

guidelines in the **Federal Register** specifying minimum standards for certification and recertification of operators of community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems. The final guidelines are required to be published by February 6, 1999. States then have two years to adopt and implement an operator certification program that meets the requirements of these guidelines. After that date, if a State has not adopted and implemented an approved program, the EPA must withhold 20 percent of the funds a State is otherwise entitled to receive in its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) capitalization grants under section 1452 of SDWA.

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Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council, Open Meetings

Under section 10(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting 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 April 29, 1998 until 6 p.m. and April 30, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., in the Auditorium at the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Research Center (ERC), located on the corner of Alexander Drive and Route 54, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the opportunity for the Council to discuss and make recommendations on the EPA's plans to meet future needs to support the sound science requirements for upcoming programmatic deadlines. In addition, the Council will be briefed on and discuss the NDWAC working groups and the Drinking Water Strategic Needs Assessment Project. Presentations will also be held on the draft First Annual Compliance Report and the Water Conservation Plan Guidelines.

This meeting is open to the public. The Council encourages the hearing of outside statements and will allocate one hour on April 30, 1998, for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to ten minutes and it is preferred that only one person present the statement. Any outside parties interested in presenting

an oral statement should petition the Council by telephone at (202) 260-2285 or by E-Mail at shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov by April 23, 1998.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received prior to the meeting will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Ms. Charlene Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is Area Code (202) 260-2285 or E-Mail shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

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Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petition

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of petition (PP 7F4822), submitted by Monsanto Company, proposing the establishment of a regulation for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the plant pesticide, active ingredient, *Bacillus thuringiensis variety kurstaki* (*B.t.k.*) insect control protein (CryIIA), when used in or on all food and feed crops.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-800, must be received on or before May 8, 1998.

ADDRESSEES: By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (7502C), Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM

#2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, 22202.

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 of the 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. 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Willie H. Nelson, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8682; e-mail:nelson.willie@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals/microbials in or on various food commodities under section 408 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 petitions.

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-800] (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 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