ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–6245–2]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared July 12, 1999 Through July 16, 1999 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564–7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 09, 1999 (64 FR 17362).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–AFS–J65306–MT Rating EC2, Nevada/Dalton Project, Implementation of Fire Treatment, Timber Harvest, Travel Management of Road, Helena National Forest, Lincoln Ranger District, Lewis & Clark and Powell Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding lack of an air quality impact analysis to determine impacts from prescribed burning, the lack of information and commitment to carrying out a monitoring program to identify impacts from the implementation activities and the potential drift of herbicides to aquatic areas from aerial application. EPA noted that proposed actions need to be consistent with the State of Montana's TMDL development.

ERP No. D–FAA–K51038–CA Rating EO2, San Jose International Airport Master Plan Update, Improvements include Extension of Runway 12R/30L from 10,200 ft to 11,000 ft; Extension of Runway 12L/30R, Airport Layout Plan, City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections due to a lack of full disclosure of noise impacts. EPA also suggested that opportunities may exist to reduce the use of hazardous materials, reduce hazardous waste generation, adopt more comprehensive solid waste recycling, reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers, and protect water quality and groundwater. EPA expressed serious concern about the project's potential air quality impacts, including projected exceedances of a Federal air quality standard and projected emissions increases for at least eight hazardous air pollutants.

ERP No. DA–FHW–K40105–CA Rating LO, Devil's Slide Bypass Improvements, CA–1 To Half Moon Bay Airport to Linda Mar Boulevard, Updated Information, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Pacifica and San Mateo Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA reviewed the Devil's Slide Draft Supplemental EIS, expressed a lack of objections to the project.

ERP No. DS–DOE–A09828–00 Rating EC2, Surplus Plutonium Disposition (DOE/EIS–0283–DS) for Siting, New and Revised Information, Construction and Operation of three facilities for Plutonium Disposition, Possible Sites Hanford, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Pantex Plant and Savannah River, CA, ID, NM, SC, TX and WA.

Summary: EPA continues to express concerns regarding effects on water and ecological resources and the presence of contamination in the existing environment and lack of assurance that the proposed operations would not lead to further adverse impacts.

ERP No. DS–FHW–K40220–CA Rating **3, CA–125 South Route Location, Adoption and Construction, between CA–905 on Otay Mesa to CA–54 in Spring Valley, Updated and Additional Information, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA determined that the SDEIS was greatly limited in it's discussion of potentially significant impact from the direct, indirect, secondary, and cumulative impacts to wetlands, waters of the U.S., water quality, air quality, and biological resources. EPA recommends that a supplemental EIS be prepared and circulated for comment.

Final EISs

ERP No. F–BLM–K65217–AZ Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment, Implementation, Exchange of Federal Lands for Public Lands, Pinal, Gila and Mohave Counties, AZ.

Summary: EPA continues to object to the proposed project based on its potential to cause significant, continued degradation of resources in the project area and has requested appropriate mitigation of impacts to wildlife, habitat, and water resources.

ERP No. F–FAA–D51026–00 Potomac Consolidated Terminal (PCT) Radar Approach Control Facility (TRACON), To consolidated four TRACON in Baltimore-Washington Metro Terminal Area, Possible Site is Vint Hill Farms, VA, DC and MD.

Summary: EPA's previous concerns have been adequately addressed therefore, EPA has no objection to the action.

Other

ERP No. LF–AFS–K65185–CA Tahoe National Forest and Portion of Plumas and EL Dorado National Forests, Implementation, Twenty-Two Westside Rivers for Suitability and inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, Wild and Scenic River Study, Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Plumas, EL Dorado and Yuba Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to object to the Forest Service's decision to designate the Downieville complex or to actively seek Research Natural Area or Special Interest Area designation to ensure protection of its acknowledged, exceptional ecosystem values. EPA support the proposed designation of Canyon Creek, lower South Yuba River, and the North Yuba River.

Dated: August 3, 1999.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–34191; FRL–6093–8]

Organophosphate Pesticide; Pesticide Registration Notice; Availability for Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for public comment of a Pesticide Registration Notice that presents EPA's proposed approach for managing risks from organophosphate pesticides to occupational users. The approach described in this notice applies to both workers and handlers as defined by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS), and other persons not specifically covered by WPS, who nonetheless perform similar activities and are exposed to pesticides in a similar manner. In general, this proposed approach provides for baseline protective measures for all occupational situations where these measures are feasible and where current risk assessments show that they are necessary, including closed mixing and loading systems, enclosed cab equipment or equivalent protective clothing, and increased reentry intervals. Further, this notice outlines the steps that EPA will take to address situations when the baseline mitigation measures are not feasible, or situations where maximum feasible mitigation is

still inadequate to protect occupational users.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP–34191, must be received by EPA on or before October 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the ''SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION'' section. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP–34191 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Werrell, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone numbers: (703) 308–8033 and fax number: (703) 308–8041; e-mail address: werrell.linda@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this notice if you manufacture or formulate pesticides. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide producers	32532	Pesticide manufacturers Pesticide formulators

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed could also be affected. If available, the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this notice affects certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this announcement to you, consult the person listed in the ''FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT'' section.

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

A. Electronically

You may obtain electronic copies of this document and other related documents 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/.

To obtain electronic copies of the proposed Pesticide Regulation Notice mentioned in this notice, you can go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at http://www.epa.gov/ pesticides/op/ fedreg.htm. You may access information about organophosphate pesticides at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/.

B. In Person

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP–34191. 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 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 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.

III. How Can I Respond to this Action?

A. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP–34191 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments 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.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your 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 Document Control Office (DCO) is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: ''opp-docket@epa.gov,'' or you can submit a computer disk as described in this unit. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP–34191. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

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

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI 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. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed in the ''FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT'' section.

C. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

We invite you to provide your views on the various options we propose, new approaches we haven't considered, the potential impacts of the various options (including possible unintended consequences), and any data or information that you would like the Agency to consider during the development of the final action. You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

- Explain your views as clearly as possible.

• Describe any assumptions that you used.
• Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
• If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate.
• Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
• Offer alternative ways to improve the rule or collection activity.
• Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
• At the beginning of your comments, be sure to properly identify the document you are commenting on. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you 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.

D. Are There Issues on Which EPA is Particularly Interested in Receiving Comment?

Comments are encouraged on any aspect of the Pesticide Registration Notice mentioned in this notice. EPA is particularly interested in comments on the following matters:

1. Is EPA's definition of closed systems and closed cabs too broad or too specific? Should EPA adopt the same standards as California for closed systems?

2. What technologies are available or under development to reduce exposure to occupational users in green houses and during orchard applications? Are there other agricultural applications for which closed cabs are not currently feasible?

3. The Pesticide Registration Notice gives one example of the industry moving toward automated or technological replacements for human occupational users (the substitution of Geographic Positioning Systems (GPS) or mechanical flaggers for human flaggers in aerial applications). Are there other examples where agricultural work functions could be automated ?

4. In many cases, existing re-entry intervals (REIs) for organophosphate pesticide uses may be inadequate. Where feasible, EPA will seek to extend re-entry intervals, however, there are practical limits on the length of re-entry intervals. What other measures should EPA consider to protect occupational users re-entering treated fields? Is testing/monitoring of plant residues prior to harvest practical?

5. For retained uses where exposure to occupational users is still a concern, EPA may require biological monitoring for occupational user populations of concern. As many organophosphate pesticide uses are of concern, what is the most efficient approach to monitoring occupational user populations?

IV. What Action is EPA Taking in this Notice?

This notice announces the availability for public comment of a Pesticide Registration Notice that presents EPA's proposed approach for managing risks from organophosphate pesticides to occupational users. The approach described in this notice applies to both workers and handlers as defined by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS), and other persons not specifically covered by WPS, who nonetheless perform similar activities and are exposed to pesticides in a similar manner. The proposed risk management approach that is outlined in this Pesticide Registration Notice would be used in developing the individual organophosphate pesticide occupational risk management decisions, which will be proposed for public comment as part of the pilot public participation process that EPA and Department of Agriculture (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 Agency is proposing this approach for managing risk to occupational users of organophosphate pesticide products at this time because the organophosphate pesticide occupational risk assessments developed thus far indicate, with few exceptions, that risk management measures beyond those specified by the Worker Protection Standard (40 CFR part 170) will be needed to adequately protect occupational users of these products. In many cases, the organophosphate pesticide risk assessments show that even when the maximum feasible protective clothing and engineering controls are used, risks to occupational users still exceed the Agency's levels of concern. In such instances, EPA is required by FIFRA to weigh these risks against the benefits of the pesticide's use. The Agency is outlining its proposed decision process in this notice because early notification to registrants will help to ensure that occupational risk management decisions for the organophosphate pesticides will be approached consistently and implemented equitably. The Agency also believes this early notification will encourage the voluntary adoption of measures to reduce risks to occupational users as soon as possible.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: August 2, 1999.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–34192; FRL–6097–9]

Neurotoxic Pesticides; Availability of Data Call-In Notice

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is requiring registrants of neurotoxic pesticides to conduct acute, subchronic, and developmental neurotoxicity studies and submit the results to EPA. These studies are designed to show the effects of a chemical on the nervous system. EPA will issue Data Call-In Notices to registrants of all neurotoxic pesticides in phases over time, beginning with the cholinesterase-inhibiting organophosphates because of their known neurotoxicity concerns. EPA expects to receive the first studies within 2 years. This Data Call-In program was developed with the advice of the Children's Health Advisory Committee and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel.

DATES: The Data Call-In Notice will be available October 5, 1999.