

00 to 7/31/00. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

EPA authorized the use of dimethomorph on cucumbers and pumpkins to control Phytophthora fruit blight/rot; 5/10/00 to 10/1/00. Contact: (Libby Pemberton)

EPA authorized the use of fluroxypyr on field corn to control volunteer potatoes; 6/1/00 to 7/15/00. Contact: (Andrew Ertman)

EPA authorized the use of carfentrazone-ethyl on sweet corn to control broadleaf weeds; 6/2/00 to 6/30/00. Contact: (Steve Schaible)

EPA authorized the use of mancozeb on ginseng to control leaf and stem blight; 6/30/00 to 10/15/00. Contact: (Dan Rosenblatt)

EPA authorized the use of azoxystrobin on ginseng to control leaf and stem blight; 6/30/00 to 10/15/00. Contact: (Dan Rosenblatt)

EPA authorized the use of propamocarb hydrochloride on potatoes to control late blight; 7/13/00 to 7/13/01. Contact: (Libby Pemberton)

EPA authorized the use of chlorine dioxide on stored potatoes to control late blight; 8/31/00 to 8/31/01. Contact: (Andrew Ertman)

Wyoming

Department of Agriculture
Crisis. On 5/10/00, for the use of lambda-cyhalothrin on barley to control the Russian wheat aphid. This program ended on 7/31/00. Contact: (Andrew Ertman)

Specific. EPA authorized the use of lambda-cyhalothrin on barley to control the Russian wheat aphid; 5/10/00 to 7/31/00. Contact: (Andrew Ertman)

EPA authorized the use of imazamox on dry beans to control various nightshade species and velvetleaf; 6/1/00 to 7/15/00. Contact: Barbara Madden

EPA authorized the use of tetraconazole on sugarbeets to control Cercospora leafspot; 6/7/00 to 9/30/00. Contact: (David Deegan)

EPA authorized the use of imazapic-ammonium on pasture/rangeland (including land in the Conservation Reserve Program) to control leafy spurge and Dalmation toadflax; 8/1/00 to 12/31/00. Contact: (Libby Pemberton)

EPA authorized the use of coumaphos in beehives to control varroa mites and small hive beetles; 11/03/00 to 2/1/01. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

B. Federal Departments and Agencies

Agriculture Department

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Crisis. On 8/29/00, for the use of methyl bromide on various imported commodities to control exotic plant pests. This program is expected to end on 2/28/01. Contact: (Libby Pemberton)

Quarantine. EPA authorized the use of sodium hypochlorite on grain elevators, silos, equipment, and surfaces to control Karnal bunt; 3/24/00 to 3/24/03. Contact: (David Deegan)

EPA authorized the use of carbaryl on flightless birds to control exotic ectoparasites; 4/18/00 to 4/18/03. Contact: (Andrew Ertman)

EPA authorized the use of quaternary ammonium compounds on field equipment to control witchweed and broomrape; 8/21/00 to 8/21/03. Contact: (Libby Pemberton)

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: December 8, 2000.

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50874; FRL-6754-2]

Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application of a Transgenic Plant-Pesticide

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 524-EUP-OU from Monsanto Company requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the plant-pesticide Cry2Ab protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in corn (Vector ZMBK28L). The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-50874, must be received on or before January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and data 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-50874 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: MikeMendelsohn, 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; e-mail address: mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons interested in plant-pesticides or those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). 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.**

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/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," 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/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-50874. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, 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?

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

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), 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.

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 above. 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 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-50874. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI 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 under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

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 notice.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.
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. Background

EPA has received an application from Monsanto Company, 700 Chesterfield Parkway North, St. Louis, MO 63198 for an experimental use permit for Cry2Ab protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (Vector ZMBK28L) in corn. The program proposes genetically contained non-food-use testing from October 15, 2000 to November 15, 2001 on a total of 11,394 acres in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Experimental trials are to (1) breeding and observation nursery, (2) agronomic and efficacy trials, and (3) seed increase for further regulatory testing.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Following the review of the Monsanto Company application and any comments and data received in response to this notice, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request for this EUP program, and if issued, the conditions under which it is 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.

Dated: December 7, 2000.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6917-9]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Project XL draft final project agreement and draft addenda for New Jersey Gold Task Program.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comments on a Draft Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) and Draft Addenda for the New Jersey Gold Track Program. The Draft FPA and Addenda are a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), stakeholders, and EPA. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities, communities and states the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory or procedural requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

The Gold Track Project XL project embodies the final and highest tier of NJDEP's Silver and Gold Track Programs. NJDEP has led detailed stakeholder discussions to frame the Silver and Gold Track Program for Environmental Performance (Silver and Gold) since the summer of 1999. New Jersey's Silver and Gold Tracks are designed as a tiered system, requiring an increased level of commitment to environmental performance in return for concomitant regulatory flexibility.

The first or baseline tier, Silver Track, requires participating entities to meet certain core criteria in return for baseline incentives such as recognition