

Division of Environmental Protection, and California Department of Health Services. The purpose of this stakeholder forum is to disseminate information on the key scientific issues, to identify additional issues, and to hear stakeholder concerns. The IPSC is seeking input from State and Tribal drinking water programs, the regulated community (public water systems), public health organizations, academia, environmental and public interest groups, engineering firms, and the public on a number of issues related to perchlorate contamination in the environment. The IPSC encourages the full participation of stakeholders at the forum.

DATES: The forum will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. PDT, Wednesday, May 20, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PDT, with an additional public outreach evening session from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. PDT, and Thursday, May 21, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PDT.

LOCATION: The Henderson Convention Center in Henderson, Nevada. To register, please contact the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or 703-285-1093 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EDT. Those registered by May 13, 1998, will receive a draft agenda, logistics information, and discussion papers prior to the forum. Members of the public who cannot attend in person may participate via conference call and should also register with the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline by May 13, 1998. When registering, please indicate it is for the "Perchlorate Forum" and provide your name, organization, title, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address. Conference lines will be allocated on the basis of first-come, first served.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on forum logistics, please contact the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Perchlorate is used as an oxidizer component in solid propellant (fuel) for rockets, missiles, and fireworks. It is very soluble in water, mobile in aqueous systems and can persist for many decades under typical ground water and surface water conditions. Recent (April 1997) advances in the analytical detection capability for low concentrations of perchlorate, from 400 to 4 parts per billion (ppb), have led to the discovery of the chemical at various manufacturing sites and some drinking

water supply wells of communities in California, Nevada, and Utah. Perchlorate has been found in ground water at six Superfund hazardous waste sites in California, at six other California non-Superfund waste sites, two sites in the Henderson, Nevada area, one site in Utah, and in the discharge to a creek in Texas. Water suppliers in both northern and southern California, and the Las Vegas Water Authority have found perchlorate in their water supplies generally at levels less than 18 ppb but ranging as high as 280 ppb, with several in the 100–200 ppb range. Perchlorate has also been detected at low levels (5 to 9 ppb) in the Colorado River.

Concerns have been raised about perchlorate because of the lack of adequate scientific information about the contaminant, including: where the contamination occurs, what reliable methods exist to detect it in various media, what the potential health effects are, and what treatment technologies exist. Historically, potassium perchlorate was used therapeutically to treat hyperthyroidism in Graves' Disease patients because it inhibits iodine uptake and thereby reduces thyroid hormone production. Thyroid hormone deficiencies can affect normal metabolism, growth, and development.

Currently, perchlorate does not have a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) or Health Advisory (HA) established. Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, EPA is required to develop a list of contaminants, known as the Contaminant Candidate List (CCL), that are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems and may require regulation under SDWA [section 1412(b)(1)]. As a result of public comment on a draft of the CCL published on October 6, 1998 (62 FR 52193), perchlorate was added to the final CCL that was published on March 2, 1998 (63 FR 10274). At this time, additional research on health effects, effective treatment technologies, analytical methods, and occurrence is necessary before a determination can be made of whether to regulate perchlorate with an NPDWR or to develop guidance.

B. Request for Public Involvement

The IPSC is encouraging development of a sound research and management strategy by the involved government agencies through facilitating identification of the issues concerning perchlorate contamination and by coordinating information exchange to ensure the incorporation of the best available science and stakeholder input on technical and policy issues.

The stakeholder forum will cover a broad range of topics including: (1) Key exposure characterization issues (occurrence and sites of known contamination, transport and transformation, analytical methods); (2) perchlorate health risk assessment (health effects and toxicology studies, the peer review process); (3) key technical assessments (treatment technologies, waste stream handling); (4) ecological impacts; (5) regulatory and policy issues and; (6) future stakeholder involvement. Background materials on perchlorate issues will be sent in advance of the forum to those who register with the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline by May 13, 1998.

The IPSC has announced this forum to hear the views of stakeholders on actions that the agencies represented by the IPSC are taking or are planning to take to address perchlorate contamination. The public is invited to participate fully during the May 19–21, 1998 forum and during future opportunities for stakeholder participation.

Dated: April 24, 1998.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34121; FRL-5778-7]

Certain Chemicals; Availability of Reregistration Eligibility Decision Documents for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces availability and starts a 60 day public comment period of the Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) documents for the active ingredients listed below. The REDs for the chemicals listed above are the Agency's formal regulatory assessments of the health and environmental data base of the subject chemicals and present the Agency's determination regarding which pesticidal uses are eligible for reregistration.

DATES: Written comments on these decisions must be submitted by June 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of comments identified with the docket control number "OPP-34121" and the case number (noted below), should be

submitted to: By mail: 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, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" of this document. No Confidential

Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment in response to 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 docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket without prior notice (including

comments and data submitted electronically). The public docket and docket index, including printed paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI will be available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions on the RED documents listed below should be directed to the appropriate Chemical Review Managers:

Chemical Name	Case No	Chemical Review Manager	Telephone No.	e-mail Address
Bis Sulfon	2055	Meryle Sykes	703-308-8179 ..	Sykes.Meryle@epa.gov
Bromacil	0041	Margaret Rice	703-308-8039 ..	Rice.Marg@epa.gov
Diflufenzuron	0144	Susan Jennings	703-308-7130 ..	Jennings.susan@epa.gov
MBT	2415	Margaret Rice	703-308-8039 ..	Rice.marg.@epa.gov
Mepiquat Chloride	2375	Patrick Dobak	703-308-8180 ..	Dobak.pat@epa.gov
Metribuzin	0181	Jean Holmes	703-308-8008 ..	Holmes.jean@epa.gov
Paranitrophenol	2465	Veronica Dutch	703-308-8585 ..	Dutch.veronica@epa.gov
Paraquat Dichloride	0262	Venus Eagle	703-308-8045 ..	Eagle.venus@epa.gov
Propoxur	2555	Anne Mitchell	703-308-8068 ..	Mitchell.Anne@epa.gov
Terbacil	0039	Emily Mitchell	703-308-8583 ..	Mitchell.emily@epa.gov
IPBC	2725	Margaret Rice	703-308-8039 ..	Rice.marg.@epa.gov
Vanicide	3147	Margaret Rice	703-308-8039 ..	Rice.marg.@epa.gov

To request a copy of any of the above listed RED documents, or a RED Fact Sheet, contact the OPP Pesticide Docket, Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, in Rm. 119 at the address given above or call (703) 305-5805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and various support documents are available from the EPA home page at the Federal Register-Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

The Agency has issued Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) documents for the pesticidal active ingredients listed above. Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended in 1988, EPA is conducting an accelerated reregistration program to reevaluate existing pesticides to make sure they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. The data base to support the reregistration of each of the chemicals listed above is substantially complete.

Please note that these REDs were finalized and signed after August 3, 1996. On that date, the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 ("FQPA") became effective, amending portions of both the pesticide law (FIFRA) and the

food and drug law (FFDCA). All of these REDs address the requirements of FQPA as appropriate.

All registrants of products containing one or more of the above listed active ingredients have been sent the appropriate RED documents and must respond to labeling requirements and product specific data requirements (if applicable) within 8 months of receipt. Products containing other active ingredients will not be reregistered until those other active ingredients are determined to be eligible for reregistration.

The reregistration program is being conducted under Congressionally mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes both the need to make timely reregistration decisions and to involve the public. Therefore, EPA is issuing these REDs as final documents with a 60 day comment period. Although the 60 day public comment period does not affect the registrant's response due date, it is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary amendments to the RED. All comments will be carefully considered by the Agency. If any comment significantly affects a RED, EPA will amend the RED by publishing the amendment in the **Federal Register**.

Electronic copies of the REDs and RED fact sheets can be downloaded

from the Pesticide Special Review and Reregistration Information System at (703) 308-7224, and also can be reached on the Internet via EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/REDs/>.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket control number "OPP-34121" (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 official record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number (OPP-34121). Electronic comments on this

notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: April 13, 1998.

Lois A. Rossi,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30452; FRL-5783-2]

Zeneca Ag Products; 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 May 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30452] 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: By mail: James Tompkins, Product Manager (PM-25), Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 257, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703 305-7391, e-mail: tompkins.james@epamail.epa.gov.

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: 10182-UEA. Applicant: Zeneca Ag Products, 1800 Concord Pike, P.O. Box 15458, Wilmington, DE 19850-5458. Product Name: Achieve 40DG Herbicide. Herbicide. Active ingredient: Tralkoxydim 2-cyclohexen-1-one, 2-[1-(ethoxyimino)propyl]-3-hydroxy-5-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-(9Cl) at 40 percent. Proposed classification/Use: General. For selective control of wild oats, green and yellow foxtail, annual ryegrass, and Persian Darnel on wheat and barley.

2. File Symbol: 10182-UET. Applicant: Zeneca Ag Products. Product Name: Achieve 80DG Herbicide. Herbicide. Active ingredient: Tralkoxydim 2-cyclohexen-1-one, 2-[1-(ethoxyimino)propyl]-3-hydroxy-5-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-(9Cl) at 80 percent. Proposed classification/Use: General. For selective control of wild oats, green and yellow foxtail, annual ryegrass, and Persian Darnel on wheat and barley.

3. File Symbol: 10182-UEL. Applicant: Zeneca Ag Products. Product Name: Tralkoxydim Technical Wet Paste. Herbicide. Active ingredient: Tralkoxydim, 2-[1-(ethoxyimino)propyl]-3-hydroxy-5-mesitylcyclohex-2-enone at 81 percent. Proposed classification/Use: General. For Manufacturing uses only.

Notice of approval or denial of an application to register a pesticide product will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The procedure for requesting data will be given in the **Federal Register** if an application is approved.

Comments received within the specified time period will be considered before a final decision is made; comments received after the time specified will be considered only to the extent possible without delaying processing of the application.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-30452] (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 official notice record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest, Product registration.

Dated: April 10, 1998.

Susan Lewis,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-803; FRL-5783-4]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of