

Indianapolis, IN 46268) and Pioneer Hi-Bred International (7250 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Johnston, IA 50131) have requested EUPs for the plant-pesticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* moCry1F protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (plasmid insert PHP 12537) in corn.

Pioneer Hi-Bred has requested to test 154.01 acres in Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Mycogen Seeds has requested to test 564 acres in Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Both EUPs are to be genetically contained. Corn grown during the EUPs is not to be used for food or feed. However both Mycogen Seeds and Pioneer Hi-Bred have indicated that they intend to apply to amend the EUPs in the future and link them to the pending temporary tolerance petition (OG6112) submitted and pending for Mycogen Seeds currently approved crop destruct Cry1F Bt corn EUP, 68467-EUP-2. The pending temporary tolerance petition (OG6112) published in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2000 (65 FR 37545) (FRL-6558-6).

### III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Following the review of the Mycogen Seeds and Pioneer Hi-Bred applications and any comments and data received in response to this notice, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP requests for these EUP programs, and if issued, the conditions under which they are to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

### IV. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

The Agency's authority for taking this action is under FIFRA section 5.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection,  
Experimental use permits.

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*Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6948-9]

### Stressor Identification Guidance Document; Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the availability of the *Stressor Identification Guidance Document* (EPA 822-B-00-025) published under the authority of Section 304(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). This technical guidance document is designed to assist water quality managers in identifying unknown causes of biological impairments in any type of water body. Section 101(a) of the Clean Water Act states that it is the objective of the Act to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and *biological integrity* of the Nation's waters. To achieve this objective, numerous States and Tribes are using biological assessments and biocriteria to help protect the Nation's waters. Using these tools, State and Tribal water quality experts are finding water bodies where the fish, invertebrate, algae or plant communities (or other aquatic life) have been detrimentally impacted by different singular or multiple causes. In many cases, the cause, or causes, of these biological impairments have not yet been identified. The *Stressor Identification Guidance Document* provides a logical, scientific process by which State, Tribal, and other water quality experts can evaluate available information to identify the stressor(s) causing the biological impairments. The process has three main steps: (1) List candidate causes of impairment, (2) analyze the evidence, and (3) characterize the causes. When evidence is adequate, using this guidance, investigators should be able to successfully identify the likely cause, or causes. This guidance will also help investigators identify where evidence is weak or lacking and needs to be developed to be able to successfully identify the stressor(s). Once the causes of the biological impairments are identified, water resource managers will be better able to locate the sources of the stressor, or stressors, and take management actions aimed at improving the biological condition of the water body.

This guidance is advisory in nature and its use is not mandatory. As such this guidance does not impose legally-binding requirements on EPA, the

States, Tribes, industry, the public or any other entity.

*Availability of Documents:* The guidance document is being published by EPA with the title and document number; *Stressor Identification Guidance Document* (EPA-822-B-00-025), dated December 2000. Paper copies can be obtained from the U.S. EPA, Water Resource Center by phone at: (202) 260-7786, or by sending an e-mail to the Center at center.water-resource@epa.gov, or through conventional mail by sending a letter of request to U.S. EPA Water Resource Center, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20460. Copies of the document may also be obtained from the U.S. EPA National Center for Environmental Publications and Information (NCEPI), 11029 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242 or (513) 489-8190. The document and fact sheet are also available on the EPA website at [www.epa.gov/OST/biocriteria](http://www.epa.gov/OST/biocriteria).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: January 17, 2001.

**Geoffrey H. Grubbs,**

*Director, Office of Science and Technology.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6949-9]

### Metalex Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed agreement.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to enter into an agreement with Libby Corporation pursuant to 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, regarding the Metalex Superfund Site located in Lexington County, Lexington, South Carolina. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the

proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. EPA, Region 4 (WMD-CPSB), Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the publication.

Dated: February 15, 2001.

**Franklin E. Hill,**

*Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6950-1]

### Reeves Southeastern Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") proposes to enter into a Prospective Purchaser Agreement ("PPA") regarding a portion of the Reeves Southeastern Superfund Site in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. EPA proposes to enter into the PPA with Master-Halco, Inc. (MH). The PPA obligates MH to fully cooperate with any response actions EPA may take on the property. Further, the PPA provides MH with a covenant not to sue from the United States for Existing Contamination on the property. The covenant is conditioned upon MH's fulfilling its obligations under the PPA. EPA will consider comments on the proposed PPA for thirty (30) days.

EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed PPA should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed PPA is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, 404/562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor at the above address

within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: February 15, 2001.

**Franklin E. Hill,**

*Chief, Cercla Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.*

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Export-Import Bank)

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee was established by Pub. L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

*Time and Place:* Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Export-Import Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

*Agenda:* This meeting will include a discussion on the 2001 Advisory Committee Theme and a discussion of exporter need for support in new industries, sectors, and countries of destination.

*Public Participation:* The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to November 3, 2000, Nichole Westin, Room 1257, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3542 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact Nichole Westin, Room 1257, 811 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3542.

**John M. Niehuss,**

*General Counsel.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 01-58]

### Public Safety 700 MHz Band

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On January 10, 2001, the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) released a public notice announcing that July 2, 2001, is the deadline by which states must indicate their decision to "opt out" of existing (800 MHz) planning regions for Public Safety 700 MHz band regional planning. This action is necessary because the Commission directed the WTB to issue a public notice that addresses regional planning committee implementation matters including the deadline date for reporting the exercise of "opt out" decisions. The intended effect of this action is to make all interested persons aware of the deadline date.

**DATES:** Opt out decisions must be reported to the WTB by July 2, 2001.

**ADDRESS:** Opt out decisions must be reported in letter format addressed to Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, WTB, and must be signed by the convener or elected chairperson of the RPC. Opt out letters should be submitted to: Federal Communications Commission, WTB/ Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 4-C330, Washington, DC 20554 (Re: 700 MHz RPC).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, contact Joy Alford, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0680 or by e-mail: [publicsafety@fcc.gov](mailto:publicsafety@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Following is a summary of Public Notice, DA 01-58 (rel. Jan 10, 2001). In 1998, the FCC decided that the 700 MHz regional planning committees (RPCs) would be based on the same fifty-five 800 MHz planning regions. However, the FCC also decided to allow states or territories not in regions defined by state boundaries to opt out of their existing regions to form or join a planning region that follows their state's boundaries. Prior to taking advantage of this option, the 800 MHz RPC chair must appoint a local convener who is responsible for organizing and publicizing the first 700 MHz RPC meeting. At the first meeting, RPC members from a state seeking to opt out must reach a consensus decision to opt out of the region and form a new RPC that would correlate to its state's