

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-9926-58-OEI]

**Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Oklahoma****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's approval of the State of Oklahoma's request to revise/modify its General Pretreatment Regulations For Existing And New Sources Of Pollution and State Sludge Management Program Regulations EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting.

**DATES:** EPA's approval is effective June 6, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen Seeh, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Stop 2823T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566-1175, [seeh.karen@epa.gov](mailto:seeh.karen@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR requires that state, tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application

and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements. Once an authorized program has EPA's approval to accept electronic documents under certain programs, CROMERR § 3.1000(a)(4) requires that the program keep EPA apprised of any changes to laws, policies, or the electronic document receiving systems that have the potential to affect the program's compliance with CROMERR § 3.2000.

On October 27, 2014, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (OK DEQ) submitted a modification to their amended application titled "Electronic Document Receiving System" for revision/modification to its EPA-approved pretreatment and sludge management programs under title 40 CFR to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed OK DEQ's request to revise/modify its EPA-authorized Part 403—General Pretreatment Regulations For Existing And New Sources Of Pollution and 501—State Sludge Management Program Regulations and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revision/modification set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve Oklahoma's request to revise/modify its Part 403—General Pretreatment Regulations For Existing And New Sources Of Pollution and 501—State Sludge Management Program Regulations to allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR parts 403-471, 501, and 503 is being published in the **Federal Register**.

OK DEQ was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized program listed above.

**Matthew Leopard,***Director, Office of Information Collection.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0794; FRL-9945-06]

**Atrazine, Simazine, and Propazine Registration Review; Draft Ecological Risk Assessments; Notice of Availability****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's draft ecological risk assessments for the registration review

of atrazine, propazine, and simazine and opens a public comment period on these documents. Registration review is EPA's periodic review of pesticide registrations to ensure that each pesticide continues to satisfy the statutory standard for registration, that is, the pesticide can perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. As part of the registration review process, the Agency has completed comprehensive draft ecological risk assessments for all atrazine, propazine, and simazine uses. After reviewing comments received during the public comment period, EPA may issue revised risk assessments, explain any changes to the draft risk assessments, respond to comments, and may request public input on risk mitigation before completing proposed registration review decisions for atrazine, propazine, and simazine. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that each pesticide's registration is based on current scientific and other knowledge, including its effects on human health and the environment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 5, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0794, 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:** For pesticide specific information contact: The Chemical Review Manager listed in Table 1 of Unit III.

For general questions on the registration review program, contact: Richard Dumas, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone

number: (703) 308-8015; email address: [dumas.richard@epa.gov](mailto:dumas.richard@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this action apply to me?*

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the Chemical Review Manager listed in Table 1 of Unit III.

*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](http://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>.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticides discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

**II. Authority**

EPA is conducting its registration review of atrazine, simazine, and

propazine pursuant to section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Procedural Regulations for Registration Review at 40 CFR part 155, subpart C. Section 3(g) of FIFRA provides, among other things, that the registrations of pesticides are to be reviewed every 15 years. Under FIFRA, a pesticide product may be registered or remain registered only if it meets the statutory standard for registration given in FIFRA section 3(c)(5) (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(5)). When used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, the pesticide product must perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on the environment; that is, without any unreasonable risk to man or the environment, or a human dietary risk from residues that result from the use of a pesticide in or on food.

**III. Registration Reviews**

As directed by FIFRA section 3(g), EPA is reviewing the pesticide registrations for atrazine, simazine, and propazine to ensure that they continue to satisfy the FIFRA standard for registration—that is, that atrazine, simazine, and propazine can still be used without unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment.

TABLE 1—DRAFT RISK ASSESSMENTS BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT—TRIAZINES

Registration review case name and No.	Docket ID No.	Chemical review manager and contact information
Atrazine 0062 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0266 .....	Marianne Mannix, <a href="mailto:mannix.marianne@epa.gov">mannix.marianne@epa.gov</a> , (703) 347-0275.
Simazine 0070 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0251 .....	Steven Snyderman, <a href="mailto:snyderman.steven@epa.gov">snyderman.steven@epa.gov</a> , (703) 347-0249.
Propazine, 0230 .....	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0250 .....	Steven Snyderman, <a href="mailto:snyderman.steven@epa.gov">snyderman.steven@epa.gov</a> , (703) 347-0249.

*Atrazine.* Draft Ecological Risk Assessment (EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0266). Atrazine is one of the most widely used agricultural pesticides in the United States. It is used primarily on corn, sorghum, and sugarcane to control broadleaf and grassy weeds in the Midwest. The draft atrazine ecological risk assessment evaluates risk to animals and plants. An endangered species assessment has not been completed for atrazine at this time. Atrazine was evaluated for its potential to affect endocrine systems in mammals and wildlife and the results of the Agency's review are found in the Weight of Evidence review in this Registration Review docket.

*Simazine.* Draft Ecological Risk Assessment (EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0251). Simazine is an herbicide used to control broadleaf and grassy weeds on corn, citrus, tree nuts, pome fruits, stone fruits, berries, and grapes. The draft simazine ecological risk assessment evaluates risk to animals and plants. An endangered species assessment has not been completed for simazine at this time. Simazine was evaluated for its potential to affect endocrine systems in mammals and wildlife and the results of the Agency's review are found in the Weight of Evidence review in this Registration Review docket.

*Propazine.* Ecological Risk Assessment (EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0250). Propazine is an herbicide used

mainly to control broadleaf and grassy weeds on sorghum. The draft propazine ecological risk assessment evaluates risk to animals and plants. An endangered species assessment has not been completed for propazine at this time. Propazine has not been evaluated for its potential to affect endocrine systems in mammals and wildlife.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.53(c), EPA is providing an opportunity, through this notice of availability, for interested parties to provide comments and input concerning the Agency's draft ecological risk assessments for atrazine, simazine, and propazine. Such comments and input could address, among other things, the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions, as

applied to these draft risk assessments. The Agency will consider all comments received during the public comment period and make changes, as appropriate, to the draft ecological risk assessments. After reviewing comments received during the public comment period, EPA may issue revised risk assessments, explain any changes to the draft risk assessments, and respond to comments, and may request public input on risk mitigation before completing a proposed registration review decision for the identified pesticides.

#### 1. Other related information.

Additional information specific to atrazine is available on the Pesticide Registration Review Status Web page for this pesticide, <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/atrazine-background-and-updates>. Information on the Agency's registration review program and its implementing regulation is available at [http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration\\_review](http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration_review).

#### 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 audiographic or videographic 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.*

Dated: May 31, 2016.

**Michael Goodis,**

*Acting Director, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0233; FRL-9947-12]

### Stakeholder Workshop To Discuss Interim Scientific Methods Used in Draft Biological Evaluations; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (collectively, the Services), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are holding a 2-day workshop to discuss potential refinements to the interim scientific methods used in the first nationwide draft biological evaluations for chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion, released for public comment on April 11, 2016. These interim scientific methods were developed by EPA and the Services, with collaboration from USDA on crop production, pesticide use, and the spatial footprint of agricultural use patterns, in response to the 2013 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report entitled, "Assessing Risks to Endangered and Threatened Species from Pesticides." This workshop builds upon public meetings held in November 2013, April and October 2014, and April 2015, and provides a forum for stakeholders to offer scientific and technical feedback on three topics of interest: (1) Improving aquatic modeling, (2) refinements to Step 1 (making "may affect" or "no effect" determinations) and Step 2 (making "likely to adversely affect" or "not likely to adversely affect" determinations), and (3) the weight of evidence approach. The workshop is not designed, or intended, to be a decision-making forum; consensus will not be sought, or developed at the meeting. This meeting is intended to further the agencies' goal of developing a sustainable methodology and process as part of the consultation process for assessing pesticide impacts on threatened and endangered (listed)

species that is efficient, inclusive, and transparent.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 29, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and June 30, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a teleconference line and webinar available for those interested in calling in for introductory and concluding plenary sessions at the beginning and the end of the workshop. Attendees must register by June 22, 2016 to attend either in person or via teleconference/webinar.

To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the person(s) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA and the Services as much time as possible to process your request.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at FWS Skyline Bldg. 7, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041-3803, in the Rachel Carson Room. See Unit III for additional information.

Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0233, may be submitted to the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information and to register to attend, contact: Khue Nguyen, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 703-347-0248; email address: [nguyen.khue@epa.gov](mailto:nguyen.khue@epa.gov).

For meeting logistics and special accommodations, contact: Leona Laniawe, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, Ecological Services, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; telephone: (703) 358-2640; email address: [leona\\_laniawe@fws.gov](mailto:leona_laniawe@fws.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you develop, manufacture, formulate, sell, and/or apply pesticide products, and if you are interested in the potential impacts of pesticide use on listed species. 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:

- Crop Production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal Production (NAICS code 112).
- Food Manufacturing (NAICS code 311).