

requirements of section 3 of Executive Order 12291.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act: Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Pub. L. 104-4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local and tribal governments and the private sector. Under section 202 of the UMRA, the EPA must prepare a written statement, including a cost benefit analysis, for proposed and final rules with "federal mandates" that may result in expenditures to State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector of \$100 million or more in any one year.

Today's document contains no Federal mandates (under the regulatory provisions of Title of the UMRA) for State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. Today's document would merely acknowledge the adequacy of a portion of an existing State program. The EPA has determined that this document would not contain any Federal mandate that may result in expenditures of \$100 million or more for state, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate or the private sector in any one year. Therefore, today's document is not subject to the requirements of section 202 of the UMRA.

Certification Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act: Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 605(b), I hereby certify that this approval will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. It does not impose any new burdens on small entities. This rule, therefore, does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis.

Authority: This notice is issued under the authority of section 4005 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended; 42 U.S.C. 6946.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

Jerry Clifford,

Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30443A; FRL-6029-2]

LidoChem Inc.; Approval of a Pesticide Product Registration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval an application to

register the pesticide product eKsPunge, containing an active ingredient not included in any previously registered product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the **Federal Register**-Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of December 9, 1997 (62 FR 64831) (FRL-5756-3), which announced that LidoChem Inc., 20 Village Court, Hazlet, NJ 07730, had submitted an application to register the pesticide product eKsPunge (EPA File Symbol 70644-R), containing the new active ingredient monopotassium phosphate (KH₂PO₄) at 100%, an active ingredient not included in any previously registered product.

The active ingredient for the registered product was amended to read "Potassium Dihydrogen Phosphate" commonly known as monopotassium phosphate.

The application was approved on August 12, 1998, as eKsPunge for the control of powdery mildew on apples, cherries, cucumbers, grapes, mangoes, melons, nectarines, peaches, peppers, plums, summer/winter squash, tomatoes, watermelons, and roses (EPA Registration Number 70644-1).

The Agency has considered all required data on risks associated with the proposed use of potassium dihydrogen phosphate, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature of the pesticide and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health safety determinations which show that use of potassium dihydrogen phosphate when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized

practice, will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

More detailed information on this registration is contained in an EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on potassium dihydrogen phosphate.

A copy of the fact sheet, which provides a summary description of the pesticides, use patterns and formulations, science findings, and the Agency's regulatory position and rationale, may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are available for public inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, Arlington, VA 22202 (703-305-5805). Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office (A-101), 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Such requests should: (1) Identify the product name and registration number and (2) specify the data or information desired.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registration.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

Kathleen D. Knox,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-830; FRL 6025-8]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain