

public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

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Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticide Tolerance Processing Fees Deposit Fund

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA announces that, as a result of the passage of the Food Quality Protection Act on August 3, 1996, all fees related to pesticide tolerance activities are being deposited in the Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund. The current fee schedule for tolerance activities has not been changed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Iantha Gilmore, Resource Management Staff, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office Location and telephone number: Room 700-D, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, (703-305-6127); e-mail: gilmore.iantha@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 408(m) of the Federal, Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of August 3, 1996, the EPA announces that all fees related to tolerance activities collected under 40 CFR 180.33 are, as of the date of this notice, being deposited in the Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund.

The current tolerance fee regulations (40 CFR 180.33) were promulgated under the former section 408(o) of the FFDCA and were deposited to the Tolerance Fee Fund. The new section 408(m) uses almost identical language to that used in the earlier section 408(o), except that section 408(m) specifies that

tolerance fees are to be deposited into the Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund. Because the two sections are otherwise nearly identical, tolerance fees will continue for now to be subject to the existing fee schedule in 40 CFR 180.33.

EPA anticipates that this fee schedule will be sufficient to provide, equip, and maintain an adequate tolerance assessment program over the short term. For the longer term, EPA is currently engaged in a public process to determine how best to implement all the provisions of the new FFDCA section 408. If, at the completion of this process, EPA concludes that any changes in EPA's tolerance assessment program requires a change in the existing tolerance fee structure, EPA will revise the fee schedule accordingly.

Until the above public process is completed, the current procedure for increasing the fee structure to reflect the annual increase for civilian Federal General Schedule (GS) employees working in the Washington, DC/Baltimore, MD metropolitan area will continue. When these automatic adjustments are made, a new fee schedule will be published as a final rule in the Federal Register to become effective 30 days or more after publication.

In the meantime, all deposits and fees required by the regulations in 40 CFR part 180 must be paid by money order, bank draft, or certified check drawn to the order of the Environmental Protection Agency. All deposits and fees must be forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters Accounting Operations Branch, Office of Pesticide Programs (Tolerance Fees), P. O. Box 360277M, Pittsburgh, PA 15251. The payments should be labeled "Tolerance Petition Fees" and should be accompanied only by a copy of the letter or petition requesting the tolerance.

The actual letter or petition along with supporting data, shall be forwarded within 30 days of payment to the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Registration Division, (7505C) Washington, DC 20460. A petition will not be accepted for processing until the required fees have been submitted. A petition for which a waiver of fees has been requested will not be accepted for processing until the fee has been waived or, if the waiver has been denied, the proper fee is submitted after notice of denial. A request for waiver or refund will not be accepted after scientific review has begun on a petition.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

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Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative settlement and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into an administrative settlement to resolve certain claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. This settlement is intended to resolve the sole settling party's liability for certain response costs incurred by EPA at the Monroe Township Landfill Superfund Site in Monroe Township, New Jersey.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before February 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007, and should refer to: In the Matter of the Monroe Township Landfill Superfund Site: Browning-Ferris Industries of South Jersey, Inc., Settling Party, U.S. EPA Index No. II-CERCLA-96-0110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007; Attention: William C. Tucker, Esq. (212) 637-3139.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 122(i)(1) of CERCLA, notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the Monroe Township Landfill Superfund Site located in Monroe Township, New Jersey. Section 122(h) of CERCLA provides EPA with authority to consider, compromise and settle certain claims for costs incurred by the United States.

Browning-Ferris Industries of South Jersey, Inc. will pay a total of \$100,000 under the settlement to reimburse EPA