encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before June 19, 1996, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner’s environmental assessment without further announcement in the Federal Register. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency’s finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the Federal Register in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: April 30, 1996.

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Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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Food and Drug Administration
[Docket No. 96F–0145]
Albright & Wilson, Ltd.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Albright & Wilson, Ltd., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)phosphonium sulfate as a slimicide in the manufacture of paper and paperboard intended to contact food.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner’s environmental assessment by June 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1–23, Rockville, MD 20857.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 584472) has been filed by Albright & Wilson, Ltd., c/o Delta Analytical Corp., 7910 Woodmont Ave., suite 1000, Bethesda, MD 20814. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 176.300 Slimicides (21 CFR 176.300) to provide for the safe use of tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)phosphonium sulfate as a slimicide in the manufacture of paper and paperboard intended to contact food.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To