



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Modeling Public Meeting; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An Environmental Modeling Public Meeting (EMPM) will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. This Notice announces the location and time for the meeting and provides tentative agenda topics. The EMPM provides a public forum for EPA and its stakeholders to discuss current issues related to modeling pesticide fate, transport, and exposure for pesticide risk assessments in a regulatory context.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 18, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Requests to participate in the meeting must be received on or before *[INSERT DATE 10 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]*.

To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the person listed under **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.

ADDRESSES: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Wentz or Jessica Joyce, Environmental Fate and Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-0001 and (703) 347-8191; fax number: (703) 305-0204;

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting NAICS code 11
- Utilities NAICS code 22
- Professional, Scientific and Technical NAICS code 54

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0879, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001. 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 OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

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**. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered Confidential Business Information (CBI). Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0879, must be received on or before *[INSERT DATE 10 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]*.

IV. Tentative Theme for the Meeting

Assessing Exposure and Risk to Pollinators and Plants: The 2017 Fall EMPM will provide a forum for presentations on methods for assessing pesticide exposure and risk to pollinators and plants. Potential pollinator topics include novel risk assessment approaches and advances in model development. In regard to terrestrial and wetland plants, potential topics include the status of the EPA’s new exposure model and investigations of variability inherent in seedling emergence and vegetative vigor toxicity studies. Updates on ongoing topics will also be provided, e.g., synergy, fumigant

guidance, seed exposure modeling for terrestrial vertebrates, the Spatial Aquatic Model (SAM), and methods for interpreting pesticide surface water monitoring data.

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