

search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: NPDES permittees designated by the EPA region or State with permitting responsibility and laboratories doing chemical/microbiological analysis and whole-effluent toxicity testing for these major dischargers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,589.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 41,511.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$2,461,426, includes \$1,251,910 annualized capital or O&M costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 5,840 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease reflects EPA's granting a waiver for four States to use their laboratory certification program as a substitute for the DMR-QA program. This resulted in a reduction in the average number of participants from 7,516 to 6,589. The maintenance and operational cost has increased by \$11,770 due to increased costs for obtaining proficiency testing samples.

Dated: October 13, 2010.

John Moses,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0842; FRL-8849-1]

Methamidophos Registration Review Final Decision; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's final registration review decision for the pesticide, methamidophos, case 0043. 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, that the pesticide can perform its intended function without causing unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For pesticide specific information, contact:* K. Avivah Jakob, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-1328; fax number: (703) 308-8090; e-mail address: jakob.kathryn@epa.gov.

For general information on the registration review program, contact: Kevin Costello, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-5026; fax number: (703) 308-8090; e-mail address: costello.kevin@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 pesticide specific contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0842. 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 Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., 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 Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. Background

A. What action is the agency taking?

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58(c), this notice announces the availability of EPA's final registration review decision for methamidophos, case 0043. Methamidophos is a restricted use

organophosphate insecticide, that as of 2009 was registered for use on potato, cotton, tomato, and alfalfa grown for seed. However, in 2009, the sole methamidophos registrant, Bayer CropScience, informed the Agency that they were requesting to voluntarily cancel all of their remaining methamidophos product registrations. Following publication of a **Federal Register** notice announcing receipt of those requests and the completion of the corresponding public comment period, the Agency issued the product cancellation order on September 23, 2009, for all methamidophos product registrations. Details of the cancellation dates can be found in the Methamidophos Registration Review Decision document.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.57, a registration review decision is the Agency's determination whether a pesticide meets, or does not meet, the standard for registration in FIFRA. EPA has considered methamidophos in light of the FIFRA standard for registration and has concluded the methamidophos registration review. No further action is needed as all registrations of methamidophos have been cancelled. The Methamidophos Final Decision document in the docket describes the Agency's rationale for issuing a registration review final decision for this pesticide.

In addition to the final registration review decision document, the registration review docket for methamidophos also includes other relevant documents related to the registration review of this case. The proposed registration review decision was posted to the docket and the public was invited to submit any comments or new information. During the 60-day comment period, no public comments were received.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58(c), the registration review case docket for methamidophos will remain open until all actions required in the final decision have been completed.

Background on the registration review program is provided at: http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration_review. Links to earlier documents related to the registration review of this pesticide are provided at: http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration_review/methamidophos/index.htm.

B. What is the agency's authority for taking this action?

Section 3(g) of FIFRA and 40 CFR part 155, subpart C, provide authority for this action.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Registration review, Pesticides and
pests, methamidophos.

Dated: October 14, 2010.

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Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board Staff Office;
Request for Nominations of Experts To
Serve on the Clean Air Scientific
Advisory Committee (CASAC) Air
Monitoring and Methods
Subcommittee (AMMS)**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is requesting public nominations of experts to serve on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Air Monitoring and Methods Subcommittee (AMMS).

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by November 10, 2010, per instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2073; by fax at (202) 565-2098 or via e-mail at stallworth.holly@epa.gov. General information concerning the CASAC can be found on the EPA CASAC Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee. CASAC provides advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act.

Section 109(d)(1) of the CAA requires that the Agency periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the six "criteria" air pollutants. EPA's Office of

Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) requests independent review and advice from CASAC on the following subjects:

- *Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x)-Sulfur Oxides (SO_x) Monitoring and Network Design*—A review of candidate methods for assessing levels of N and S deposition; specifically constituents such as particulate sulfate, total oxidized nitrogen (NO_y), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and ammonia gas and ammonia ion combined (NH_x) in the assessment of an Atmospheric Acidification Potential Index, and the potential network design for a monitoring system in support of a secondary NO_x/SO_x NAAQS.

- *Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS): Network Re-engineering*—Advice on potential revisions to the technical and regulatory aspects of the PAMS program; including changes to required measurements and associated network design requirements and a review of appropriate technology, sampling frequency, and overall program objectives in the context of the most recently revised ozone NAAQS and changes to atmospheric chemistry that have occurred over the past 10–15 years in the most significantly impacted areas.

- *Network Design Guidance Development for Near-road Ambient Air Monitoring Requirements: Multi-pollutant Focus*—Review of the progress of a pilot monitoring study including site selection, planned measurements, and timeline; review of EPA's Near-road Network Design Technical Assistance Document (first Draft) including assessment of procedures for identifying maximum site location(s) including dispersion modeling and evaluation of potential biasing factors and recommended measurements for near-road compliance network; and a review of the role of alternative technology such as passive measurement in compliance and research monitoring studies.

- *Methods for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)*—Advice on potential improvements to TO-15 with particular emphasis on improving the characterization of acrolein; review method revisions for canister cleaning procedures, preparation of calibration standards, performance testing protocols, and subsequent changes to air quality system reporting procedures; advice on improvements for TO-13A methodology for compounds such as naphthalene, other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and branched PAHs; and advice on role of new technology in characterizing volatile

and semi-volatile compounds on a real-time or near real-time basis.

In response to OAQPS request, the Science Advisory Board Staff Office is requesting public nominations of scientific and technical experts to form a new subcommittee of the CASAC to provide advice on the four advisory topics as described above. This subcommittee, the CASAC Air Monitoring and Methods Subcommittee (AMMS) may in the future address additional monitoring and methods issues related to other criteria pollutants and hazardous air pollutants. The AMMS will provide independent advice to the Administrator through the CASAC, a chartered Federal Advisory Committee, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The AMMS will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Request for Nominations: The SAB Staff Office is seeking nominations of recognized, national experts in one or more of the following disciplines: Atmospheric sciences, dispersion modeling, atmospheric chemistry, ecosystem modeling, aquatic chemistry, environmental science and engineering, risk assessment, and statistical analysis. In particular, we seek nominees with knowledge of ambient air monitoring methods for criteria pollutants and air toxics, ambient air network design, environmental data analysis, quality assurance, dispersion modeling, emission inventories for point and mobile sources, source apportionment techniques, atmospheric chemistry, meteorology, and assessment of ecosystem impacts.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate individuals qualified in the area of science as described above to be considered for appointment to augment the Council for this review. Candidates also may nominate themselves. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (which is preferred over hard copy) following the instructions for "Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed" <http://www.epa.gov/sab> provided on the SAB Web site. The form can be accessed through the "Nomination of Experts" link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the information requested, and should be submitted in time to arrive no later than November 10, 2010. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse