

wanted to ensure that any adopted measures were consistent with public health values and priorities. Therefore, the Agency is initiating a rodenticide stakeholder process to develop a risk mitigation strategy to protect young children from rodenticide products while preserving the public health benefits of these products. The stakeholder process will consist of one or more meetings that will be open to the public. A core group of individuals or representatives from organizations will serve on a panel to discuss and analyze several mitigation proposals, ultimately concluding with recommendations to the Agency on how to further mitigate risks to young children from rodenticide poisonings. Panel members will represent a broad cross-section of the public and will be expected to attend all of the stakeholder meetings.

The first of the stakeholder meetings is expected to be held sometime in November or December 1998, in Washington, DC. The Agency is hopeful that 2-3 separate full-day panel meetings will be sufficient to resolve these issues, however, it recognizes that several more meetings may be warranted. EPA will announce the dates and times of the meetings in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. The stakeholder process will also discuss issues that may pertain to other rodenticide products, such as those which contain warafin, red squill, difethialone, cholecalciferol/Vitamin D-3, difethialone, and possibly registrations of new rodenticide active ingredients. Anyone interested in these products may also attend. The Agency welcomes proposals for mitigation techniques and invites anyone who might be interested in serving on the panel to please contact Susan Jennings or Dennis Deziel at the addresses or phone numbers under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT within 30 days of the date of this notice.

IV. Reviewing Wildlife Incident Data

The Agency recently became aware of incident data suggesting that there may be a potential problem involving accidental non-target and secondary exposures to wildlife from the rodenticides subject to this notice of availability. At this time, the Agency is reviewing available data; no final conclusions have been reached. After a complete review, if a problem or pattern is detected, the Agency may impose additional restrictions on the use of any rodenticide products involved. The Agency is directed by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to coordinate its actions

with states. In this vein, the Agency will be reviewing, and would be interested in receiving, State wildlife incident data for all rodenticides to better understand the extent of this potential problem.

V. 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 control number (OPP-00551) (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 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 file formats or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number (OPP-00551). Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

Jack E. Housenger,

Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6159-7]

Ulah Battery Lead Reclaiming Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to settle claims with Sears, Roebuck and Co., pursuant to a Cost Recovery Agreement

for reimbursement of \$20,000 of costs under section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h). These costs related to removal actions taken by EPA at the Ulah Battery Lead Reclaiming Site, located in Asheboro, Randolph County, North Carolina. Sears, Roebuck and Co., has agreed to pay \$20,000.00 of the \$120,616.88 spent by EPA, for past response costs that the United States incurred and paid with regard to the Site. The United States retains all right to pursue any other potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for all unreimbursed costs related to the removal actions at the Site.

Pursuant to section 122(i) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Bachelor, Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104, 404/562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Bachelor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

Franklin E. Hill,

Chief, Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Discharges From Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of reopening of the public comment period for proposed NPDES general permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Region 6 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to reopen, during a specified period of time, the comment period for the proposed reissuance of the EPA Region 6 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general