

*ERP No. D-NPS-L65258-ID*

Rating LO, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, General Management Plan, Implementation, Twin Falls and Gooding County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

*ERP No. D-USN-K11066-CA*

Rating EC2, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Air Stations (MCAS) Tustin and EL Toro Marine Corps Base (MCB) Realignment, Implementation, COE Section 404 Permit, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information on cumulative impacts to the Santa Margarita River flood zone and watershed, wetlands and biological resources.

Final EISs

*ERP No. F-AFS-G65059-NM*

Santa Fe Ski Area Master Development Plan, Upgrading and Expansion, Special-Use-Permit, Santa Fe National Forest, Espanola Ranger District, Santa Fe County, NM.

Summary: EPA had no objections to the preferred alternative.

*ERP No. F-UAF-E10007-GA*

F-15 Fighter Aircraft Conversion at Dobbins Air Force Base (AFB), Marietta, GA to B-1B Bomber Aircraft at Robins AFB, Warner Robins, GA and Training Airspace Modifications Servicing the Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) Area, GA.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objection to this project.

*ERP No. F-USN-K11050-HI*

Bellows Air Force Station Land Use and Development Plan, Implementation, Waimanalo, Honolulu County, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objection to this project.

Regulations

*ERP No. R-BIA-A99206-00*

25 CFR Chapter V and Part 900—Indian Health Service: Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments; Proposed Rule.

Summary: EPA suggested that the methodologies for establishing the carrying capacities of range units specifically include measures that ensure compliance with applicable sections of federal environmental law.

*ERP No. R-DOI-A60117-00*

25 CFR Part 161—Navajo Partitioned Land Grazing Regulations—Proposed Rule.

Summary: EPA suggested that the proposed regulation indicate that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service will exercise independent review of information submitted during environmental reviews and that this regulation describe how environmental reviews will be conducted for land acquisitions under Indian Self-Determination grants and contracts.

Dated: March 12, 1996.

William D. Dickerson,  
*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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[FRL-5442-6]

**Common Sense Initiative Council,  
Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee  
Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting of the Public Advisory Common Sense Initiative Council, Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is given that, pending resolution of EPA's FY 1996 appropriation, the Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee of the Common Sense Initiative Council will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 and 10, 1996, in Arlington, Virginia. The Subcommittee will continue discussions about projects in various stages of implementation. Limited time will be provided for members of the public to make oral comments at the meeting.

**OPEN MEETING NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, pending resolution of its FY 1996 appropriation, is holding an open meeting of the Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 and 10, 1996, and will include breakout sessions for the Subcommittee workgroups. The meeting will begin each day at approximately 9:00 a.m. EST and run until 4:00 p.m., EST. The meeting will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, telephone number 703-920-3230. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Limited time will be provided for public comment.

The Metal Finishing Sector Subcommittee anticipates having discussions, led by the appropriate workgroups, on at least three topics—strategic goals for the Metal Finishing

Sector; access to capital for environmental improvements and remediation; and broader compliance and enforcement policy. An agenda will be available later this month.

**INSPECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE**

**DOCUMENTS:** Documents relating to the above topics will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents and the minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection in room 2821M of EPA Headquarters, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone number 202-260-7417. Common Sense Initiative information can be accessed electronically through contacting Katherine Brown at: brown.katherine@epamail.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information about and verification of this meeting, please call Bob Benson at 202-260-8668 in Washington, D.C.

Dated: March 12, 1996.

Robert Benson,

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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[OPP-180998; FRL 5354-4]

**Pyriproxyfen and Buprofezin; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemptions, Solicitation of Public Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received specific exemption requests from the Arizona Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant" to use the insect growth regulators pyriproxyfen (CAS 95737-68-1) and buprofezin (CAS 69327-76-0) to treat up to 350,000 acres of cotton to control the sweet potato, or silverleaf whitefly *Bemisia species*. In the case of pyriproxyfen, the Applicant proposes the first food use of an active ingredient. Buprofezin is an unregistered material, and its proposed use is thus use of a "new" chemical. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemptions.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-180998," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program 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: 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 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-180998]. 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 No. 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: Andrea Beard, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8791; 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 specific exemptions for the use of pyriproxyfen and buprofezin on cotton to control the sweet potato, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW). Information in accordance with

40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

The Applicant states that a new strain or possibly a new species, of whitefly, often referred to as the strain B of sweet potato whitefly, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW), was initially found in Arizona in 1988. Since that time, it has steadily spread to new host plants and grown in population size each summer and fall. The SLW causes damage by feeding, and also through the production of honeydew, which encourages growth of sooty mold and other fungi. When SLWs become numerous as they did in many areas of the state in the past several years, their direct feeding lowers the yield. The SLW has also been implicated as a vector of virus. The Applicant claims that adequate control of the SLW is not being achieved with currently registered products and alternative cultural practices. The Applicant indicates that one application of either one or the other of the requested chemicals would not provide adequate control throughout the season, and since application of either would be limited to one, is requesting the use of both materials. The Applicant indicates that without adequate control of the SLW in cotton, significant economic losses will be suffered.

The Applicant proposes to apply pyriproxyfen at a rate of 0.054 lb. active ingredient (a.i.) per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on a total of 350,000 acres of cotton. The Applicant proposes to apply buprofezin at a rate of 0.35 lb. a.i. per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on a total of 350,000 acres of cotton. Therefore, use under these exemptions could potentially amount to a maximum total of 18,900 lbs. of pyriproxifen and 122,500 lbs. of buprofezin. This is the first time for an exemption request for either of these uses.

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 in the Federal Register for an application for a specific exemption proposing the first food use of an active ingredient, or for use of a new (unregistered) chemical. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-180998] (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 a.m. to

4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document. Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above.

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 Arizona Department of Agriculture.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Peter Caulkins,  
*Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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#### **Emamectin Benzoate; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemptions, Solicitation of Public Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide emamectin benzoate (CAS 137512-74-4) (formulated as "Proclaim