

Quality Planning and Standards to review a draft of the EPA's Electric Utility Hazardous Air Pollutant Study Report to Congress (hereafter "Draft Report"). This Draft Report is being prepared by the EPA in response to section 112(n)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990, which requires the EPA to submit to Congress the results of a study of emissions of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) from electric utility steam generating units and on the hazards to public health reasonably anticipated to occur as a result of these emissions. Congress directed that the report describe alternative control strategies for HAP emissions which may warrant regulation. The Administrator is to regulate electric utility steam generating units if such regulation is found to be appropriate and necessary after considering the results of the study.

A separate public outreach meeting will be held to allow interested parties opportunity to provide the EPA with input regarding the results of the study and recommendations for future action by the Agency.

**DATES:** The scientific peer review meeting will be held on July 11 and 12, 1995, at the EPA's Office of Administration and Resources Management Administration Building auditorium, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The public outreach meeting will be held on July 13 and 14 (if necessary), 1995, at the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance auditorium, 411 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham, North Carolina. The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public wishing to attend either meeting should register by phoning Ms. Donna Collins at (919) 541-5578. Please note that space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Copies of the Draft Report will only be available from Public Docket No. A-92-55 at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (formerly known as the Air Docket) (6102), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. The docket is located at the above address in room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor), and may be inspected from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Draft Report (docket entry A-92-55, 1-A-1) is available for review in the docket center or copies may be mailed on request from the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center by calling (202) 260-7548 or 7549. The

FAX number for the Center is (202) 260-4000. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket materials.

*Docket.* Docket No. A-92-55, containing supporting information used in developing the Draft Report, is available for public inspection and copying as noted above. The docket is an organized file of information used by the EPA in the development of this Draft Report. The principal purpose of the docket in this case is to allow interested parties to readily identify and locate documents so that they can intelligently and effectively participate in the comment process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning specific aspects of this study, contact Mr. William Maxwell [telephone number (919) 541-5430], Combustion Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), or Mr. Chuck French [telephone number (919) 541-0467], Risk and Exposure Assessment Group, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division (MD-15), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA has prepared the "Study of Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions from Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Pursuant to Section 112(n)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act—Scientific Peer Review Draft" (June 1995).

A scientific peer review meeting is being held as part of the process of scientific review of the Draft Report. The Draft Report is developmental and does not represent Agency policy. The Draft Report is being made available to the public as part of the Agency's continuing commitment to conduct assessments of important environmental contaminants in an open and participatory manner, to keep the public informed, and to encourage public review of significant assessments. The scientific peer review meeting will be reserved for discussion of the scientific, technical aspects of the Draft Report, the primary purpose being to receive comments by the scientific peer review panel. The public is invited to attend this meeting in an observational status only and no opportunity will be presented or offered for participation by the public.

The public outreach meeting, which follows the scientific peer review meeting, is the forum for public participation. The purpose of this meeting is for the EPA to listen to public opinion on the results of the study and any suggested recommendations the public may have regarding actions the Agency should take. Members of the

public wishing to present formal comments at the meeting should so indicate when registering. Individual speaking times will be limited in order to give everyone an equal opportunity to speak.

Seating will be limited for both meetings and advance registration is suggested. Information about attending the meetings and obtaining a copy of the Draft Report is provided elsewhere in this notice.

After the meetings, the Draft Report will be revised based on the comments received and subjected to final Agency review before submission to the Office of Management and Budget and, ultimately, to Congress. Those wishing to present comments on the Draft Report and those wishing to comment but unable to attend the public outreach meeting are requested to submit written comments. Written comments on this Draft Report must be received by Mr. Maxwell or Mr. French by July 31, 1995 at the addresses noted above.

Dated: June 30, 1995.

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### Notice of National Environmental Education Advisory Council Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the National Environmental Education Advisory Council, established under section 9 of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990, will hold an open public meeting on July 24 and 25, 1995. The meeting will take place at the Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the Advisory Council with an opportunity to offer ongoing advice to EPA's Environmental Education Division on its implementation of the National Environmental Education Act.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and to submit written comments to EPA following the meeting. For additional information regarding the Advisory Council or the upcoming meeting, please contact Kathleen MacKinnon, Environmental Education Division (1707), Office of Communications, Education and Public Affairs, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460, 202-260-4951.

Dated: July 3, 1995.

**C. Michael Baker,**

*Acting Designated Federal Official, National Environmental Education Advisory Council.*

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**Pirate; 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 Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Arkansas Plant Board (hereafter referred to as the "Applicants") for use of the pesticides, Pirate and Tebufenozide to control beet armyworms (BAW) on up to 2,125,000 acres in the southeastern region of the cotton belt. In accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant these exemptions.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 24, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-180974," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Human Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppdocket@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 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-180974]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on

electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

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 provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Margarita Collantes, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 6th Floor, Crystal Station I, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8347; e-mail: collantes.margarita@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 use of the insecticides pirate, available as Pirate 3SC from American Cyanamid Co., and tebufenozide, available as Confirm 2F from Rohm & Haas Co., to control beet armyworms (BAW) on up to 2,125,000 acres of cotton in the southeastern region of the cotton belt due to an inadequate supply of both. (American Cyanamid has indicated that it can potentially supply enough pirate to treat approximately 500,000 acres. Rohm & Haas estimates supplies of Confirm 2F being sufficient to treat approximately 350,000 acres.) Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

According to the Applicants, the beet armyworm (BAW) has historically been an occasional or sporadic pest of cotton in these southern states. In recent years, statewide yield losses have totaled into the millions of dollars and unsuccessful control attempts have costs growers additional millions. Damage in 1994 was not as widespread and severe due

to the fact that the BAW is a hot, dry weather pest and the cooler and wetter conditions in 1994 may have prevented further widespread infestations. Several insecticides (chlorpyrifos, thiodicarb, profenofos, sulprofos and diflubenzuron) are currently registered and recommended for BAW control. However, based on field experiences over a 6-year period (1988-93) and research trials, none provide the level of control necessary against high populations to be economically or biologically acceptable. Entomologists, growers and consultants recognize that the best control for BAW's is the utilization of naturally occurring parasites and predators. However, due to economically damaging levels of other insects such as boll weevils, aphids, plant bugs, bollworms and budworms, growers have no alternative but to apply insecticides (extremely toxic phosphates) for control of these insects. When this occurs, naturally occurring parasites and predators are destroyed.

In 1995, the areas of greatest concern are those that are in the initial years of the boll weevil eradication program (BWEP). It has been noted that the most destructive BAW damage has occurred in areas where the highest number of phosphate insecticide application were being applied to control boll weevils. This program expanded in August of 1994. Each planted acre in this area will likely require multiple malathion applications for boll weevils control. Therefore, little usage can be made of naturally occurring parasites and predators during the 1995 season. Therefore, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas are requesting emergency exemptions for the use of Pirate 3SC and Confirm 2F based on the following: (1) BAW outbreaks are increasing in number and intensity throughout the southeastern area of the cotton belt, (2) the BAW is not effectively controlled with insecticides currently available, (3) cotton producers cannot afford the yield losses and control costs associated with presently available insecticides, (4) insecticide use would be drastically reduced if an effective insecticide was available, and (5) pheromone trap catches currently indicate the presence of BAW in southeastern region of cotton belt.

Under the proposed exemptions, Pirate may be applied at the rate of 0.15 to 0.2 lbs a.i./A (8.53 fl. oz.) of the 3SC formulation per acre, and Confirm may be applied at the rate of 0.125 to 0.250 lbs a.i./A (8 to 16 fl. ozs) of product per acre. Pirate or Confirm may be applied using ground or aerial application equipment, in a minimum of 10 gallons