

facilities were constructed for the purpose of transportation pursuant to Section 311(a)(1) of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) and Subpart B of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations and were available for service on December 31, 1996. Natural states it has been providing self-implementing transportation service through these facilities pursuant to Subpart B of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations. Natural asserts that it has sufficient capacity to provide the requested service through these facilities without detriment or disadvantage to Natural's peak day and annual delivery capability. Natural states that the total volume of gas to be delivered after the facilities are authorized to provide NGA jurisdictional service will not exceed the total volume capable of being delivered prior to such request and authorization.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the National Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. RM95-4-000]

**Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts, Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies; Correction to Attachments to Notice of Revised Electronic Filing Specifications for FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2A**

March 14, 1997.

The following corrections should be made to the attachments to the notice issued October 31, 1996 in this proceeding (61 FR 57410, November 6, 1996; the attachments were not published in the Federal Register, but are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room).

In the instructions for filing Form No. 2 on paper, FERC Form No. 2: Annual Report of Major Natural Gas Companies, the last line of the instructions on page 355, the first page of the schedule, Distribution of Salaries and Wages, is revised to read: When reporting detail of other accounts, enter as many rows as are necessary numbered sequentially starting with 75.01, 75.02, etc.

Page number 355, the second page of the schedule, Distribution of Salaries and Wages, is revised as follows:

Column a of line 51 is revised to read: Production—Natural Gas (Including Expl. and Dev.) (11. 29 and 41).

Column a of line 53 is revised to read: Storage, LNG Terminating and Processing (Total of 11. 31 and 43).

Insert a new line 60 and renumber current lines 60 through 76 as 61 through 77, respectively. This will require renumbering lines 74.01 through 74.19 as 75.01 through 75.19. Column a of new line 60 reads: Total Operation and Maintenance (Total of lines 50 thru 59). Columns b, c, and d of line 60 are not blocked.

Column a of renumbered line 63 is revised to read: TOTAL All Utility Dept. (Total of lines 25, 60, and 62).

Column a of renumbered line 69 is revised to read: TOTAL Construction (Total of lines 66 thru 68).

Column a of renumbered line 74 is revised to read: TOTAL Plant Removal (Total of lines 71 thru 73).

In the Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of the Form Nos. 2 and 2A, in Schedule F7, Record Type 4, Distribution of Salaries and Wages, the paper copy reference for Item 1099 is revised to 354-3.77-b. On the same schedule, the paper copy schedule, the paper copy reference for Item 1101 is revised to 354-3.77-d.

In Appendix A to the Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of the Form Nos. 2 and 2A, the last paragraph of the instruction for the schedule, Distribution of Salaries and Wages, Schedule F7, Record ID 4, is revised to read as follows:

When reporting detail of other accounts, enter as many lines as necessary to completely report all information. Number additional lines sequentially 75.01, 75.02, etc.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-181040; FRL 5596-5]

**Carbofuran; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Texas Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide flowable Carbofuran [(Furadan 4F Insecticide/Nematicide)] (EPA Reg. No. 279-2876) to treat up to 1.8 million acres of cotton to control cotton aphids. The Applicant proposes the use of a chemical which has been the subject of a Special Review within EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs, and the proposed use could pose a risk similar to the risk assessed by EPA under the Special Review of granular carbofuran. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 4, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181040," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program Resource 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, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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 in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-181040]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. 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 in any comment concerning this notice may be

claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked 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 provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: David Deegan, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number and e-mail: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8327; e-mail:

deegan.dave@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of carbofuran on cotton to control aphids. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the Applicant asserts that the state of Texas is likely to experience a non-routine infestation of aphids during the 1997 cotton growing season. The Applicant further claims that, without a specific exemption of FIFRA for the use of flowable carbofuran on cotton to control cotton aphids, cotton growers in much of the state will suffer significant economic losses. The Applicant also details a use program designed to minimize risks to pesticide handlers and applicators, non-target organisms (both Federally-listed endangered species, and non-listed species), and to reduce the possibility of drift and runoff.

The Applicant proposes to make no more than two applications of flowable carbofuran on cotton at the rate of 0.25 lb. active ingredient [(a.i.)] (8 fluid oz.) in a minimum of 2 gallons of finished spray per acre by air, or 10 gallons of finished spray per acre by ground application. The total maximum

proposed use during the 1996 growing season (April 1, 1997 until September 30, 1997) in Texas would be 0.5 lb. a.i. (16 fluid oz.) per acre. The Applicant proposes that the maximum acreage which could be treated under the requested exemption would be 1.8 million acres. If all acres were treated at the maximum proposed rates, then 900,000 lbs. a.i. (225,000 gallons Furadan 4F Insecticide/Nematicide) would be used.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a chemical (i.e., an active ingredient) which has been the subject of a Special Review within EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs, and the proposed use could pose a risk similar to the risk assessed by EPA under the previous Special Review. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-1810040] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

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.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document. Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 13, 1997.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee was established by P.L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank to the United States Congress.

**TIME AND PLACE:** Thursday, April 3, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held at EX-IM Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20571.

**AGENDA:** The meeting agenda will include a discussion of the following: A discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee, an overview of the Export-Import Bank and a round table discussion by the Advisory Committee of the theme for 1997, "Global Export Finance."

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation; and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. In order to permit the Export-Import Bank to arrange suitable accommodations, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting should notify Joyce Herron, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20571, (202) 565-3503, not later than September 23, 1996. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to September 26, 1996, Joyce Herron, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,