may then issue a revised risk assessment, explain any changes to the draft risk assessment, and respond to comments. In the Federal Register notice announcing the availability of the revised risk assessment, if the revised risk assessment indicates risks of concern, the Agency may provide a comment period for the public to submit suggestions for mitigating the risk identified in the revised risk assessment before developing a proposed registration review decision on the pesticides identified above.

As directed by FIFRA section 3(g), the EPA is also reviewing the pesticide registration for TCVP to ensure that it continues to satisfy the FIFRA standard for registration—that is, that TCVP can still be used without unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. TCVP is an organophosphate (OP) insecticide used to control fleas, ticks, flies, lice, and insect larvae on livestock and domestic animals and their premises. TCVP is also applied as a perimeter treatment. TCVP is formulated into dusts, pet collars, emulsifiable concentrates, feed additives (solid and liquid), feed blocks, wettable powders, pellets and granular products. This Federal Register notice is announcing that the EPA has published the final registration review TCVP occupational and residential exposure risk assessment for all TCVP uses.

The final TCVP registration review occupational and residential exposure risk assessment incorporates several changes, including a reduction of the oral toxicological point of departure (POD) from 8.0 milligram/kilogram/day (mg/kg/day) to 2.8 mg/kg/day; the use of human research data (Davis, M. et al.,) “Assessing Intermittent Pesticide Exposure From Flea Control Collars Containing the Organophosphorus Insecticide Tetraclorvinfos (TCVP)” by M. Keith Davis, J. Scott Boone, John E. Moran, John W. Tyler and Janice E. Chambers) on TCVP exposure from pet collars. Relying on this data is crucial to EPA’s decision that more stringent regulatory restrictions are necessary to protect public health than could be justified without the data. EPA’s full explanation of its decision to rely on this data is available at regulations.gov in Docket Number EPA–HQ–OPP–2008–0316.

In compliance with EPA’s rule for protection of human subjects, specifically 40 CFR 26.1706(d), EPA is hereby publishing its full explanation of the Agency’s decision to rely on data from human research “Assessing Intermittent Pesticide Exposure From Flea Control Collars Containing the Organophosphorus Insecticide Tetraclorvinfos (TCVP)” by M. Keith Davis, J. Scott Boone, John E. Moran, John W. Tyler and Janice E. Chambers) on TCVP exposure from pet collars. Relying on this data is crucial to EPA’s decision that more stringent regulatory restrictions are necessary to protect public health than could be justified without the data. EPA’s full explanation can be found at regulations.gov in docket number EPA–HQ–OPP–2008–0316, and on OPP’s Web page at https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/use-tetraclorvinfos-exposure-data-human-research.

1. Other related information. Additional information on the registration review status of the chemicals listed in Tables 1 and 2 of Unit III, as well as information on the Agency’s registration review program and on implementing regulation is available at http://www.epa.gov/pesticide-reevaluation.

2. Information submission requirements. Anyone may submit data or information in response to this document. To be considered during a pesticide’s registration review, the submitted data or information must meet the following requirements:

• To ensure that EPA will consider data or information submitted, interested persons must submit the data or information during the comment period. The Agency may, at its discretion, consider data or information submitted at a later date.

• The data or information submitted must be presented in a legible and useable form. For example, an English translation must accompany any material that is not in English and a written transcript must accompany any information submitted as an audio/visual reproduction record. Written material may be submitted in paper or electronic form.

• Submitters must clearly identify the source of any submitted data or information.

• Submitters may request the Agency to reconsider data or information that the Agency rejected in a previous review. However, submitters must explain why they believe the Agency should reconsider the data or information in the pesticide’s registration review.

As provided in 40 CFR 155.58, the registration review docket for each pesticide case will remain publicly accessible through the duration of the registration review process; that is, until all actions required in the final decision on the registration review case have been completed.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.


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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), One Potomac Yard (South Building), First Floor Conference Center (S–1200), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.
II. Background

On a biannual interval, an Environmental Modeling Public Meeting is held for presentation and discussion of current issues related to modeling pesticide fate, transport, and exposure for risk assessment in a regulatory context. Meeting dates and abstract requests are announced through the ‘empmlist’ forum on the LYRIS list server at https://lists.epa.gov/read/all_forums/.

III. How can I request to participate in this meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2009–0879, must be received on or before June 5, 2017.

IV. Tentative Theme for the Meeting

Subsurface Metabolism: Groundwater modeling conducted as part of the pesticide registration and re-evaluation processes typically assumes that biologically mediated metabolism does not occur at depths greater than 1 meter. The focus of this EMPM meeting concerns evidence of subsurface metabolism in groundwater, methods for measuring subsurface metabolism, and how to parameterize models to account for subsurface metabolism. As always, other timely topics beyond subsurface metabolism will be considered as time limits allow.


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Request for Nominations of Experts to the EPA Office of Research and Development’s Board of Scientific Counselors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking nominations for technical experts to serve on its Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), a federal advisory committee to the Office of Research and Development (ORD). Submission of nominations is preferred via the BOSC Web site at: https://www.epa.gov/bosc.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by June 30, 2017, per instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public needing additional information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Mr. Tom Tracy, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code 8104–R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564–6518; via fax at: (202) 565–2911; or via email at: tracy.tom@epa.gov. General information concerning the BOSC can be found at the following Web site: https://www.epa.gov/bosc.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The BOSC is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that was established by the EPA to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations about ORD. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the BOSC conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations.

The BOSC is comprised of an Executive Committee and five supporting subcommittees. The subcommittees focus on ORD’s research programs: Air, Climate, and Energy Research Program; Chemical Safety for Sustainability Research Program and Human Health Risk Assessment Program; Homeland Security Research Program; Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program; and Sustainable and Healthy Communities Research Program. Please visit https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-office-research-and-development-ord to learn more about these programs.

Members of the BOSC are recognized experts in various scientific, engineering, and social science fields. EPA will consider nominees from industry, business, public and private research institutes or organizations, academia, government (federal, state, local, and tribal) and non-government organizations, and other relevant interest areas. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for a period of three years and serve as special government employees. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.