

unilateral administrative order directing respondents to implement the corrective measure. This settlement includes an EPA covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6973. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comment on the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or consideration which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the Chandler Public Library located at 22 South Delaware Street, Chandler, AZ 85244 and at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 located at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 (in the library on the 13th floor). Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6973(d).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Jean Killpack, Project Coordinator, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, (415) 744-2033. Comments should reference the Gila Tire Pile, located on the Gila River Indian Community Land within the State of Arizona and EPA docket number #7003-09-99-003. Comments should be addressed to Rich Vaille, Chief, State Programs and Compliance Branch, Waste Management Division, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Killpack, Project Coordinator, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-2033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 15, 1994, a user agreement was signed by Colinas Tire Recovery, Inc., and Blackwater Industrial Development Corporation, allowing for temporary storage of shredded tires by Colinas Tire Recovery on 10 acres of land located on the Gila River Indian Community reservation. The site is located two miles north of the City of Coolidge. During the year that followed the signing of the lease, approximately three million shredded tires (32,362 tons) collected from 14 Arizona Counties

(excluding Pima County) were placed in 25 piles on the land by Colinas and its subcontractors.

On August 1, 1997, approximately two million tires caught on fire at the site. Thick black smoke, intense heat, high winds and dust created extreme conditions that hampered fire fighting efforts. The Gila River Indian Community, Pinal County, and the State of Arizona declared a State of Emergency. Air quality concerns and thick smoke required the evacuation of more than 300 people from the vicinity. To date, the burned tires still smolder.

EPA notified several Arizona Counties, two transporters, and Blackwater Industrial Development Corporation on June 1, 1998 that they were potentially responsible parties in the cleanup of the Gila Tire Pile, and requested a good faith offer to cleanup the site. On September 25, 1998, the Arizona counties, through Pinal County, submitted an offer to EPA which addressed the removal of the unburned tires and the cleanup of the burned tires. EPA accepted this offer and met with the Arizona Counties on December 8, 1998. EPA established a 60 day negotiation period to negotiate the terms of a Consent Agreement which reflected the September 25th good faith offer by the Counties. At the close of the 60 day period (February 8, 1999), EPA had not reached settlement with the Arizona Counties or transporters by the negotiation period deadline. EPA did reach a settlement with Respondent Blackwater Industrial Development Corporation.

On February 18, 1999, EPA issued a unilateral enforcement order to seven (7) Arizona Counties (Cochise, Coconino, Pinal, Maricopa, Mohave, Yavapai, Yuma) and two transporters (Colinas Tire Recovery, Inc., and REPCO Waste Recovery, Inc.) to remove the unburned tires and to submit a burned tire plan within certain time frames. The effective date of this order is March 19, 1999. However, prior to the unilateral enforcement order becoming effective, several respondents joined Blackwater Industrial Development Corporation and entered into the Consent Agreement with EPA. EPA has rescinded the unilateral enforcement order on March 18, 1999, and the Consent Agreement supersedes the enforcement order. EPA will issue a revised unilateral enforcement order to non-settling Respondents, as necessary.

Dated: March 22, 1999.

Alexis Strauss,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6318-2]

Chesapeake Bay Program

This notice is to request interested parties to submit their name and address to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) for the purpose of establishing a database for those interested in receiving Request for Proposals (RFPs) in order to apply for grants/cooperative agreements or interagency agreements. RFPs will be announced for several different themes in support for the Chesapeake Bay Program's goals.

Background

The Chesapeake Bay Program is the unique regional partnership which has been directing and conducting the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay Program partners include the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia; the District of Columbia; the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a tri-state legislative body; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, representing the federal government; and participating advisory groups. The Chesapeake Bay Program's highest priority is to restore and protect the Bay's living resources and their habitats.

Eligibility

Only applicants/organizations that are colleges; universities; nonprofit organizations; or local, and state agencies are eligible to receive grants/cooperative agreements. Proposed work must be in support of Chesapeake Bay Program goals and commitments.

Goals of the Chesapeake Bay Program

The Chesapeake Bay Program has developed many goals and is implementing Bay-wide efforts to meet those goals. Some of the program's goals include: (1) Reduce nutrient loads (nitrogen and phosphorus) to the Bay by 40% by 2000; (2) restore underwater grasses; (3) remove impediments to upstream fish migration; (4) manage the harvest of fish and shellfish to assure sustainability; (5) restore 2010 miles of riparian forest buffers along the Bay and its tributaries by 2010; (6) protect existing forest buffers; (7) encourage farmers to use nutrient management and other BMPs; (8) work with local governments to better manage the location and density of new development; (9) eliminate chemical toxicity in the Bay; (10) encourage businesses, communities and local

governments to practice pollution prevention; (11) encourage community-based activities; (12) develop and implement tributary strategies tailored to local needs; (13) provide for increased public access to Bay and its tributaries; and (14) educate the public about actions needed to protect and restore the Bay.

Themes

(1) Toxics: Implement critical elements of the Chesapeake Bay Basinwide Toxics Reduction and Prevention Strategy in order to ensure a Bay free of toxics; (2) nutrients: Sustain and accelerate efforts to meet the nutrient reduction goals in order to attain water quality conditions necessary to support the living resources of the Chesapeake Bay; (3) living resource/habitat restoration: Restore and protect living resources, their habits and ecological relationships; (4) land growth and stewardship: Encourage sustainable development patterns that integrate economic health, resource protection, and community participation; (5) monitoring: Integrate monitoring programs across the Chesapeake basin through the implementation of the Basin-wide Monitoring Strategy; (6) air: Link atmospheric deposition and loading of nutrients and chemical contaminants to effects on living resources and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries and watershed; (7) communication/outreach: Provide communication, outreach and education components of the Bay Program partnership; (8) modeling: Continue to develop, calibrate, and manage the application of linked airshed-watershed-estuarine hydrodynamic-water quality-living resources models to support the Bay Program's nutrient cap and for understanding the nutrient and sediment affects in the Chesapeake Bay system; and (9) data management: Implement distributed data and information servers networked to provide direct public access to synthesized Bay restoration and protection related data and information.

Submission

Clearly print or type your name, email address, organization, mailing address and what "Theme(s)" RFP you would be interested in receiving. Mail this information to: Environmental Protection Agency, Chesapeake Bay Program, (RFP Database), 410 Severn Ave, Suite 109, Annapolis, MD 21403 or access our website—www.chesapeakebay.net/rfp.htm. EPA

will only accept addresses provided in writing, no phone calls.

William Matuszeski,

Director, Chesapeake Bay Program.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30474; FRL-6070-9]

BioSafe Systems; Application to Register a Pesticide Product

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application to register the pesticide product Oxidate Broad Spectrum Bactericide/Fungicide, containing an active ingredient involving a changed pattern 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 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30474] File Symbol (70299-E) 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, Crystal Mall #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: Anne Ball, Biopesticides and

Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location/telephone number and e-mail address: Rm. 910W44, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA, 703-308-8717; e-mail: ball.anne@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received an application from BioSafe Systems, 80 Commerce St., Glastonbury, CT 06033, to register the pesticide product Oxidate Broad Spectrum Bactericide/Fungicide (EPA File Symbol 70299-E), containing the active ingredient hydrogen peroxide (hydrogen dioxide) at 27%. This application involves a changed use pattern for the active ingredient pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended. In addition to the currently registered uses, Oxidate will be used as a fungicide and bactericide on growing crops such as (beans, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, citrus, cucurbits, onions, peppers, potatoes, tomatoes, apples, filberts, bananas, grapes, stonefruits, and postharvest potatoes). Notice of receipt of this application does not imply a decision by the Agency on the application.

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.

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-30474] (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.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov