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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Parts 152 and 156

[OPP–36190A; FRL–5572–6]

RIN 2070-AC46

Pesticides and Ground Water State Management Plan Regulation; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposal; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In the Federal Register of June 26, 1996, EPA announced proposed key components of the Agency's 1991 *Pesticides and Ground Water Strategy*. Through the development and use of State Management Plans (SMPs), EPA is proposing to restrict the use of certain pesticides by providing States with the flexibility to protect the ground water in the most appropriate way for local conditions. This document announces an extension of the comment period for an additional 30 days.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments identified by the docket control number OPP–36190A by mail to: Public Response Section, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments directly to the OPP docket which is located in Rm. 1132 of 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 or encryption.

Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP–36190A." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document 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 submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Roelofs, Policy and Special Projects Staff, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code (7501C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (703) 308-2964, e-mail: roelofs.jim@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33260) (FRL–4981–9), EPA announced proposed key components of the Agency's 1991 *Pesticides and Ground Water Strategy*.

Although the comment period on the proposed rule announced in the proposed rule was for 120 days, the Agency has received a number of requests for an extension of time in which to submit comments. All of these requests are from organizations representing various commodity growers, for example, corn growers and grain sorghum producers. The requests generally note that the original comment period coincides with the busiest time of year for farmers, including the harvest time for these crops, and that the organizations representing these people feel they need more time to educate their members about the proposed rule, and give them an opportunity to comment to the Agency. Some of the requests specify a 90–day extension. All of these requests have been placed in the public docket for the proposed rule.

The Agency does want to encourage growers and commodity organizations to comment on the proposed rule, but

believes that 90 days would unreasonably disrupt the rulemaking process and not be equitable for the many other commenters who have worked to submit comments by the original deadline. Therefore, the Agency is announcing a 30–day extension for the comment period, and encourages commodity organizations and their individual members to take this opportunity to submit comments.

List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 152

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 156

Environmental protection, Labeling, Occupational safety and health, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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40 CFR Part 180

[OPP–300440; FRL–5572–2]

RIN 2070-AC18

Sodium Bicarbonate and Potassium Bicarbonate; Tolerance Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to establish exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the biochemical pesticides sodium bicarbonate and potassium bicarbonate in or on all raw agricultural commodities (RACs), when applied as fungicides or post-harvest fungicides in accordance with good agricultural practices. EPA is proposing this regulation on its own initiative.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket number [OPP–300440], must be received on or before December 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Information