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B. How Should I Handle CBI Information that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

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IV. What Action is EPA Taking in this Notice?

EPA is making available for public viewing the revised risk assessments and related documents for two organophosphate pesticides, chlorpyrifos-methyl and trichlorfon. These documents have been developed as part of the pilot public participation process that EPA and USDA are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998, as a

subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate pesticide risk assessments and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998, to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation. The documents being released to the public through this notice provide information on the revisions that were made to the chlorpyrifos-methyl and trichlorfon preliminary risk assessments, which were released to the public October 6, 1999 (64 FR 193) (FRL-6387-9) for chlorpyrifos-methyl and November 10, 1999 (64 FR 217) (FRL-6393-9) for trichlorfon through notices in the **Federal Register**.

In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit risk management proposals or otherwise comment on risk managements for chlorpyrifos-methyl and trichlorfon. The Agency is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide written risk management proposals or ideas to the Agency on the chemical specified in this notice. Such comments and proposals could address ideas about how chlorpyrifos-methyl and trichlorfon use sites or crops across the United States or in a particular geographic region of the country. To address dietary risk, for example, commenters may choose to discuss the feasibility of lower application rates, increasing the time interval between application and harvest ("pre-harvest intervals"), modifications in use, or suggest alternative measures to reduce residues contributing to dietary exposure. For occupational risks, commenters may suggest personal protective equipment or technologies to reduce exposure to workers and pesticide handlers. For ecological risks, commenters may suggest ways to reduce environmental exposure, e.g., exposure to birds, fish, mammals, and other non-target organisms. EPA will provide other opportunities for public participation and comment on issues associated with the organophosphate pesticide tolerance reassessment program. Failure to participate or comment as part of this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commenter's opportunity to participate fully in later notice and comment processes. All comments and

proposals must be received by EPA on or before June 27, 2000 at the addresses given under the "ADDRESSES" section. Comments and proposals will become part of the Agency record for the organophosphate pesticides specified in this notice.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Jack E. Housenger,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00645A; FRL-6557-7]

Pesticide Tolerance Reassessment and Reregistration; Proposed Public Participation Process; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's extension of the comment period for the proposal for a public participation process for pesticide tolerance reassessment and reregistration. This proposal is in response to a joint initiative between EPA and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase transparency and stakeholder involvement in the development of pesticide risk assessments and risk management documents and decisions. EPA and USDA have been actively employing a pilot public participation process for tolerance reassessment and reregistration of organophosphate pesticides for over 1 year (since August 1998), which was developed in consultation with the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC). Consideration must now be given as to whether this public participation process or some modification of it should be adopted as the final process, and whether it should be used for tolerance reassessment and reregistration of all pesticides.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-00645A, must be received on or before May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in

person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00645A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: angulo.karen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general; however, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in submitting comments on the public participation process that EPA is proposing for tolerance reassessment and reregistration, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related 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/>. 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/>.

To access information about the pilot public participation process that is now being used for the organophosphate pesticides, you can also go directly to the Office of Pesticide Programs' (OPP) organophosphate pesticide web page at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00645A. The official record

consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

As described in Unit III. A. of the notice published in the **Federal Register** of March 15, 2000 (65 FR 14199) (FRL-6496-2), you may submit your comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. Please follow the instructions that are provided in the proposed rule. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify docket control number OPP-00645A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

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

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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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 proposed rule or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this reopening of the proposed rule comment period.
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 EPA Taking?

EPA is extending the public comment period on the proposal for a public participation process for pesticide tolerance reassessment and reregistration. This proposed public participation process was developed with USDA.

Public comment received as a result of this notice will be considered by EPA and USDA and a final public participation process will be developed and released to the public in a notice published in the **Federal Register**. Implementation of the final public participation process will begin according to a schedule established and published in the final notice.

III. Do Any Regulatory Assessment Requirements Apply to this Action?

No. This action is not a rulemaking, it merely extends the date by which public comments must be submitted to EPA on a proposed pesticide public participation process that previously published in the **Federal Register** of March 15, 2000 (65 FR 14199) (FRL-6496-2).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Joseph J. Merenda Jr.,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6586-6]

Draft General NPDES Permit for Seafood Processors in Alaska in Waters of the United States; General NPDES Permit No. AK-G52-0000

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, published a document in the **Federal Register** of April 21, 2000, concerning a notice of a draft general NPDES permit. The document contained an incorrect number for the total allowable residues of offal to be discharged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Florence Carroll, 206-553-1760.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of April 21, 2000, in FR Doc. 00-10037, on page 21432, in the third column, correct the

last sentence in the third paragraph of the **SUMMARY** section to read:

The total allowable residues of offal for permittees covered under the proposed permit must not exceed ten million pounds per year (based on deposition modeling using EPA's Water Quality Analysis Simulation Program).

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Randall F. Smith,

Director, Office of Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6586-9]

Notice of Availability of Letter From EPA to the State of New York Pursuant to Section 118 of the Clean Water Act and the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a letter written from Region 2 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the State of New York finding that for the most part the State has adopted water quality standards and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits program revisions which are consistent with section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132. However, there are certain provisions adopted as part of the State's water quality standards and NPDES permits programs that are inconsistent with section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132. EPA's findings are described in a letter dated April 11, 2000 to New York State. EPA invites public comment on all aspects of this letter, particularly on the findings in the letter and on the course of action that EPA proposes to take if the State fails to adequately address EPA's findings.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to Wayne F. Jackson, Community and Ecosystems Protection Branch, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, New York, 10007. In the alternative, EPA will accept comments electronically. Comments should be sent to the following Internet E-mail address: jackson.wayne@epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted in an ASCII file avoiding the use of special

characters and any form of encryption. EPA will print electronic comments in hard-copy paper form for the official administrative record. EPA will attempt to clarify electronic comments if there is an apparent error in transmission. Comments provided electronically will be considered timely if they are submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) June 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne F. Jackson, Community and Ecosystems Protection Branch, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, New York, 10007, or telephone him at (212) 637-3807.

Copies of the April 11, 2000 letter described above are available upon request by contacting Mr. Jackson. The April 11, 2000 letter and materials submitted by New York in support of its submission that EPA relied upon in preparing the letter (*i.e.*, the docket) are available for review by appointment at: EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, New York (telephone 212-637-3807); and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Room 310 C, Albany, New York. To access the docket material in New York, call Mr. Jackson at (212) 637-3807 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) (Monday-Friday); in Albany, New York, call Teresa Deihnsner at 518-457-7937 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) (Monday-Friday).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 1995, EPA published the Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System (Guidance) pursuant to section 118(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(2). (March 23, 1995, 60 FR 15366). The Guidance, which was codified at 40 CFR part 132, requires the Great Lakes States to adopt and submit to EPA for approval water quality criteria, methodologies, policies and procedures that are consistent with the Guidance. 40 CFR 132.4 & 132.5. EPA is required to approve of the State's submission within 90 days or notify the State that EPA has determined that all or part of the submission is inconsistent with the Clean Water Act or the Guidance and identify any necessary changes to obtain EPA approval. If the State fails to make the necessary changes within 90 days, EPA must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the approved and disapproved elements of the submission and a final rule identifying the provisions of Part 132 that shall apply for discharges within the State.