

with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to determine the value of TSCA data, including CBI, to state programs.

By the terms of the contracts, the sole purpose of the project was to determine the value of TSCA data, including CBI, to state programs. Access to CBI was permitted only for the very limited purposes identified in the contracts. No CBI information utilized in this project could be used for any other purpose. Participating states had to adhere to modified TSCA security procedures. All personnel were thoroughly briefed on responsibilities associated with TSCA CBI access and procedures for protection of CBI.

In late May and early June 1996, reports were received from Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. In summary, the reports reflect that the state participants believed access to TSCA data, including CBI, would benefit state health and environmental protection programs. The extent of the benefit was determined significantly by the nature of the particular state's environmental protection program. The reports reflect that the TSCA data:

1. Provided new information on environmental and health effects of chemicals manufactured, processed, and used in the states.
2. Provided useful insights on manufacturing facilities and processes.
3. Provided information on how chemicals are used in specific manufacturing processes.
4. Provided information on exposure scenarios.
5. Provided information on the synergetic effects of complex mixtures of chemicals.

The state reports noted that access to TSCA information, including CBI, has the potential to:

1. Facilitate improved risk assessment and risk management decisions.
2. Be useful in the air and water permit process.
3. Identify specific situations where regulatory relief may be appropriate.
4. Foster greater state government to state government, Federal government to state government environmental protection and public health cooperation.

Over the next several months, EPA shall be carefully considering the papers

and any public comment it receives on the issue of state access to TSCA data, including CBI, to determine appropriate next steps. EPA invites the interested public to review the submitted papers and any other publicly available information pertaining to the subject.

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPPTS-00190" (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 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

ncic@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 action, 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.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Access to confidential business information.

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Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee

The Local Government Advisory Committee will conduct its next meeting on August 15-16, 1996. Members will hear presentations on local environmental issues from two panels plans, one presenting the view of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region I Office and one presenting the views of New England local government officials. The Roles

and Responsibilities Subcommittee will continue to work on their matrix of Federal, State, and local government environmental responsibilities and their resource guide for local officials. The Tools for Local Decision-Makers Subcommittee will examine existing resources and materials and suggest additional tools needed by local officials to implement environmental protection at the community level.

The meeting will be held at EPA's Region I Office located at 1 Congress Street in Boston, Massachusetts. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 15th and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on the 16th. From 9:00-9:15 a.m. on the 15th, the Committee will hear comments from the public. Each individual or organization wishing to address the Committee will be allowed three minutes. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer at the number listed below to schedule agenda time. Time will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for this Committee is Denise Zabinski Ney. She is the point of contact for information concerning any Committee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 260-0419 or by writing to 401 M Street, S.W. (1502), Washington, DC 20460.

This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to attend. Meeting minutes will be available after the meeting and can be obtained by written request from the DFO. Members of the public are requested to call the DFO at the above number if planning to attend so that arrangements can be made to comfortably accommodate attendees as much as possible. However, seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

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DeKalb Genetics Corp.; Application to Register a Pesticide Product

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application to register the product Corn Borer-Resistant Corn Containing Insecticidal Bt Protein II, containing a plant pesticide active ingredient not included in any previously registered product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide,