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Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Air, Climate, and Energy Subcommittee Docket, EPA/DC, William Jefferson Clinton West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Tim Benner, Mail Code 8104R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-6769; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via email at: benner.tim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information: The conference call is open to the public. Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft agenda, attending the conference call, or making a presentation during the conference call may contact Tim

Benner, the Designated Federal Officer, via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes. Proposed agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to, the following: presentation and discussion of the subcommittee's draft responses to the charge questions and approval of the final draft letter report prior to its submission to the BOSC Executive Committee.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Tim Benner at (202) 564-6769 or benner.tim@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Tim Benner, preferably at least ten days prior to the conference call, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: June 24, 2015.

Fred S. Hauchman,

Director, Office of Science Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0302; FRL-9929-42]

Proposed Antimicrobial Pesticide Use Site Index; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of and requesting public comment on a proposed guidance document called the Antimicrobial Pesticide Use Site Index (USI). The Agency developed this document to provide guidance about antimicrobial pesticide use sites and general antimicrobial pesticide use patterns. This guidance document is intended to assist antimicrobial pesticide applicants and registrants by helping them to identify the 40 CFR part 158 subpart W data requirements that are necessary to register their product(s), and will likewise be used by Agency staff evaluating pesticide applications.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0302, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- **Mail:** OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Weiss, Antimicrobials Division (7510P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 308-8293; email address: weiss.steven@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be affected by this action if you are a producer of pesticide products (NAICS 32532), antifoulants (NAICS 32551), antimicrobial pesticides (NAICS 32561), or wood preservatives (NAICS 32519), importers of such products, or any person or company who seeks to register an antimicrobial, antifoulant coating, ballast water treatment, or wood preservative pesticide or to obtain a tolerance for such a pesticide. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed could also be affected.

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit this information to EPA through www.regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or

CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

C. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

A copy of the proposed guidance document is available in the docket under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0302.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

The Agency is making available for comment a proposed guidance document called the "Antimicrobial Pesticide Use Site Index." In the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2013 (78 FR 26936) (FRL-8886-5), the Agency published a final rule amending 40 CFR part 158, the section of the regulations setting forth the data requirements that support an application to register a pesticide product. The final rule, which is codified as 40 CFR part 158 subpart W (158W), contains the data requirements specifically applicable to antimicrobial pesticides. The rule became effective July 8, 2013.

The proposed guidance document serves as a compilation of the specific use sites that are commonly listed on antimicrobial labels. The specific use sites are further organized into categories of twelve general use patterns. The general use patterns are broad designations and are used as columns in the antimicrobial data requirements tables to identify which data requirements might be pertinent to the particular pesticide use site. The Agency has developed the proposed guidance document to provide additional information about these use patterns. This guidance document is intended to assist antimicrobial pesticide applicants and registrants by helping them to identify the data requirements that are necessary to register their product(s), and will likewise be used by Agency staff evaluating antimicrobial pesticide applications.

As a guidance document, the association of a particular antimicrobial use site with a general antimicrobial use

pattern should be viewed as a recommendation only and is not to be construed as binding on either EPA or any outside parties. EPA may depart from the guidance where circumstances warrant and without prior notice.

The posting of this proposed guidance document for public comment satisfies a condition of the March 2, 2015, settlement agreement between EPA and the American Chemistry Council (ACC), which followed ACC's July 2013 initiation of a legal challenge to the data requirements regulation (subpart 158W of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations) in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Under that settlement agreement, the Agency committed to taking comment on this proposed guidance document within 4 months of the effective date of the settlement agreement.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136-136y and 21 U.S.C. 346a.

Dated: June 24, 2015.

Jim Jones,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9929-86-OAR]

Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Request for Methyl Bromide Critical Use Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice of the process for submitting applications for critical use exemptions for 2018 and subsequent years. Critical use exemptions are exceptions to the phaseout of production and import of methyl bromide, a controlled class I ozone-depleting substance. Critical use exemptions must be permitted by the Parties to the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer* and must also be in accordance with the Clean Air Act and EPA regulations. Applications received in response to this notice will be considered as the basis for submitting potential nominations for critical use exemptions to future Meetings of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Critical use exemptions allow production, import, and use of methyl bromide in the specific year for which the Parties to

the Montreal Protocol permit the use. All entities interested in obtaining a critical use exemption must provide EPA with the technical and economic information outlined in this notice to support a "critical use" claim by the deadline specified in this notice, even if they have applied for an exemption in previous years.

DATES: Applications for critical use exemptions must be submitted to EPA no later than September 15 of the calendar year three years prior to the calendar year for which the exemption is sought. An application for a critical use exemption for calendar year 2018, for example, must be submitted by September 15, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Application forms are available at www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr/cueinfo.html. EPA encourages users to submit applications electronically to arling.jeremy@epa.gov. Users can also submit applications by U.S. mail to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, Stratospheric Protection Division, Attention Methyl Bromide Team, Mail Code 6205J, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Confidentiality: Application materials that are confidential should be submitted under separate cover and be clearly identified as "confidential business information." Information covered by a claim of business confidentiality will be treated in accordance with the procedures for handling such information under 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, and will be disclosed only to the extent and by means of the procedures set forth in that subpart. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter (40 CFR 2.203). EPA may place a copy of Worksheet 6 from the application in the public domain. Any information on Worksheet 6 shall not be considered confidential and will not be treated as such by the Agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General Information: U.S. EPA Stratospheric Ozone Information inbox, spdcomment@epa.gov; also www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr.

Technical Information: Bill Chism, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (7503P), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-8136. Email: chism.bill@epa.gov.

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