

did not specify dates for state compliance with the Section 303(d) requirements, but reiterated the statutory provisions calling for submissions from time to time. On July 24, 1992, EPA published a final rule (57 FR 33040) that amended 40 CFR 130.7 to establish that, for the purposes of identifying water quality limited waters still requiring TMDLs, "from time to time" means once every two years. The list of waters still needing TMDLs must also include a priority ranking and must identify the waters targeted for TMDL development during the next two years (40 CFR 130.7).

Consistent with EPA's revised regulations, California submitted to EPA for its approval its listing decisions under Section 303(d)(2) on June 25, 1998. EPA approved California's listing of 472 waters and associated priority rankings. EPA disapproved California's decisions not to list 37 water quality limited segments and associated pollutants, and an additional 12 pollutants for waterbodies already listed by the State. EPA identified these additional waters and pollutants for inclusion on the 1998 Section 303(d) list. EPA also announced its intention to approve the State's listing of Coyote Creek for toxicity pending solicitation of public comments concerning the State's listing decision.

EPA solicits public comment on its identification of 37 additional waters and associated pollutants, and 12 additional pollutants for waters already listed by the State, for inclusion on California's 1998 Section 303(d) list. EPA also solicits public comment on California's listing of Coyote Creek in the Los Angeles Region due to toxicity.

EPA notes that it does not normally solicit public comment on its decisions to approve individual waters included on state Section 303(d) lists. Pursuant to the public participation requirements of 40 CFR part 25, EPA is providing this opportunity for public review and comment on its proposed approval decisions because California provided inadequate opportunity for public comment on the decision to list Coyote Creek for toxicity. In the future, EPA expects that states will provide adequate opportunities for public comment on all listed waters during development of the state lists.

Alexis Strauss,

Acting Director, Water Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6184-7]

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, Meeting Date and Agenda

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene an open meeting of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) on December 10, 1998, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted by teleconference. The public is invited to join Ms. Ramona Trovato in Room 911, West Tower, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Topics for discussion on the teleconference will include at a minimum an update from the workgroup tasked to examine performance-based measurement system, a briefing from the workgroup responsible for investigating issues affecting small laboratories, and discussion of agenda items for the ELAB meeting to be held January 14, 1999 at NELAC IVi in Bethesda, Maryland.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Dutrow; Designated Federal Officer; USEPA; 401 M Street, SW (8724R); Washington, DC 20460. If questions arise, please contact Ms. Dutrow by phone at (202) 564-9061, by facsimile at (202) 565-2441 or by email at dutrow.elizabeth@epamail.epa.gov.

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Director, Quality Assurance Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00561; FRL-6044-3]

Ground Water & Pesticide Management Plans Workshop; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs will hold a 2-day, participatory workshop on November 18 and 19, 1998. This notice announces the location and times for the workshop and

sets forth the agenda topics. This workshop is free and open to the public. Advance registration is recommended because space is limited. Registration forms can be obtained from the contact given below.

DATES: The Ground Water & Pesticide Management Plans Workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, November 19, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at: The Doubletree Hotel, 1301 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Arthur-Jean B. Williams, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), (703)305-5239, (fax) (703) 308-3259; e-mail: williams.arty@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tentative agenda of the Ground Water & Pesticide Management Plans Workshop includes the following:

1. Groundwater Workshop goals and expectations.
2. Background on Ground Water Pesticide Management Plans.
3. Development of a mock Ground Water and Pesticide Management Plan.
4. State specific efforts to develop Ground Water and Pesticide Management Plans.
5. Discussion of mock scenarios that explore specific outcomes of a mock plan.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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Arthur-Jean Williams,

Acting Director, Field and External Affairs Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-66257A; FRL-6041-7]

Vinclozolin; Approval of Existing Stocks Provision for Terminated Uses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Final approval of existing stocks provision of terminated uses.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing approval, with one minor change, of a proposed existing stocks provision for products containing 3-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-5-ethenyl-5-methyl-2,4-oxazolidinedione), or vinclozolin. This notice is a follow-up to an earlier notice announcing a request by the registrant of vinclozolin, BASF Corporation, to terminate certain uses, and to propose provisions for existing stocks of products already in the channels of trade.

DATES: The proposed existing stocks provisions became effective upon approval of the EPA changes to vinclozolin registrations, September 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Mark Wilhite, Reregistration Branch I, (7508W), Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20046. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Reregistration Branch I, 6th Floor, 1925 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; (703) 308-8586; wilhite.mark@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

Vinclozolin (trade names Ronilan, Curalan, and Ornilan) is a fungicide first registered in 1981 to control various types of rot caused by *Botrytis spp.*, *Sclerotinia spp.*, and other types of mold and blight causing organisms, on lettuce (all types), raspberries, onions, succulent beans, and turf on golf courses, commercial and industrial sites. Vinclozolin is also registered for use on ornamental plants in greenhouses, and nurseries. BASF, the sole registrant of vinclozolin used on food commodities, recently requested amendment of its vinclozolin registrations to terminate two uses of vinclozolin in order to mitigate acute dietary risk. With its request for use deletions, BASF also proposed provisions for existing stocks already in the channels of trade which contained the old labeling. EPA published the use deletions and existing stocks proposal in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 40710, July 30, 1998) (FRL-6020-9) and asked for public comment.

II. Comments and Response

EPA received one comment in response to the proposal, submitted on behalf of the California Strawberry Commission. The comment concerned the elimination of vinclozolin as a tool for growers to combat strawberry yield loss due to mold and rot, and the lack of involvement in the decision. The

comment also pointed out an inconsistency in BASF's existing stocks proposal, which would have stopped use of product stickered after August 30, 1998 by June 30, 1999, while allowing product in the channels of trade before August 30, 1998, to be used until January 2000. The proposal was therefore inconsistent and likely to cause confusion among users.

In response to the first point, EPA is sympathetic to the needs of growers and seeks to involve them in such negotiations and decisions as much as possible. However, EPA would note that this matter involves a termination of uses initiated by the registrant, BASF. EPA published notice of BASF's request so that all affected parties could participate in the process. As to BASF's decision to terminate the strawberry use to reduce dietary exposure, EPA would point out that options available to BASF were limited, since vinclozolin is registered on only six crops in the United States. Strawberries and stone fruits accounted for approximately half of the tonnage of vinclozolin treated food commodities, and are more commonly consumed by infants and children than the other commodities for which vinclozolin is registered (lettuce, onions, raspberries, and snap beans). EPA is mandated by FQPA to place special emphasis on protecting infants and children. In addition, there are other fungicides registered as alternatives to vinclozolin for control of mold and rot in strawberries, as well as stone fruits.

In response to the second comment, EPA agrees that having two dates for use termination is confusing, and would be difficult to enforce. Accordingly, the final use date for use of vinclozolin products with the old labeling, which includes strawberries and stone fruits, is changed to no later January 30, 2000. The tolerance is expected to be revoked by that date. The change is reflected in the final existing stocks provision as outlined below in Unit III. of this notice.

III. Acceptance of Use Termination and Final Existing Stocks Provision

EPA approved BASF's label amendments (for EPA registration numbers 7969-62 and 7969-85) deleting strawberries and stone fruits on September 4, 1998. According to the terms of the label amendments, all product not labeled as of September 4, 1998, will contain the new labels reflecting the termination of uses on strawberries and stone fruits and any labeled product not released for shipment would be restickered to reflect the label amendments. The provisions for existing stocks of vinclozolin

products with the old label, produced before the label changes were approved are outlined below.

1. Retailers, distributors, and end-users may sell, distribute, or use products with the previously approved labeling which have already been released for shipment as of September 4, 1998, until such supplies are exhausted or January 30, 2000, whichever comes first.

2. Any vinclozolin product that on September 4, 1998, had not been released for shipment, is present in a BASF manufacturing or packaging facility, and contains labeling not reflecting the use terminations will be stickered by BASF to reflect the use terminations and to bar sale and use by January 30, 2000.

3. Within 30 days of approval of the existing stocks proposal, BASF shall provide to all Ronilan points of purchase, 50 copies of a bulletin with the pertinent details of the label amendments and existing stocks provisions.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Use Terminations.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6184-8]

Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675, notice is hereby given that a proposed purchaser agreement ("Purchaser Agreement") associated with the North