Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 2233–027]

Portland General Electric Company, Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, Simpson Paper Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

November 12, 1996.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is an application for an amendment of license for the Willamette Falls Project. The amendment of license application concerns the closure of six authorized hydropower units of the project's Simpson development by sealing the units with concrete plugs and steel plates. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Willamette Falls Project is located on the Willamette River in West Linn and Oregon City, Oregon.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for review at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2–A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, Jon Cofrancesco at (202) 219–0079.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–5652–9]

Gulf of Mexico Program Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Program's Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a meeting at the River House Conference Center, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James D. Giattina, Director, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, John C. Stennis Space Center, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529–6000, at (601) 688–3726.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A workshop of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program will be held at the River House Conference Center, Stennis Space Center, MS. The committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 12 and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on December 13. Agenda items will include: Follow-up to Management Committee Meeting; Organizational Changes; New Members Introduction and Brief; Definition of Role of the CAC; Assignments/ Involvement of the CAC with Focus Groups; Discussion of FACA; and Break-out Groups for Opportunities to Meet by Issue and State. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: November 12, 1996.

James D. Giattina,

Director, Gulf of Mexico Program.

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[FRL–5652–8]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on December 19–20, 1996 at the Environmental Protection Agency's Waterside Mall Complex, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 in Room M2103. For convenient access, members of the public should use the EPA entrance next to the Safeway store. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and end no later that 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) each day. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis.

Purpose of the Meeting—The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss and review the EPA Office of Research and Development's (ORD) draft Exposure Factors Handbook, which is intended to revise the extant (published in March 1990) version of the Handbook. The Handbook is intended to encourage consistency in exposure assessments, while allowing risk assessors the flexibility to tailor assessment approaches to specific situations. This Handbook provides a summary of the available data on consumption of drinking water; consumption of fruits, vegetables, beef, dairy products, and fish, soil ingestion; inhalation rates; skin surface area; lifetime; activity patterns; and body weight. Since publication of the 1990 document, new data on exposure factors have become available, and revision was necessary to update the Handbook.

The Committee is being asked to review the revised Handbook, addressing: a) its consistency with EPA's published Exposure Guidelines; b) usefulness of its data presentation to exposure assessors; c) the way in which supporting studies have been grouped vis-a-vis the exposure factors being evaluated; and d) data interpretation and characterization of uncertainty.

For Further Information—Single copies of the review document can be obtained by contacting the ORD Center for Environmental Research Information (CERI) at (513) 569–7562. The EPA document numbers are: EPA/600/P–95/002Ba (for volume I); EPA/600/P–95/002Bb (for volume II); and EPA/600/P–95/002Bc (for volume III). PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE SAB. Members of the public desiring additional technical information about the draft Handbook should contact Ms. Jacqueline Moya (8623), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260–2385, or by sending a request via Internet to moya.jacqueline@epamail.epa.gov.

Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting, including a draft agenda, should contact Ms. Dorothy Clark, Staff Secretary, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (202) 260–8414, fax (202) 260–7118, or Internet at: clark.dorothy@epamail.epa.gov. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Mr. Samuel Rondberg, Designated Federal Official for the IHEC, in *writing* at the above address no later than 4:00 p.m., December 10, 1996 via fax (202) 260–7118 or via Internet at: rondberg.sam@epamail.epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Rondberg no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. Mr. Rondberg may be contacted by telephone at (202) 260–2559.

Dated: November 7, 1996.
Donald G. Barnes,
Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.
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[PF–671; FRL–5572–7]

Pesticide Tolerance Petition: Notice of Filing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is a summary of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of a regulation for residues of glufosinate-ammonium in or on corn and soybeans. This summary was prepared by the petitioner.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket number [PF–671], must be received on or before December 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132 CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [PF–671]. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

Information submitted as comments concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as ''Confidential Business Information'' (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Joanne I. Miller, Product Manager (PM) 23, Registration Division (7505C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 237, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202, (703)–305–6224; e-mail: miller.joanne@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received a pesticide petition (PP) 5F4578 pursuant to section 408(d) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended, 21 U.S.C. Section 346a(d), by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–170, 110 Stat. 1489) from AgrEvo USA Company (AgrEvo), Little Falls Centre One, 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808 proposing to amend 40 CFR 180.473 by establishing tolerances for residues of the herbicide, glufosinate-ammonium: butanoic acid, 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)-, monoammonium salt and its metabolites: 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid and 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents. The new tolerances would be for residues of the herbicide in or on the following raw agricultural commodities: field corn grain, at 0.2 parts per million (ppm); field corn forage, at 4.0 ppm, field corn fodder, at 6.0 ppm, soybeans, at 2.0 ppm, soybean hulls, at 5.0 ppm, aspirated grain fractions, at 25.0 ppm, eggs, at 0.05 ppm, poultry, meat at 0.05 ppm, poultry, fat at 0.05 ppm, and poultry, mbyp (meat byproducts) at 0.10 ppm. The proposed analytical method for determining residues is gas chromatography.

Pursuant to section 408(d)(2)(A)(i) of the FFDCA, as amended, AgrEvo has submitted the following summary of information, data and arguments in support of its pesticide petition. This summary was proposed by AgrEvo and EPA has not yet fully evaluated the merits of the petition. The conclusions and arguments presented are those of the petitioner and not of the EPA although the EPA has edited the summary for clarification as necessary. Glufosinate-ammonium is a non-selective herbicide which will be used for post-emergence weed control in corn and soybeans which have been genetically modified to be resistant to the herbicide.

I. AgrEvo Petition Summary:

A. Plant Metabolism and Analytical Method

1. Plant Metabolism: The metabolism of glufosinate-ammonium in plants is adequately understood for the purposes of these tolerances. The crop residue profile following selective use of glufosinate-ammonium on transgenic crops is different than that found in conventional crops. The only crop residue found after non-selective use is the metabolite 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid, which is found in only trace amounts. With the exception of corn grain, the principal residue identified in the metabolism studies after selective use of glufosinate-ammonium was 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid, with lesser amounts of glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid. In corn grain, which exhibited much lower total radiolabelled residues than the other commodities, the principal residue identified was 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid, with lesser amounts of 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid.

2. Analytical Method: There is a practical analytical method utilizing gas chromatography for detecting and measuring levels of glufosinate-ammonium and its metabolites in or on food with a general limit of quantification of 0.05 ppm that allows monitoring of food with residues at or above the levels proposed in these tolerances. This method has been validated by an independent laboratory and the petitioner has been advised that the EPA concluded its own successful method try out.

B. Magnitude of the Residue

1. Magnitude of the Residue in Plants: Field residue trials with glufosinate-ammonium resistant corn and soybean have been conducted in 1993 and 1994 at several different use rates and timing intervals to represent the use patterns which would most likely result in the highest residue. In these trials, the primary residue in all samples was 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid, which was found at levels at least 2–7 times that of glufosinate or 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid. In field corn grain, only 15 out of 301 samples analyzed exhibited residues $\geq$ 0.05 ppm (the limit of quantification). The tolerance value has been proposed at 0.2 ppm. In soybean seed, the total mean glufosinate-ammonium derived residues range from 0.32 ppm to 1.89 ppm (mean = 0.92 ppm) and the tolerance has been proposed at 2 ppm. For both corn and