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David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[IL201; FRL-6720-3]

Adequacy Status of Chicago, IL Submitted Ozone Rate of Progress Plan Budget for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that in a letter dated May 23, 2000, EPA found that the motor vehicle emissions budget in the Chicago, Illinois ozone nine percent rate of progress plan and supplemental information, submitted on December 18, 1997, December 17, 1999, January 14, 2000, and January 21, 2000, is adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, Chicago can use the motor vehicle emissions budget for volatile organic compounds for the year 1999 from the submitted ozone nine percent rate of progress plan for future conformity determinations. This budget is effective July 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments already received will be available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Throughout this document, whenever "we", "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA. Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 5 sent a letter

to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on May 23, 2000, stating that the motor vehicle emissions budget in the Chicago, Illinois submitted ozone nine percent rate of progress plan for 1999 is adequate. This finding will also be announced on EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

We've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memorandum titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: June 12, 2000.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140285; FRL-6591-6]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Logistics Management Institute

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor Logistics Management Institute (LMI) of McLean, Virginia access to information which has been

submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 8, and 12 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA under TSCA section 12(b), occurred as a result of an approved waiver dated April 6, 2000, which requested granting LMI immediate access to this Section of TSCA CBI. This waiver was necessary to allow LMI to repair a database containing 12(b) export notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara A. Cunningham, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to "those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)." Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be 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."

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

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/>.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under contract number GS-35F-4041G, contractor LMI of 2000 Corporate Ridge Road, McLean, VA, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPTS) by providing compatible and integrated databases that have the quality, accessibility, availability and maintainability for the workflow applications developed to support OPPT processes.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number GS-35F-4041G, LMI will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 8, and 12 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract.

LMI personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 8, and 12 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 8, and 12 of TSCA that EPA may provide LMI access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters.

LMI will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at EPA Headquarters only, in accordance with the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until March 31, 2004.

LMI personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: June 8, 2000.

Allan S. Abramson,

Director, Information Management Division, Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6719-9]

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, Meeting Dates and Agenda

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., app 2) notification is hereby given of open meetings of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB).

DATES: The meetings will be held on June 26, 2000 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

(EDT) and on June 28, 2000, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Radisson Fort Magruder Inn and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia (1-800-333-3333) in conjunction with the Sixth Annual Meeting of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the June 26, 2000 meeting the Board will host an Open Forum where Board member Roxanne Robinson will present a comparison of the ISO 25 and ISO 17025 laboratory accreditation standards and the public will be given an opportunity to bring up issues that they would like the Board to address.

At the June 28, 2000 meeting, the Board will review the minutes from its May 11, 2000 meeting, discuss the work being conducted by its subcommittees, and discuss any new issues that may be brought to the Board's attention. The current committees include: Performance Based Measurement System, Regulatory Consistency, Third Party Assessors, NELAC Scope of Accreditation/Fields of Testing, NELAC/ISO Consistency, Quality Control Standards, and NELAC White Paper. In addition, the Board will discuss the efforts to address the problem the Department of Transportation regulations present to the shipment of environmental sample by air.

The meetings are open to the public and time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to David Friedman; USEPA; 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (8101R), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Friedman; Designated Federal Officer; US Environmental Protection Agency; 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, (8101R); Washington, DC 20460. If questions arise, please contact Mr. Friedman by phone at (202) 564-6662, by facsimile at (202) 565-2432 or by email at friedman.david@epa.gov.

Dated: June 12, 2000.

Henry L. Longest II,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management, Office of Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30494A; FRL-6590-5]

Plant-Pesticide Bt Cry1F Corn; Registration Application; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period of the Agency's May 5, 2000 notice announcing receipt of an application to register a pesticide product containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-30494, must be received on or before July 24, 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-30494 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8715; fax number: (703) 308-7026; e-mail address: mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to: