

Environmental Protection Agency

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therefrom is taken or the Administrator orders review thereof as herein provided.

(1) The term *Judicial Officer* means an officer or employee of the Agency designated as a judicial officer, pursuant to these rules, who shall meet the qualifications and perform functions as herein provided.

(1) *Office*. There may be designated for the Agency one or more judicial officers, one of whom may be Chief Judicial Officer. As work requires, there may be a judicial officer designated to act for the purpose of a particular case. All prior designations of judicial officer shall stay in force until further notice.

(2) *Qualification*. A judicial officer shall be a permanent or temporary employee or officer of the Agency who may perform other duties for the Agency. Such judicial officer shall not be employed by the Office of Hazardous Materials Control or have any connection with the preparation or presentation of evidence for a hearing.

(3) *Functions*. The Administrator may delegate any or part of his authority to act in a given case under subparts B and C of this part to a judicial officer. The Administrator can separately delegate his authority to rule on interlocutory orders and motions, and may also delegate his authority to make findings of fact and draw conclusions of law in a particular proceeding, providing that this delegation shall not preclude the Judicial Officer from referring any motion or case to the Administrator when the Judicial Officer determines such referral to be appropriate. The Administrator, in deciding a case himself, may consult with and assign the preliminary drafting of conclusions of law and findings of fact to any judicial officer.

(m) The term *Party* means any person, group, organization, or Federal agency or department that participates in a hearing.

(n) The term *Person* includes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, and any organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not.

(o) The term *Petitioner* means any person adversely affected by a notice of the Administrator who requests a public hearing.

(p) The term *Presiding Officer* means any person designated by the Administrator to conduct an expedited hearing.

(q) The term *Recommended Decision* means the recommended findings and conclusions of the Presiding Officer in an expedited hearing.

(r) The term *Registrant* means any person who has registered a pesticide pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

(s) The term *Respondent* means the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Hazardous Materials Control of the Agency.

Terms defined in the act and not explicitly defined herein are used herein with the meanings given in the act.

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§ 164.3 Scope and applicability of this part.

The provisions of subpart B of this part shall govern proceedings, conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Act, concerning refusals to register, cancellations of registration, changes of classifications or hearings called by the Administrator; the provisions of subpart C of this part shall govern suspension proceedings conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

§ 164.4 Arrangements for examining Agency records, transcripts, orders, and decisions.

(a) *Reporting of orders, decisions, and other signed documents*. All orders, decisions, or other signed documents required by the rules in this part, whether issued by the Environmental Appeals Board or the Presiding Officer shall be made available to the public.

(b) *Establishment of an Agency repository*. In addition, all transcripts and docket entries shall become part of the official docket and shall be retained by the hearing clerk. At least two copies of all final orders, decisions and a notification of any appeals taken therefrom shall be retained by the hearing clerk and filed chronologically and shall be periodically bound and indexed. All the above documents shall be made available to the public for reasonable inspections during Agency business hours.