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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Opening of 60-day public comment period on Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Draft Biological Opinion for Methomyl

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This memorandum authorizes the posting of EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0290 to Regulations.gov for public access.

This memorandum opens a 60-day comment period on the FWS draft biological opinion (BiOp) for methomyl. The draft BiOp is currently posted to EPA's website (see Table below) and the Agency is taking comment in the following public docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>. This document will be open for a 60-day comment period from 07/10/2024 to 09/9/2024.

Docket ID EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0290 Draft Biological Opinion for Methomyl from The Fish and Wildlife Service. Also see *Instructions for Commenters: Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Draft Biological Opinion on Methomyl* in the same docket for more information.

In addition to the BiOp, EPA is posting documents that were developed by EPA and provided to FWS during the consultation process to support the development of the BiOp (see Table below).

In publishing this draft BiOp and accepting public comments, EPA is following the interagency stakeholder process for Endangered Species Act consultations for pesticides

finalized in March 2013.¹ After the public comment period closes, EPA will provide the comments to FWS for its consideration in developing the final BiOp.

The file size of the draft BiOp exceeds the docket system's file size limitation, therefore this document is not posted to the BiOp docket. Instead, the draft BiOp is posted on EPA's endangered species webpage (see web link provided in the Table below).

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

Table. FWS Draft BiOp for Methomyl and Supporting Materials from EPA

Document Title	Document Location	Link to Draft FWS BiOp for Methomyl and Supporting Materials from EPA
FWS Draft Biological Opinion for Methomyl	EPA's endangered species webpage	https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/biological-opinions-available-public-comment-links-final-opinions-and-links
Assessment of Usage data from California Department of Pesticide Regulation to support Methomyl (PC Code # 090301) Biological Opinion	Public Docket, Docket ID EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0290	https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0290
Methomyl Spatial Range and Usage Overlaps for Listed Species and Designated Critical Habitat	Public Docket, Docket ID EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0290	https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0290

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¹ <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0442-0038>