

meal as a color additive in salmonid fish feeds.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Aydin Örstan, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3076.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 721(d)(1) (21 U.S.C. 379e(d)(1))), notice is given that a color additive petition (CAP 8C0256) has been filed by Cyanotech Corp., 73-4460 Queen Kaahumanu Hwy., #102, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740. The petition proposes to amend the color additive regulations to provide for the safe use of *Haematococcus* algae meal as a color additive in salmonid fish feeds.

-The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(r) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

**Laura M. Tarantino,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 98F-0226]

**Nalco Chemical Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Nalco Chemical Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of disodium or dipotassium fluorescein for use in boilers where steam may contact food.

**DATES:** Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by May 18, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paulette M. Gaynor, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration,

200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3079.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 7A4539) has been filed by Nalco Chemical Co., One Nalco Center, Naperville, IL 60563-1168. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in 21 CFR 173.310 to provide for the safe use of disodium or dipotassium fluorescein for use in boilers where steam may contact food.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before May 18, 1998, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: March 26, 1998.

**Laura M. Tarantino,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**Research Studies on Microbiological Hazards Associated with the Food Animal Production Environment Including Animal Feeds; Availability of Cooperative Agreements; Request for Applications**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is announcing the availability of research funds for fiscal year (FY) 1998 to study the microbiological hazards associated with the food animal production environment which includes animal feeds. Approximately \$1 million will be available in FY 1998. FDA anticipates making 6 to 12 Cooperative Agreement awards at \$100,000 to \$200,000 per award per year (direct and indirect costs). Support for these agreements may be for up to 3 years. The number of agreements funded will depend on the quality of the applications received and the availability of Federal funds to support the projects.

**DATES:** Submit applications by June 1, 1998. If the closing date falls on a weekend, it will be extended to Monday; if the date falls on a holiday, it will be extended to the following workday.

**ADDRESSES:** Application forms are available from, and completed applications should be submitted to: Robert L. Robins, Grants Management Officer, Division of Contracts and Procurement Management (HFA-520), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Park Bldg., rm. 3-40, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-6170. (Applications hand-carried or commercially delivered should be addressed to the Park Bldg., 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 3-40, Rockville, MD 20852.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Regarding the administrative and financial management aspects of this notice: Robert L. Robins (address above).

Regarding the programmatic aspects of this notice: David B. Batson, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-502), Food and Drug Administration, 8401 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708, 301-827-8021.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FDA is announcing the availability of funds for FY 1998 for awarding cooperative