

Motorized Vehicular Access to the Private Property within the Chetco River, Illinois Valley Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest, Curry County, OR, Due: July 07, 1997, Contact: Don McLennan (541) 592-2166.

EIS No. 970172, FINAL EIS, FHW, WA, North Spokane Freeway Project, Improvements Transportation through the City of Spokane and Spokane County between I-90, Spokane County, WA, Due: June 16, 1997, Contact: Gene Fong (360) 753-9480.

EIS No. 970173, DRAFT EIS, COE, WI, Fox River Project, Navigation System, Operation and Maintenance, from De Pere to Menasha; Four Harbors on Lake Winnebago; Channels on the Upper Fox River from Lake Winnebago, WI, Due: June 30, 1997, Contact: Bob King (313) 226-6766.

EIS No. 970174, DRAFT EIS, FTA, CA, Mission Valley East Corridor Transit Improvement Project, between I-15 in Mission Valley and the East County community of La Mesa, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit, Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) and Light Rail Transit (LRT), San Diego County, CA, Due: July 01, 1997, Contact: Hymie Luden (415) 744-3115.

EIS No. 970175, FINAL EIS, DOE, SC, Savannah River Site, Shutdown of the River Water System (DOE/EIS-0268D), Implementation, Aiken, SC, Due: June 16, 1997, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 242-8269.

EIS No. 970176, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, EPA, NY, New York Dredged Material Disposal Site Designation for the Designation of the Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS) in the New York Bight Apex, (a.k.a. the Mud Dump Site (MDS), NY, Due: June 30, 1997, Contact: Robert W. Hargrove (212) 637-3890.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 970015, FINAL EIS, COE, VA, Lower Virginia Peninsula Regional Raw Water Supply Plan, Permit Approval, Cohoke Mill Creek, King William County, VA, Due: July 25, 1997, Contact: Pamela K. Painter (757) 441-7654. Published FR-01-24-97—Review Period Extended.

EIS No. 970152, DRAFT EIS, AFS, CA, Canyons Project, Implementation, Truckee Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest, Sierra and Nevada Counties, CA, Due: June 16, 1997, Contact: Caryn Hunter (916) 587-3558. Published FR-05-02-97—This EIS was inadvertently published in the 05-02-97 FR. The correct Notice of Availability was published in the 04-18-97 FR with the EIS No.

970137. The correct date comments are due back to the preparing agency is JUNE 2, 1997.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5826-6]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council Operator Certification 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 Operator Certification Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on June 5 and 6, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public to observe but due to past experience, seating will be limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss options to be forwarded to NDWAC on implementation of the Operator Certification provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. The working group members are meeting to gather information and analyze relevant issues and facts. Statements will be taken from the public at this meeting as time allows.

For more information, please contact Kenneth M. Hay, Designated Federal Officer, Operator Certification Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC: 4606), 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is (202) 260-5552 and the e-mail address is hay.ken@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: May 8, 1997.

Charlene Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer; National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-735; FRL-5717-8]

American Cyanamid Company; Pesticide Tolerance Petition Filing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-735, must be received on or before June 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7505C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI 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 written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amelia M. Acierto, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 4-W60, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8375; e-mail: acierto.amelia@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received a pesticide petition as follows

proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that this petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice of filing, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice of filing under docket control number [PF-735] (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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
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. Comment 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 PF-735 and appropriate petition number. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Food additives, Feed additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: May 7, 1997.

James Jones,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summaries of Petitions

Petitioner summaries of the pesticide petitions are printed below as required by section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA. The summaries of the petitions were prepared by the petitioners and represent the views of the petitioners. EPA is publishing the petition

summaries verbatim without editing them in any way. The petition summary announces the availability of a description of the analytical methods available to EPA for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemical residues or an explanation of why no such method is needed.

American Cyanamid Company

PP 3E4216

EPA has received a pesticide petition (PP) PP 3E4216 from American Cyanamid Company, Agricultural Research Division, P.O. Box 400, Princeton, NJ, 08543-0400. The petition proposes, pursuant to section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a, to amend 40 CFR part 180 to exempt the residues of 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate from the requirement of a tolerance when used as inert ingredient (adjuvant and UV absorber/protectant) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops. EPA has determined that the petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or determined whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The petitioner is proposing the exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate (CAS Reg. No. 4404-43-7), a stilbene fluorescent whitening agent (FWA), to be used as an inert ingredient in biopesticide formulations intended for use on food and/or feed crops. USDA has patented the use of FWAs as adjuvants in pesticide formulations (U.S. Patent No. 5,124,149) and the petitioner has submitted an application to license this technology. The petitioner states that FDA has previously approved the use of related stilbenes (4,4'-bis(2-benzoxazolyl)stilbene, CAS Reg. No. 1533-45-5; 4-(2-benzoxazolyl)-4'-(5-methyl-2-benzoxazolyl)stilbene, CAS Reg. No. 5242-49-9; and 4,4'-bis(5-methyl-2-benzoxazolyl)stilbene, CAS Reg. No. 2397-00-4) as indirect food additives for use in food-contact polymers [21 CFR 178.3297].

A. Residue Chemistry

The petitioner notes that the nature and magnitude of the residue and analytical methods to determine residue

levels are not required by EPA at this time. The favorable toxicology profile of 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate and other FWAs in combination with a negligible increase in expected exposure from the proposed use as an inert ingredient in biopesticides amounts to an insignificant incremental risk to the public health.

B. Toxicological Profile

The petitioner notes that stilbene fluorescent whitening agents have been commercially available for nearly 60 years in the textile, paper and detergent industries and more recently available as FDA-approved indirect food additives. Thus, an extensive body of reliable information has been generated on the toxicology of the stilbene class of chemistry. This complete data base has been developed by industry, academia, and government agencies both in the United States and overseas and can be found in numerous publications on FWAs. The petitioner provides the following toxicological data in support of the submission:

The acute oral LD₅₀ in rats for 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate reported in the literature is 14,500 mg/kg body weight while the acute dermal toxicity is reported to be > 2,000 mg/kg body weight in rabbits. In a single 4 hour exposure acute inhalation study with a related stilbene, no sign of intoxication or mortality to rats at a concentration of 1.65 mg/L was determined (LC₅₀ >1.65 mg/L).

In 2-year chronic feeding studies with a related FWA compound, a 40 ppm no observable adverse effect level [NOAEL] was established for the rat based upon slightly increased female mortality (unsupported by pathological findings) and a 2,000 ppm NOAEL (highest dose tested) was established for the dog. Additionally, the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Toxicology Program technical report (TR 412) of 2-year toxicology and carcinogenesis studies using a related stilbene compound concluded there was no evidence of carcinogenic activity attributed to the molecule when fed to rats and mice at up to 25,000 ppm and 12,500 ppm, respectively.

Based on a review of available data, the petitioner believes that FWAs are not genotoxic, not carcinogenic, and do not cause reproductive or developmental effects when tested in

mammals and that there is also no evidence to suggest that FWAs exhibit estrogenic properties.

C. Aggregate Exposure

The petitioner believes that 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate and stilbene FWAs in general are extensively used as optical brighteners both domestically and internationally. Approximately 30 million pounds are used annually in the United States alone with the majority being used in detergents to enhance the color of laundered clothing. Other uses of stilbenes include incorporation into textiles, paper, paint, and plastics (some of which are used in the food industry). In comparison, the proposed use of 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate as an inert ingredient in pesticide formulations is not expected to exceed 250,000 pounds annually (< 1% of the total FWA use in the United States).

The petitioner believes that potential routes of non-occupational exposure to FWAs currently include non-dietary (i.e., potential dermal exposure via contact with laundered clothing) and dietary sources (i.e., potential consumption in drinking water, in fish, and as residue of detergents adhering to dishes and cutlery) and consequently, the proposed inert ingredient use of 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate is not expected to significantly increase the aggregate exposure to FWAs.

D. Cumulative Effects

The petitioner believes that data show that the diaminostilbene-disulfonic acid class of FWAs is relatively non-toxic to mammals and, in addition, the proposed use of 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate, a member of this class of chemistry, will not significantly increase the US population's exposure to FWAs. Thus, the petitioner believes that there is no expectation of significant incremental risk due to the use of 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate as an inert ingredient in pesticide formulations.

E. Safety Determination

The petitioner considered that toxicology studies conducted with 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate and other compounds in the stilbene class of chemistry show there is reasonable certainty that no harm to the U.S. population will result from aggregate exposure to FWA residue including all anticipated dietary exposures and all other non-occupational exposures for which there is reliable information. Experimental investigations show that the likelihood of FWAs constituting a danger to human health is so minimal as to be completely negligible.

The petitioner notes that there is no information available to indicate that children or infants would be more sensitive than adults to any toxic effect associated with exposure to 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate.

There are no Codex maximum residue levels established for residues of 2,2'-(1,2-ethenediyl)bis[5-[[4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-6-phenylamino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]-benzenesulfonate on food or feed crops.

F. International Tolerances

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-733; FRL-5717-6]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-733, must be received on or before June 16, 1997.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Jim Tompkins, Acting Product Manager (PM) 25, Registration Division, (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 229, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. 22202, (703) 305-5697; e-mail: tompkins.jim@epamail.epa.gov.

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