

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**I. Background**

EPA is seeking general comments on the issues mentioned in the "SUMMARY" statement above. EPA is particularly interested in comments from persons who are already actively involved in voluntary standards development or if you are considering establishing a program for developing voluntary standards incorporating environmental attributes for products or services, please respond to the questions addressed and send all information, postmarked no later than March 31, 1999, to the docket listed under the "ADDRESSES" section above. All comments will be accepted and considered.

To help EPA determine the level of interest among standards developers in the development of environmental attributes and associated voluntary standards for specific product categories and services, please provide responses to the following questions.

1. The name, address, and contact information for the organization.
2. Does the organization develop standards for specific business or industry sectors, e.g., automotive, telecommunications, etc., or does it develop standards in all areas?
3. Does the organization operate under procedures set forth by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or do you have other written procedures that you use for standards development? If available, please provide a copy.
4. Does the organization currently have, or plan to have, standards development activities focusing on, or specifically integrating, environmental attributes as part of the scope of the standard(s)?
5. Does the organization do product certification?
6. Does the organization typically engage in product attribute development as well as standards development? If so, what kinds of products are generally involved?
7. Do members of government departments or agencies participate in your standards development activities? If so, are there any members from regulatory agencies or departments?
8. Has the organization done any assessment of the market needs for environmentally preferable products? If so, and the information is available, what is your assessment of product categories and/or market sectors where the interest is likely to be high for environmentally related standards?

**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 "OPPTS-00254" (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 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:  
oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments 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 "OPPTS-00254." Electronic comments on this action may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.  
Dated: December 23, 1998.

**William H. Sanders, III**

*Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104; Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the 1999 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposal deadlines, revised guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin to accept proposals for the 1999 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving

Loan Fund Pilots on January 15, 1999. The brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund pilots (each funded up to \$500,000) test cleanup and redevelopment planning models, direct special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness, and facilitate coordinated environmental cleanup and redevelopment efforts at the federal, state, and local levels. EPA expects to select up to 63 additional brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund pilots by May 1999. The deadline for new proposals for the 1999 brownfields revolving loan fund pilots is March 8, 1999. Proposals must be postmarked by March 8, 1999, and sent to U.S. EPA Headquarters. In addition, duplicate copies of the proposal must also be submitted to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office, ATTN: Brownfields Coordinator.

The Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilot proposals are selected on a competitive basis. To ensure a fair selection process, evaluation panels consisting of EPA Regional and Headquarters staff and other federal agency representatives will assess how well the proposals meet the selection criteria outlined in the newly revised application booklet *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund* (January 1999).

**DATES:** This action is effective as of January 15, 1999. All proposals must be postmarked or sent to U.S. EPA Headquarters and a duplicate copy sent to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office via registered or tracked mail no later than March 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** BCRLF guidelines can be obtained by calling the Superfund Hotline at the following numbers: Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810, Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346, TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672.

Copies of the Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund are available via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The U.S. EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Outreach and Special Projects Staff, Barbara Bassuener (202) 260-9347 or Jennifer Millett (202) 260-6454.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, local governments, communities, and other stakeholders involved in economic redevelopment to

work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely cleanup, and sustainably reuse brownfields. As part of this Initiative, EPA has awarded cooperative agreements to States (including U.S. territories), political subdivisions (including cities, towns, counties), and Indian tribes to capitalize Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots. The purpose of these pilots is to test brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund models that direct special efforts toward facilitating coordinated public and private brownfields cleanup efforts at the federal, state, and local levels.

In fiscal year 1999, the EPA expects to select up to 63 new BCRLF pilots to be funded up to \$500,000 per pilot by the end of June 1999.

Eligible entities for FY 1999 BCRLF pilots, as in previous years, will be entities that have been awarded Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots prior to FY99. In addition, political subdivisions with jurisdiction over sites that have either (1) been the subject of a targeted brownfields assessment (formerly called targeted site assessments), or (2) been selected by the U.S. EPA prior to January 1, 1999 to be the subject of a targeted brownfields assessment, are also eligible for a single BCRLF pilot award. BCRLF pilot proposals do not have to be limited to sites identified, characterized, or assessed under a previously awarded assessment pilot or targeted brownfields assessment.

Proposals from coalitions, formed among the eligible entities, are permitted to apply, but a single eligible entity must be identified as the legal recipient. Additionally, a letter of support from each coalition member must be included as an attachment.

Eligible entities must demonstrate through their proposal: (1) An ability to manage a revolving loan fund and environmental cleanups; (2) a need for cleanup funds; (3) commitment to creative leveraging of EPA funds with public-private partnerships and in-kind services; and (4) a clear plan for sustaining the environmental protection and related economic development activities initiated through the BCRLF program. The eligible entities must meet EPA's threshold and evaluation criteria. There is no guarantee of an award. Also, the size of the awards may vary (for example, from \$50,000 to \$500,000), depending on the proposal's responses to the evaluation criteria.

Funding for the brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund pilots is authorized under section 104(d)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

Act of 1980, as amended, (CERCLA or Superfund), 42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1).

#### Submission to Congress and the General Accounting Office

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Date Signed: January 8, 1999.

Approved:

**Linda Garczynski,**

*Director, Outreach and Special Projects Staff,  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Isufenphos; Receipt of Request to Cancel Registrations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Receipt to Cancel Registrations.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of its receipt of requests for amendment by Bayer Corporation, the sole U.S. registrant of the insecticide isufenphos, to terminate their registrations for all products containing isufenphos. This notice describes the Agency's current intention to grant Bayer Corporation's request for cancellation of all product registrations for the organophosphate isufenphos. It further provides an opportunity for the public to provide comment on the pending cancellation. Finally, this notice describes the terms and conditions under which the Agency intends to allow existing stocks to be sold, distributed, and/or used if the cancellations take effect.

**DATES:** In order to be considered, public comment on this notice must be

received by March 16, 1999. Unless the cancellation request is withdrawn or adverse comments are received, the Agency intends to publish a final cancellation notice in the **Federal Register** on or about March 16, 1999, subject to the existing stocks provision specified herein.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, CM #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 V 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 "Confidential Business Information" (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 address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Philip Poli, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number and e-mail: Reregistration Branch 3, Crystal Mall #2, 6th floor, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; (703) 308-8038; e-mail: poli.philip@epamail.epa.gov.

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#### I. Introduction

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may, at any time, request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled or amended. FIFRA further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**. Thereafter, the EPA Administrator may approve or deny the request consistent