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facilitate the movement of water from the Freeport Regional Water Project through a pipeline near Camanche Reservoir. The facilities would not withdraw any water from Camanche Reservoir.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable. Please include the project number (P-2916-073) on any comments or motions filed. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be

obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0343; FRL-8127-4]

Soil Fumigant Pesticides; Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is planning to hold two stakeholder meetings to obtain public input on risk management options for the soil fumigant pesticides chloropicrin, dazomet, metam sodium, metam potassium, and methyl bromide. Reregistration for 1,3-dichloropropene (1,3-D or Telone) was completed in 1998, but it is included in the review for comparative purposes. The public meetings will be held in the states of Washington and Florida in late May and early June 2007. The purpose of the meetings is for the Agency to obtain first-hand comments on possible human health risk mitigation options from stakeholders who are most affected by soil fumigant use, including growers, professional fumigant applicators, farm workers, neighbors and community members, local officials, and others. EPA also plans to participate in a stakeholder meeting focusing on risk mitigation options for the soil fumigants metam sodium and metam potassium, held by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation in late May 2007. California and EPA have been working together on soil fumigant issues during the last several years, and use similar approaches to reduce exposure. Stakeholders' comments at these meetings will help inform EPA's decision later this year on the reregistration eligibility of several soil fumigant pesticides. Through the

reregistration program, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

DATES: The meeting in Richland, Washington will be held on May 22, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting in Ft. Myers, Florida will be held on June 6, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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. Spanish language translation will be available at both meetings.

ADDRESSES: The Washington meeting will be held at the Federal Building, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland, Washington 99352. The Florida meeting will be held at the Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street, Ft. Myers, Florida 33901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For Washington meeting information contact.* Veronique LaCapra, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 605-1525; fax number: (703) 308-8090; e-mail address: lacapra.veronique@epa.gov.

For Florida meeting information contact. Nathan Mottl, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-0208; fax number: (703) 308-7070; e-mail address: mottl.nathan@epa.gov.

For general information contact. John Leahy, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6703; fax number: (703) 308-8090; e-mail address: leahy.john@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, 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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0343. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

II. Background

EPA is currently reviewing six soil fumigant pesticides. Four of the six are in review for reregistration, including chloropicrin, dazomet, metam sodium, metam potassium, and methyl bromide. A fifth chemical, iodomethane, is being reviewed for registration and is a possible alternative to methyl bromide. Reregistration for 1,3-dichloropropene (1,3-D or Telone) was completed in 1998, but is included in the review for comparative purposes.

EPA is reviewing the soil fumigant pesticides using the 6-Phase Public Participation Process described in the Agency's May 14, 2004 **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 26819)(FRL-7357-9). During Phase 5, the Agency is issuing for public comment revised risk assessments, benefits assessments, and a paper outlining risk management options for the soil fumigants. To obtain additional, first-hand input from stakeholders, EPA is holding meetings during the Phase 5 public comment period in areas of high soil fumigant use.

EPA will begin each public meeting with a brief overview of predicted risks and benefits of soil fumigant use, as well as possible measures that the Agency expects will reduce risks. After providing guidelines for making comments, the Agency will take comments from the public during the remainder of the day. EPA plans to

transcribe the meetings so that comments received can be placed in the docket where they will be available to other members of the public.

EPA also plans to participate in a stakeholder meeting held by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation on May 30, 2007, focusing on California's risk management proposals for soil fumigants that produce MITC, specifically metam sodium and metam potassium. California and EPA have been working together on soil fumigant issues during the last several years. Because the mitigation proposals for these chemicals include similar approaches to reduce exposures, EPA will also consider public comments provided by stakeholders during this meeting. Please visit the California Department of Pesticide Regulation website for more information: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>.

After considering all information and comments received during Phase 5 through the public meetings and the docket, EPA plans to develop risk management decisions for the soil fumigant pesticides later in 2007.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: April 24, 2007.

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Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0125; FRL-8127-7]

Metam Sodium and Metam Potassium; Revised Human Health Risk Assessment, Notice of Availability and Solicitation of Risk Reduction Options

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability and seeks comments on EPA's revised human health risk assessment for the pesticide fumigants metam sodium and metam potassium. In addition, this notice solicits public comment on the risk reduction options paper for fumigants including metam sodium and metam potassium and EPA's benefits assessments for the soil fumigants. The Agency is also seeking comments on the ecological risk assessment which was not revised since

the last public comment period. The public is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for metam sodium and metam potassium through the full, 6-Phase public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment decisions. EPA also is concurrently assessing the risks of four other soil fumigant pesticides to ensure that its assessment approaches are consistent, and to ensure that risk tradeoffs and economic outcomes can be adequately predicted in reaching risk management decisions. The Agency is seeking the same input from the public on these pesticides on a similar schedule. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0125, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0125. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The Federal www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not