

Oklahoma and Chattanooga-Hamilton County have shown good faith in developing and committing to submit their Plans in an expedited manner. Based on EPA's analysis of the State and local air pollution agency requests, Arkansas and Oklahoma and Chattanooga-Hamilton County are granted extensions until July 31, 1998. The memorandum, *Supplemental Justification for Extending Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Section 111(d) Plan Submittals*, mentioned previously, documents the States' efforts and explains why EPA is granting an extension for the section 111(d) Plan submittals to these States' and locality's air pollution agencies.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q)

Dated: May 13, 1998.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30454; FRL-5789-1]

Certain Companies; Applications to Register Pesticide Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing new active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30454] and the file symbols to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked 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. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Cynthia Giles-Parker, Product Manager (PM-22), Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 247, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703 305-7740, e-mail: giles-parker.cynthia@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received applications as follows to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provision of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on the applications.

I. Products Containing Active Ingredients Not Included In Any Previously Registered Products

1. File Symbol: 71280-G. Applicant: Premium Compounded Products, LLC, 1208 East 12th St., Wilmington, DE 19802. Product Name: Migratrol R001. Plant growth regulator. Active ingredient: Cuprous chloride at 50 percent. Proposed classification/Use: None. For the control of root growth in nursery pots.

2. File Symbol: 71280-R. Applicant: Premium Compounded Products. Product Name: Cuprous Chloride. Plant growth regulator. Active ingredient: Cuprous chloride at 98.2 percent. Proposed classification/Use: None. For the control of root growth in nursery pots.

Notice of approval or denial of an application to register a pesticide product will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The procedure for requesting data will be given in the **Federal Register** if an application is approved.

Comments received within the specified time period will be considered before a final decision is made; comments received after the time

specified will be considered only to the extent possible without delaying processing of the application.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-30454] (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 notice 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 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-30454]. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest, Product registration.

Dated: May 11, 1998.

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PB-402404-OH; FRL-5790-2]

Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; State of Ohio's Authorization Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice; request for comments and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: On April 13, 1998, the State of Ohio submitted an application for EPA approval to administer and enforce

training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice announces the receipt of Ohio's application, and provides a 45-day public comment period and an opportunity to request a public hearing on the application.

DATES: Submit comments on the authorization application on or before July 6, 1998. Public hearing requests must be submitted on or before June 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit all written comments and/or requests for a public hearing identified by tracking number "PB-402404-OH" (in duplicate) to: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, DT-8J, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

Comments, data, and requests for a public hearing may also be submitted electronically to:

turpin.david@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit IV. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erik Maurer, Project Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, DT-8J, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, Telephone: (312) 353-1263, e-mail address: maurer.erik@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On October 28, 1992, the U.S. Congress passed Pub. L. 102-550 which included the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. This Act amended TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*) by adding Title IV--Lead Exposure Reduction (15 U.S.C. 2681 *et seq.*).

Section 402 of TSCA authorizes and directs EPA to promulgate final regulations governing lead-based paint activities to ensure that individuals engaged in such activities are properly trained, that training programs are accredited, and that individuals engaged in these activities are certified and follow documented work practice standards. In lieu of the Federal program, a State or Tribe may seek authorization from EPA to administer and enforce their own lead-based paint activities program (TSCA, Title IV, section 404 (a)).

On August 29, 1996 (61 FR 45777) (FRL-5389-9), EPA promulgated the final TSCA section 402/404 regulations. On August 31, 1998, EPA will institute

the Federal program in States or Tribes that do not have an authorized program. States and Tribes that choose to apply for program authorization must submit a complete application to the appropriate Regional EPA Office for review. These applications must be reviewed by EPA within 180 days of receipt of the complete application. To receive final program authorization, a State or Tribe must demonstrate that its program is at least as protective of human health and the environment as the Federal program and provides for adequate enforcement (section 404(b) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2684 *et seq.*).

II. State Program Description Summary

Chapter 3742 of the Ohio Revised Code contains Ohio's lead licensing statutes. Chapters 3701-32 and 3701-82 of the Ohio Administrative Code contain the rules that amplify Chapter 3742. Together, the statutes and rules set up a licensing program operated by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities. The statutes and rules also require ODH to approve lead testing laboratories, lead training providers, and lead abatement systems and products. In addition, they require physicians and laboratories to report lead poisoning cases to the State. Finally, they set up standards for the proper conduct of lead inspection, lead assessment, and lead abatement activities.

ODH licenses individuals in five lead disciplines: lead abatement contractor, lead abatement project designer, lead abatement worker, lead inspector, and lead risk assessor. To become licensed, potential contractors, workers, inspectors, and assessors must successfully complete an ODH-approved training course for the discipline in question, properly complete the licensing application, pay the appropriate license fee, and pass an independently administered state licensing examination. Registered sanitarians, sanitarians-in-training, certified industrial hygienists, and hygienists-in-training are exempted from the initial training requirement, but are required to pass the required certification exams and attend refresher training. ODH does not require project designers to pass a State licensing examination as a condition of licensing. Project designers are subject to rigorous education, experience, and training requirements as a condition of licensing.

A resident may conduct lead activities on his or her residence without a license. In most other cases, licensed personnel must conduct lead inspection, lead abatement, or lead

assessment activities on a private residence or place of education or day care for a child under the age of 6. Any lead work conducted must comply with the work practices contained in rule 3701-32-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Rule 3701-32-02 references the suggested work practice procedures contained in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint in Housing (Guidelines). Pertinent chapters of the Guidelines are attachments to rule 3701-32-02 and other rules, and thus are part of Ohio's work practice standard.

Licensed personnel must prepare a lead inspection, lead risk assessment, or lead abatement report when conducting activities covered by Chapter 3742. The report must contain information recommended in the Guidelines and required by rule. All samples collected must be sent to an approved laboratory for analysis. Licensed personnel must keep copies of the report for a period of 3 years and are required to furnish reports to appropriate individuals.

III. Federal Overfiling

TSCA section 404(b) makes it unlawful for any person to violate, or fail, or refuse to comply with any requirement of an approved State or Tribal program. Therefore, EPA reserves the right to exercise its enforcement authority under TSCA against a violation of, or a failure, or refusal to comply with any requirement of an authorized State or Tribal program.

IV. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been established under the tracking number "PB-402404-OH." Copies of this notice, the State of Ohio's authorization application, and all comments received on the application are available for inspection in the Region V office, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The application materials are available at: Toxics Program Section, Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, 8th floor, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL.

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the tracking number "PB-402404-OH." Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2682, 2684.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Lead, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: May 11, 1998.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region V.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND PLACE: June 9, 1998. The White House Conference Center, Truman Room, Third Floor, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20500.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) will meet in open session on Tuesday, June 9, 1998, at approximately 10:00 a.m. to discuss (1) international S&T issues, (2) public understanding of science and technology, and (3) topics of Congressional concern. This session will end at approximately 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There will be a time allocated for the public to speak on any of the above agenda items. Please make your request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. Written comments are welcome anytime prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Holly Gwin, OSTP Chief of Staff, at 202-456-6140 or fax your requests/comments to 202-456-6026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding time, place, and agenda please call Holly Gwin, OSTP Chief of Staff, at 202-456-6140, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 1998. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 12882, as amended, on November 23, 1993. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of national importance that have significant science and technology content, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Committee members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and by John Young, former President and CEO of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

Barbara Ann Ferguson,

Administrative Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

[BM-14-May-98-02]

Interest Rate Risk Management

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Proposed policy statement with request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency), through the FCA Board (Board), is issuing for comment a proposed policy statement that provides guidance on interest rate risk management practices to Farm Credit System (System) institutions and describes the Agency's approach to evaluating interest rate risk when making a determination of capital adequacy.

The proposed policy statement identifies key elements of sound business principles and practices for interest rate risk management by a System institution. The policy statement also provides criteria by which the Agency will evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of a System institution's interest rate risk management.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed or delivered to Patricia W. DiMuzio, Director, Regulation and Policy Division, Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090 or sent by facsimile transmission to (703) 734-5784. Comments may also be submitted via electronic mail to "reg-

comm@fca.gov." Copies of all communications received will be available for review by interested parties in the Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Wendy R. Laguarda, Senior Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, (703) 883-4020, TDD (703) 883-4444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The FCA's proposed Capital Phase III rule, in §§ 615.5180 and 615.5182, proposes that System banks and other System institutions (excluding the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) with interest rate risk implement appropriate risk management practices (see 62 FR 49623, Sept. 23, 1997). Proposed § 615.5181 provides that a System institution's board of directors (board) is responsible for maintaining effective oversight of interest rate risk management whereas senior management is responsible for ensuring that interest rate risk is properly managed. In the supplementary information to the proposed Capital Phase III rule, the Board stated its intention to provide additional guidance regarding sound interest rate risk management practices for a System institution.

In addition, proposed §§ 615.5350(b)(7) and 615.5355(a)(4) provide that the FCA may take action against an institution for failure to maintain sufficient capital for interest rate risk exposures. A System institution found to have high levels of exposure or weak interest rate risk management practices may be directed by the Agency to take corrective action, which may include raising additional capital, strengthening interest rate risk management expertise, improving interest rate risk management practices, reducing levels of exposure, or a combination thereof. The supplementary information to the proposed Capital Phase III rule states that a risk assessment approach will be used to evaluate a System institution's capital adequacy for interest rate risk and to determine what corrective action, if any, may be necessary. Additional guidance is now being provided by the FCA in this proposed policy statement.