

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-42008D; FRL-5789-6]

Idaho Certification Plan for Certification of Restricted Use Pesticide Applicators; Amendment Approval**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: On February 11, 1998, EPA announced its intention to approve an amendment to the Idaho plan for the certification of restricted use pesticide applicators and solicited comments. The amendment adds a category for the certification of 1080 Livestock Protection Collar (1080 LPC) applicators. The amended plan also requires recertification every 2 years rather than the current 5 years, establishes a chemigation category, and combines its various classes of commercial applicators under a new classification of professional applicator. EPA announces its approval of the Idaho certification plan amendment.

DATES: This amendment is effective July 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the amended Idaho Certification Plan and its comments are available for viewing at the following locations during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays:

1. John R. MacDonald, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA, telephone: (703) 305-7370, e-mail: macdonald.john@epamail.epa.gov.

2. Allan Welch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region X, 1200 Sixth Ave., Eighth Floor, Seattle, WA, telephone: (206) 553-1980, e-mail: welch.allan@epamail.epa.gov.

3. Beth Williams, Idaho Department of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Resources, P.O. Box 7723, 2270 Old Penitentiary Rd., Boise, ID, telephone: (208) 332-8605, e-mail: bwilliams@agri.state.id.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail, Allan Welch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region X, 1200 Sixth Ave., Eighth Floor, Seattle, WA 98101, telephone: (206) 553-1980, e-mail: welch.allan@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

In the **Federal Register** of February 11, 1977 (42 FR 8692), a notice was published announcing the final

approval of the Idaho plan for the certification of restricted use pesticide applicators. On February 11, 1998 (63 FR 6929) (FRL-5754-3), EPA announced its intention to approve an amendment to the Idaho plan and solicited comments. The Idaho amendment establishes a new category for the certification of 1080 LPC applicators. Idaho proposes to certify approximately 25 employees of the United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services. Wildlife Services is one of the registrants of the 1080 LPC and will supply the 1080 LPC to their employees certified under this plan. Wildlife Services employees certified under this plan will only be applying 1080 LPCs in performance of their official duties. There is no provision for supervision of non-certified applicators of 1080 LPCs. Only applicators certified in 1080 LPC use will be permitted to apply the product. The amended plan will combine the license of a commercial applicator, a commercial operator, a limited applicator, and a consultant into a single license of professional applicator. The Idaho Certification Plan will under this amendment have only private and professional applicators. Chemigation will become a category under both the private- and -professional applicator license. Previously chemigation required a separate license. The recertification period is reduced to 2 years from the previous 5-year period. The training required for recertification eligibility also is reduced. This results in more frequent training with the average yearly training burden remaining relatively unchanged.

II. Discussion of Comments

Mr. Michael A. Guerry, President of the Idaho Wool Growers Association; Mr. Mark Collinge, State Director of Idaho Wildlife Services, United States Department of Agriculture; Ms. Judy Woodie, President of the Idaho Cattle Association; and Mr. Laird Noh of Noh Sheep Company were the four persons submitting comments on the amendment. All commenters confined their remarks to the predator control aspects of the amendment. All commenters expressed the opinion that 1080 LPCs were a valuable tool and supported the predator control provisions of the amendment. Mr. Collinge submitted attachments to his comments that addressed past studies and proposed future uses of predator-control measures. Some of Mr. Collinge's comments and attachments addressed programs and definitions of registration requirements that are related but not specific to this action.

EPA will continue to work with Mr. Collinge and other concerned parties to clarify these questions. Comments are available for review at the addresses listed in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

EPA approves the amendment to the Idaho plan for the certification of pesticide applicators.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 8, 1998.

Charles Findley,*Acting Regional Administrator, Region X.*

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[OPP-34126; FRL-5796-3]

Bacillus thuringiensis; Availability of Reregistration Eligibility Document for Public Comment**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability of the Reregistration Eligibility Document (RED) for the active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis*, and the start of a 60-day public comment period. The RED for *Bacillus thuringiensis* is the Agency's formal regulatory assessment of the health and environmental data base of the subject chemical, and presents the Agency's determination regarding which pesticidal uses of *Bacillus thuringiensis* are eligible for reregistration.

DATES: Written comments on the RED must be submitted by August 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of comments identified with the docket number [OPP-34126] should be submitted to: By mail: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Room 119, CM2 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "Public Record." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this Notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be