

Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing Kern River No. 1 Project. The project is located near Bakersfield, in Kern County, California.

On July 31, 1997, the Commission staff issued and distributed to all parties a draft environmental assessment on the project, and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. At the request of the Fish and Wildlife Service the comment period was extended an additional 30 days to September 30, 1997. Comments were filed and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA).

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice Tendered For Filing With The Commission

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Major New License (Tendered Notice).
- b. *Project No.:* 2620-005.
- c. *Date filed:* March 9, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Lockhart Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Lockhart Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Broad River in Union, Chester, York, and Cherokee counties, South Carolina.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Leslie Anderson, General Manager, Lockhart Power Company, 420 River Street, Lockhart, South Carolina.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Charles R. Hall at (202) 219-2853.
- j. *Description of Project:* The existing project consists of: (1) A 16-foot-high, concrete gravity dam; (2) a 7.5-mile-

long, 300-acre reservoir; (3) a 7,497-foot-long canal; (4) a powerhouse containing five turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 15,200 kilowatts (kW), proposed for upgrading to 18,000 kW; and (4) a 1,500-foot-long tailrace.

k. Under Section 4.32 (b)(7) of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR), if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that the applicant should conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the application is filed, and must serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

1. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR, 800.4.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181057; FRL 5780-1]

Bifenthrin; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Washington Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide bifenthrin (CAS 8657-04-3 *cis* and 83322-02-5 *trans*), formulated as Brigade WSB, to treat up to 9,500 acres of raspberries to control weevils. This is the sixth year this use has been requested, and it has been allowed under section 18 for the past 5 years. Since this request proposes a use which has been requested or granted in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration and petition for tolerance has not yet been submitted to the Agency, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24(a)(6).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181057," should be

submitted by mail 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: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instruction under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted in any 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 included in the public record by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Andrea Beard, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail: Rm. 267, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703-308-9356); e-mail: beard.andrea@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of bifenthrin on raspberries to control weevils. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

According to the Applicant, this emergency exists because of the loss of the chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides. Initially, raspberry growers obtained some relief through use of carbofuran under an exemption; however, that use was later disallowed

due to groundwater concerns. Exemptions were then issued for several years for use of permethrin, but discontinued as the Applicant opted to request bifenthrin instead, due to claims that use of permethrin disrupted natural controls of other raspberry pests, leading to population flare-ups of these pests (primarily mites). This use of bifenthrin has been allowed under section 18 for the past 5 years, and the Applicant states that alternative controls are not adequate to prevent significant economic losses due to damage and contamination problems from weevils.

Under the proposed exemption, bifenthrin would be applied at a rate of 0.1 lb. active ingredient (a.i.) per acre, with no more than 2 applications during the growing season, not to exceed the rate of 0.2 lb. a.i. per acre using ground equipment only. If all 9,500 acres are treated at this maximum rate, this could potentially result in a total use of 1,900 lb. a.i.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing a use which has been requested or granted in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration and/or tolerance petition has not been submitted to the Agency [40 CFR 166.24 (a)(6)]. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181057] (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 record is the paper record maintained 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

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-181057]. Electronic comments on this notice may

be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the Washington Department of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 13, 1998

Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181056; FRL 5779-9]

Carbofuran; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (hereafter referred to as the "Applicants") to use the pesticide flowable carbofuran (Furadan 4F Insecticide/Nematicide) (EPA Reg. No. 279-2876) to treat up to 1.8 million acres of cotton in Texas, and up to 500,000 acres of cotton in Louisiana, to control cotton aphids. The Applicants propose the use of a chemical which has been the subject of a Special Review within EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. The granular formulation of carbofuran was the subject of a Special Review between the years of 1986-1991, which resulted in a negotiated settlement whereby most of the registered uses of granular carbofuran were phased out. While the flowable formulation of carbofuran is not the subject of a Special Review, EPA believes that the proposed use of flowable carbofuran on cotton could pose a risk similar to the risk assessed by EPA under the Special Review of granular carbofuran. Additionally, in 1997 EPA denied requests made under provisions of section 18 for this use of flowable carbofuran. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before

making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181056," should be submitted by mail 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: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: David Deegan, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail: Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703-308-9358); e-mail: deegan.dave@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicants have requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of carbofuran on cotton to control aphids. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.