

under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.*E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the rule or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

The Agency is providing a draft guidance document, for public comment, proposed for use by pesticide registrants so that labels for residential insecticide products may be modified to help reduce unnecessary exposure, and to help provide the Agency with additional means with which to assess human and pet exposure to residential insecticide products.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 16, 2000.

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00648; FRL-6498-2]

List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft Pesticide

Registration (PR) Notice that identifies pests of significant public health importance for the purpose of regulation under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). EPA, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture has identified pests of significant public health importance. The development of the list is required by FIFRA, but has no effect on the regulatory status of pesticide products used against the listed pests.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-00648, must be received on or before May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by regular mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Sweeney, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (703) 305-5063, fax: (703) 305-6596, e-mail: sweeney.kevin@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Important Information***A. Does this Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general, but may be of particular interest to manufacturers of pesticides intended for use against public health pests, and those responsible for public health programs involved in the control or regulation of public health pests. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by the notice being made available today. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of the notice to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of Support Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under

the "**Federal Register**--Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *Fax on Demand.* You may request to receive a faxed copy of the draft PR Notice titled "List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance" by using a faxphone to call (202) 401-0527 and selecting item 6125. You may also follow the automated menu.

3. *In person.* The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established under docket control number OPP-00648, (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of any electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically:

1. *By mail.* Submit written comments to: "Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person.* Deliver written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments and/or data electronically to opp-docket@epa.gov. Please note that you should not submit any information electronically that you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI). 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 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP-00648. Electronic comments on this notice may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle Information that I Believe is Confidential?

You may claim information that you submit in response to this document as 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 will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice.

II. Background

FIFRA section 28(d) charges EPA with identifying "pests of significant public health importance." This process is aided considerably by FIFRA definitions of two key terms. First, FIFRA section 2 expressly defines the term "pest" as meaning:

(1) any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or (2) any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organism on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under section 25(c)(1).

EPA in its regulations in 40 CFR 152.5 has broadly defined the term pest to cover each of the organisms mentioned except with respect to the organisms specifically excluded by the definition.

Second, although FIFRA does not define a "public health pest," it does define a "public health pesticide" and this definition supplies important information for interpreting the term "public health pest." Among other things, a "public health pesticide" must be used for "vector control or for other recognized health protection uses, including the mitigation of viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms (other than viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animal) that pose a threat to public health." FIFRA section 2(o) defines the term "vector" used in the above definition as "any organism capable of transmitting the causative agent of human disease or capable of producing human discomfort or injury, including mosquitoes, flies, fleas, cockroaches, or other insects and ticks, mites, or rats."

Moreover EPA's task of identifying pests of "significant" public health importance requires EPA to identify those FIFRA pests that are significant vectors or other significant pests affecting public health. The statute does not define what aspects of a vector render it of significant public health importance. Nonetheless, the definition of a "public health pesticide" identifies an important criterion for establishing the significance of a vector. Not only must a public health pesticide be a pesticide used for vector control, it must

be a pesticide "used predominantly in public health programs." EPA believes that significant vectors can be identified by determining which vectors have been deemed sufficiently important that federal, state, or local public entities have devoted substantial resources to their eradication. Using this criterion, EPA has identified the pests in Appendix A of the draft PR Notice.

III. Use of the List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance by the Agency

The Agency will use the list of pests of significant public health importance to:

1. Identify pesticide products with public health uses that are used predominantly in recognized public health programs. These may include pesticides to control, attract or repel these pests.
2. Identify critical public health minor uses.
3. Together with the Public Health Service, develop and implement programs to improve and facilitate the safe and necessary use of chemical, biological and other methods to control pests of significant public health importance.

IV. Specific Topics for Comment

Please comment on all aspects of the draft PR Notice. The Agency is particularly looking for comments to the following questions:

1. Should EPA also publish a list of public health pests which may become significant? This would be equivalent to identifying the universe of public health pests.
2. Is cockroach control in publicly funded housing a public health program *per se*, or is it merely a component of a building maintenance program?
3. Should the use of public funds for the purpose of controlling public health pests by pesticide application be the criterion for identifying a public health program?
4. For a pesticide product to qualify as predominantly used in a public health program, should more than half of the use of the pesticide product, taking into account all registered uses for the pesticide product, be used in a public health program?

V. Contents of Docket

The document referenced in this notice will be placed in the public docket under the docket control number "OPP-00648."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Public health pests, Public health pesticides.

Dated: March 22, 2000.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

March 20, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before April 28, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-XXXX.