

reports include a short overview document and a longer detailed document which describes the approach for integrated environmental decision-making that has been developed by the Committee.

Background on the Integrated Risk Project (IRP)

In a letter dated October 25, 1995, to Dr. Matanoski, Chair of the SAB Executive Committee, Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen charged the SAB to: (a) Develop an updated ranking of the relative risk of different environmental problems based upon explicit scientific criteria; (b) provide an assessment of techniques and criteria that could be used to discriminate among emerging environmental risks and identify those that merit serious, near-term Agency attention; (c) assess the potential for risk reduction and propose alternative technical risk reduction strategies for the environmental problems identified; and (d) identify the uncertainties and data quality issues associated with the relative rankings. The project is being conducted by several SAB panels, working at the direction of an *ad hoc* Steering Committee established by the SAB Executive Committee.

Single copies of Reducing Risk, the report of the previous relative risk ranking effort of the SAB, can be obtained by contacting the SAB's Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (1400), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-8414, or fax (202) 260-1889. Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting, including an agenda, should contact Ms. Wanda Fields, Staff Secretary, Committee Operations Staff, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, by telephone at (202) 260-8414, fax at (202) 260-7118, or via Email at: fields.wanda@epa.gov.

Anyone wishing to make a brief oral presentation at the IRP meeting must contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer, no later than 4:00 pm on April 3, 1998, at fax: (202) 260-7118 or via the Internet at miller.tom@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. Miller no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. For further information, you may also reach Mr. Miller by phone on (202) 260-5886. See below for additional

information on providing comments to the SAB.

3. Executive Committee

The Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee (EC) will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 1998 and Thursday, April 16, 1998. The meeting will convene each day at 8:30 am, in the Administrator's Conference Room 1103 West Tower of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, and will adjourn no later than 5:30 pm on each day.

At this meeting, among the topics to be addressed by the Executive Committee are the following: (a) Consideration of updates from its committees; (b) Review of any reports that are available for Executive Committee action; (c) Discussion of possible "strategic-oriented" projects that could be undertaken by the Board; (d) Discussion with Agency leaders on the role and impact of science at EPA; and (e) Discussion of other issues that may arise.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public desiring additional information concerning the meeting or who wish to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-4126; fax (202) 260-9232; or via Email at: barnes.don@epa.gov. Copies of the draft meeting agenda and available draft reports listed above can be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson on (202) 260-8414; fax (202) 260-7118; or via Email at: tillery.priscilla@epa.gov. An updated agenda will be mounted on the SAB Website [<http://www.epa.gov/sab>] no later than one week prior to the meeting.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or

subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The FY1997 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (CESS) by contacting US EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400), Attention: CESS, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 or via fax (202) 260-1889. Additional information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Home Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30440A; FRL-5778-6]

BioSafe Systems; Approval of a Pesticide Product Registration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of an application to register the pesticide product ZeroTol, containing an active ingredient involving a change use pattern of the product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Anne Ball, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. CS51B6, Westfield Building North Tower, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8717; e-mail: ball.anne@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of September 19, 1997 (62 FR 49223)(FRL-5743-5), which announced that BioSafe Systems Inc., 45 E. Woodthrush Trail, Medford, NJ 08055, had submitted an application to register the pesticide product ZeroTol, an algaecide/fungicide (EPA File Symbol 70299-R), containing the active ingredient hydrogen dioxide at 24.00 percent, an active ingredient which is involves a change use pattern of the product.

The application was approved on February 11, 1998, as ZeroTol, a broad spectrum algaecide/fungicide, to include in its presently registered use, a new use for the prevention and control of horticultural diseases in commercial greenhouses, garden centers, landscapes, nurseries, and interiorscapes (EPA Registration Number 70299-1).

The Agency has considered all required data on risks associated with the proposed use of hydrogen dioxide, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature of the chemical and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health safety determinations which show that use of hydrogen dioxide when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

More detailed information on these registrations is contained in an EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on hydrogen dioxide.

A copy of the fact sheets, which provide a summary description of the pesticides, use patterns and formulations, science findings, and the Agency's regulatory position and rationale, may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service

(NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are available for public inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, CM #2, Arlington, VA 22202 (703-305-5805). Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office (A-101), 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Such requests should: (1) Identify the product name and registration number and (2) specify the data or information desired.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registration.

Dated: March 16, 1998

Janet L. Andersen

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30451; FRL-5780-3]

Certain Companies; Applications to Register Pesticide Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing new active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by April 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30451] and the file symbols to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a 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 submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Regulatory Action Leader listed in the table below:

Regulatory Action Leader	Office location/telephone number	Address
Denise Greenway	5th Floor, CS1 #2, 703-308-8263, e-mail: greenway.denise@epamail.epa.gov.	2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202
John Tice	Rm. 5-W43, CS #2, 703-308-8295, e-mail: tice.john@epamail.epa.gov.	Do.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received applications as follows to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provision of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. Notice of receipt of these

applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on the applications.

I. Products Containing Active Ingredients Not Included In Any Previously Registered Products

1. File Symbol: 70724-R. Applicant: Agrium U.S. Inc., South Ulster St., Suite

1400, Denver, CO 80237. Product Name: FTG™. Microbial pest control agent. Active ingredient: *Burkholderia cepacia* strain Ral-3 at 1.96 percent. Proposed classification/Use: General. For commercial application to seed and/or seedlings of conifers and deciduous