

Management Plan and Development Concept Plan, Implementation, San Miguel and Santa Fe Counties, NM.

**Summary:** Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-L61196-AK, Denali (South Slope) National Park and Preserve Development Concept Plan, Implementation, Mantanuska-Susitna Borough, AK.

**Summary:** Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-SFW-G64012-00, Mexican Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) Reintroduction within the Historic Range, Implementation, in the Southwestern United States, Catron, Dona Ana, Grant and Lincoln Counties, NM and Apache and Greenlee Counties, AZ.

**Summary:** Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5813-4]

#### National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Small Systems Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Small Systems Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on April 28 and 29, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Washington Plaza, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meeting is open to the public, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss options for how EPA might implement the capacity development and state affordability information provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. The meeting is open to the public to observe. The working group members are meeting to gather information,

analyze relevant issues and facts and discuss options. Statements will be taken from the public at this meeting, as time allows.

For more information, please contact, Peter E. Shanaghan, Designated Federal Officer, Small Systems Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4606), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is (202) 260-5813 and the email address is shanaghan.peter@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00478; FRL-5600-9]

#### Plant Pesticides Resistance Management; Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA will conduct a public meeting on May 21, 1997, to solicit public comment on resistance management plans for plant pesticides, including the necessity for such plans, critical elements of resistance management plans and requirements for successful implementation.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 21, 1997 from 9 am to 5 pm. Written comments from interested parties not able to attend the meeting must be received on or before May 21, 1997. Persons who wish to speak at the public meeting are encouraged to register in advance by submitting a brief written request and abstract to EPA on or before May 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting is open to the public and will be held at Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2475, in Rm. 301 of the Rudder Tower. Interested parties who cannot attend the public meeting but who wish to comment may do so by submitting written comments. Comments should be identified by the docket control number OPP-00478, and be submitted 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.

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 5.1 file format of ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP-00478. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit IV of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Michael L. Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division 7501W, Office of Pesticide Programs, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 5th Floor CS, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, (703)-308-8715; Email: Mendelsohn.mike@epamail.epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Resistance management has been a consideration for the registration of plant pesticides for some time. This is because plant pesticides tend to produce the pesticidal active ingredient throughout a growing season, increasing the selection pressure upon both the target pests and any other susceptible insects feeding on the transformed crop.

Resistance management has become an issue particularly in relation to plant-pesticides based on the insecticidal proteins from the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt). EPA recognizes the value of Bt as a safer pesticide and has determined that it is necessary to conserve this resource as appropriate by requiring resistance management plans. The Agency has reviewed initial strategies from registrants for managing resistance to Bt delta endotoxins produced in potato, corn, and cotton. EPA has worked with stakeholders (industry, public sector research and extension, growers, user groups, and government agencies) to address resistance management for Bt-based plant pesticides.

In March of 1995, EPA held a Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting as part of the review for the first registered plant pesticides. This meeting primarily addressed issues related to the *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) *tenebrionis* CryIII delta endotoxin in potato, although some issues related to Bt Corn and Bt cotton were also discussed. The