effects_methodology/scope.html that described this effort in more detail and invited public participation in our collective efforts. Following through on this invitation, 6 regional stakeholders meetings where held in January 2010. The feedback received from stakeholders assisted EPA in crafting three draft white papers. Now, a national stakeholders meeting is being planned for October 29, 2010 to solicit input on the Agency’s draft white papers that address the following topics:

1. The use of various tools to estimate aquatic toxicity data;
2. Approaches for deriving community level benchmarks; and
3. Procedures for better integrating plant effects data into community level assessments.

These white papers also describe how the potential new tools, methods, and analytical approaches that may be used by the Agency, state pesticide and water quality agencies, and other stakeholders to gauge whether pesticides represent a concern for aquatic life. Following this meeting, the Agency plans to revise the white papers, based on public comments and feedback from the stakeholders. The white papers will then be reviewed by EPA’s Science Advisory Board in summer 2011.


Information on procedures used to evaluate these studies are described in: Standard Evaluation Protocols, the guidance document entitled the Rejection Rate Analysis: Ecological Effects (EPA 738–R–94–035), and in the OPP Overview Document. Public literature is accessed by OPP through EPA’s ECOTOX database (http://cfpub.epa.gov.ecotox/). The “OPPTS Aquatic Benchmarks,” a Web site developed by OPP, contains the aquatic toxicity endpoints used in pesticide assessments (http://www.epa.gov/oppefed1/tecorisk_ders/aquatic_life_benchmarks.htm).

III. What type of comments does EPA want to receive?

EPA would like the public to comment on the following:

1. The data, tools, and methods presented in the white papers;
2. Alternate tools or methods that EPA should consider for extrapolating or estimating aquatic toxicity data;
3. Alternate methods EPA should consider for developing community level benchmarks or aquatic life screening values when minimum data requirements for national recommended aquatic life criteria are not met;
4. The types of values that are used by states and/or regions for protecting aquatic life in the absence of ambient water quality criteria; and
5. Approaches to establishing plant-based criteria, or methods to better incorporate plant effects data into community level benchmarks.

Dated: September 27, 2010.

Ephraim S. King,
Director, Office of Science and Technology,
Office of Water.


Steve Bradbury,
Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.


Fred Hauchman,
Director, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Technological Advisory Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Technological Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2010 in the Commission Meeting Room, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

DATES: November 4, 2010.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At this meeting, the overall objectives of the Technological Advisory Council (TAC) will be described and discussion on the working methods of the TAC will be held. The FCC will attempt to
accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to seating availability. Meetings are also broadcast live with open captioning over the internet from the FCC Live Web page at http://www.fcc.gov/live/. The public may submit written comments before the meeting to: Walter Johnston, the FCC’s Designated Federal Officer for Technological Advisory Council by e-mail: walter.johnston@fcc.gov or U.S. Postal Service Mail [Walter Johnston, Federal Communications Commission, Room 2–A665, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554]. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Office of Engineering and Technology at 202–418–2470 (voice), (202) 418–1944 (fax). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include your contact information. Please allow at least five days advance notice; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

Exceptional Circumstances (notice): The notice of this meeting is being published on less than 15 days notice due to exceptional circumstances. It is critical that the TAC conduct this meeting to organize itself and its subgroups as soon as possible in order to develop recommendations regarding 4G and other broadband technologies that will be deployed beginning next year, as well as developing recommendations more generally for job creation in the broadband sector. However, the only date this year that all TAC members could attend, and at which sufficient meeting space is available at the agency, is November 4th. Failure to meet on this date would push this important meeting back into 2011 and jeopardize the ability of the TAC to fulfill its mission within the time frame sought by the Commission. Recognizing the late Federal Register publication, the agency also issued a Public Notice of this meeting on Monday, October 25th, in an effort to mitigate the late Federal Register publication and as an additional way of advising the public of this meeting and their right to attend.

Federal Communications Commission
Julius P. Knapp,
Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion (ComE–IN); Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion, which will be held in Washington, DC. The Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations on initiatives to expand access to banking services by underserved populations.

DATES: Tuesday, November 16, 2010, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the FDIC Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Committee Management Officer of the FDIC, at (202) 898–7643.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: The agenda will be focused on children’s savings, underserved studies, and policy and project updates. The agenda may be subject to change. Any changes to the agenda will be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

Type of Meeting: The meeting will be open to the public, limited only by the space available on a first-come, first-served basis. For security reasons, members of the public will be subject to security screening procedures and must present a valid photo identification to enter the building. The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call (703) 562–6067 (Voice or TTY) at least two days before the meeting to make necessary arrangements. Written statements may be filed with the committee before or after the meeting. This ComE–IN meeting will be Webcast live via the Internet at: http://www.vodium.com/goto/fdic/advisorycommittee.asp. This service is free and available to anyone with the following systems requirements: http://www.vodium.com/home/sysreq.html. Adobe Flash Player is required to view these presentations.


Installation questions or troubleshooting help can be found at the same link. For optimal viewing, a high speed Internet connection is recommended. The ComE–IN meeting videos are made available on-demand approximately two weeks after the event.

Dated: October 27, 2010.

Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.