

specific pesticidal toxin, Txp-I, from the straw itch mite, *Pyemotes tritici*, and (2) prevent expression of the ecdysteroid UDP-glucosyltransferase gene. American Cyanamid Company intends to test this microbial pesticide on cotton and leafy vegetables to evaluate the control of Lepidopteran pests. The Agency has determined that this notification may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting public comments on this notification.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments 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, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) 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 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 will be included in the public docket 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 legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William R. Schneider, PM 90, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 9th Floor, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703-308-8683), e-mail: schneider.william@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Notice of receipt of this notification does not imply a decision by the Agency on this notification.

A Notification (241-NMP-A) was received from American Cyanamid Company. The proposed small-scale field trial involves the introduction of a baculovirus, *Autographa californica* Multiple-embedded Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (AcMNPV) which has been genetically-engineered to express an insect-specific pesticidal toxin, Txp-I, from the straw itch mite, *Pyemotes tritici*. In addition, the gene for ecdysteroid UDP-glucosyltransferase (EGT) has been replaced with the same gene containing a deletion so that this enzyme will not be produced in the infected insect larvae. When insects are infected with the naturally-occurring (wild-type) virus, EGT prevents the insect from molting, and the insect will continue to eat and grow without molting. In contrast, an insect infected with the engineered virus, will not eat or molt resulting in death 1 to 2 days earlier than seen for the wild-type virus.

American Cyanamid has previously field tested the same baculovirus with the same EGT deletion engineered to express a different insect-specific toxin from a scorpion in 1995, 1996, and 1997. They have submitted characterization data for the Txp-I toxin and an oral toxicity study in mice in addition to comparative host range studies in susceptible and less-susceptible Lepidopteran species. The purpose of the proposed testing will be to evaluate the efficacy of the baculovirus against lepidopteran pests, including tobacco budworm (*Heliothis virescens*), the cotton bollworm (*Helicoverpa zea*), the beet armyworm (*Spodoptera exigua*), and the cabbage looper (*Trichoplusia ni*) on cotton and leafy vegetables. The total acreage for all sites will not exceed 10 acres per pest and, on completion of the test, the crops will be destroyed.

Following the review of this notification and any comments received in response to this notice, EPA may approve the tests, ask for additional data, require additional modifications to the test protocols, or require EUP applications to be submitted. In accordance with 40 CFR 172.50, under no circumstances shall the proposed tests proceed until the submitters have received notice from EPA of its approval of such tests.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been

established for this action under docket control number "OPP-50845" (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 rulemaking record is located at the Virginia 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 control number "OPP-50845." Electronic comments on this action may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: July 27, 1998.

Janet L. Andersen,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6133-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Responses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. Seq.). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Call Sandy Farmer at (202) 260-2740, or E-mail at "farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov," and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 1696.02; Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Health-Effects Research Requirements for

Manufacturers; in 40 CFR part 79, Subpart F; was approved 07/16/98; OMB No. 2060-0297; expires 07/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 1834.01; The Class V Underground Injection Control Study; was approved 07/14/98; OMB No. 2040-0194; expires 07/31/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1463.04; National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP); in 40 CFR part 300; was approved 07/06/98; OMB No. 2050-0096; expires 07/31/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1823-01; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements under the Perfluorocompound (PFC) Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry; non-regulatory; was approved 06/29/98; OMB No. 2060-0382; expires 06/30/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1718.02; Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives, Fuel Quality Regulations for Highway Diesel Fuel Sold in 1993 and Later Calendar Years; in 40 CFR 80.29; was approved 07/07/98; OMB No. 2060-0308; expires 07/31/2001.

OMB Disapprovals

EPA ICR No. 1802.01; Compliance Information Project; was disapproved by OMB 07/20/98.

EPA ICR No. 1832.01; Consumer Confidence Report; was disapproved by OMB 07/01/98.

EPA ICR No. 1633.11; Acid Rain Program under Title IV of the Clean Air Act with the Proposed Monitoring Revisions; was disapproved by OMB 07/21/98.

Extensions of Expiration Dates

EPA ICR No. 1687.03; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Operations; in 40 CFR part 63, Subpart GG; OMB No. 2060-0314; on 07/21/98 OMB extended the expiration date through 01/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 1601.03; Air Pollution Regulations for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Activities: Reporting, Recording, Recordkeeping, and Testing Requirements; in 40 CFR part 55; OMB

No. 2060-0249; on 07/21/98 OMB extended the expiration date through 02/28/99.

EPA ICR No. 0029.06; NPDES Modification and Variance Requests; in 40 CFR part 122; OMB No. 2040-0068; on 07/22/98 OMB extended the expiration date through 11/30/98.

EPA ICR No. 0226.12; Application for NPDES Discharge Permit and the Sewage Sludge Management Permit; in 40 CFR parts 122, 501, and 503; OMB No. 2040-0086; on 07/22/98 OMB extended the expiration date through 11/30/98.

Dated: July 28, 1998.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6133-1]

Clean Water Act Class I: Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment and Opportunity To Comment Regarding City of Baldwin City, Kansas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative penalty assessment and opportunity to comment regarding City of Baldwin City, Kansas.

SUMMARY: EPA is providing notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed assessment.

Under 33 U.S.C. 1319(g), EPA is authorized to issue orders assessing civil penalties for various violations of the Act. EPA may issue such orders after filing a Complaint commencing either a class I or Class II penalty proceeding. EPA provides public notice of the proposed assessment pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1319(g).

Class I proceedings are conducted under EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits. The procedures by which the public may submit written comment on a proposed Class I order or participate in a class I proceeding, and the procedures by which a respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in the Consolidated Rules. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed class I order is thirty (30) days after issuance of public notice.

On June 30, 1998, EPA commenced the following class I proceeding for the assessment of penalties by filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, (913) 551-7630, the following complaint:

In the Matter of, the City of Baldwin City, Kansas; CWA Docket No. VII-98-W-0018. The Complainant seeks to assess a penalty of up to Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for failure to comply with the applicable vector attraction reduction requirements of section 405 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1345.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons wishing to receive a copy of EPA's Consolidated Rules, review the Complaint or other documents filed in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or otherwise participate in the proceeding should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above.

The administrative record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at the address stated above, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours. All information submitted by the City of Baldwin City, Kansas is available as part of the administrative record subject to provisions of law restricting public disclosure of confidential information. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will issue no final order assessing a penalty in this proceeding prior to thirty (30) days from the date of this document.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

Nathaniel Scurry,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

July 24, 1998

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a