

indicates that the RfD is adequate for assessing risk to children. Also, the developmental toxicity NOAEL of 10 mg/kg/day is the same as the NOAEL for maternal toxicity, indicating that offspring are not more sensitive than parents.

In the 2-generation rat reproduction study, the NOAEL for reproductive toxicity and offspring survival was 101 mg/kg/day. This is 388-fold higher than the NOAEL for chronic toxicity upon which the RfD is based. The NOAEL for pup toxicity was no higher than the NOAEL for parental toxicity, indicating there is no unique sensitivity for offspring to furilazole.

Monsanto believes that these data do not indicate an increased prenatal or postnatal sensitivity of children and infants to furilazole exposure and concludes that the 100-fold uncertainty factor used in the RfD is adequate to protect infants and children.

*F. International Tolerances*

The Codex Alimentarius Commission has not established a maximum residue level for furilazole.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Notice of Availability of Letter From EPA to the State of Minnesota Pursuant to Section 118 of the Clean Water Act and the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Region 5 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to find that the State of Minnesota (Minnesota) has fulfilled its obligation under section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132 by adopting provisions in its water quality standards and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits program that EPA believes are consistent with section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and 40 CFR part 132. The basis for EPA's belief and its proposed course of action are described in a September 28, 1999 letter from Region 5 to the State. EPA invites public

comment on all aspects of that letter and on EPA's proposed course of action.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by December 6, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to Joan M. Karnauskas, Chief, Standards and Applied Sciences Branch (WT-15J), Water Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard., Chicago, Illinois, 60604. In the alternative, EPA will accept comments electronically. Comments should be sent to the following Internet E-mail address: karnauskas.joan@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted in an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. EPA will print electronic comments in hard-copy paper form for the official administrative record. EPA will attempt to clarify electronic comments if there is an apparent error in transmission. Comments provided electronically will be considered timely if they are submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) December 6, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joan M. Karnauskas, Standards and Applied Sciences Branch (WT-15J), Water Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or telephone her at (312) 886-6090.

Copies of the September 28, 1999 letter described above are available upon request by contacting Ms. Karnauskas. The September 28, 1999 letter and materials submitted by Minnesota in support of its submission that EPA relied upon in preparing the letter (i.e., the docket) are available for review by appointment at: EPA, Region 5, 77 W Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois (telephone 312-886-3717); and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, Minnesota (telephone 651-296-3000). To access the docket material in Chicago, call Ms. Mary Willis at (312) 886-3717 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (central time) (Monday-Friday); in Minnesota, call Mr. Gary Kimball at (651) 297-8221 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (central time).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 23, 1995, EPA published the Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System (Guidance) pursuant to section 118(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(2). (March 23, 1995, 60 FR 15366). The Guidance, which was

codified at 40 CFR part 132, requires the Great Lakes States to adopt and submit to EPA for approval water quality criteria, methodologies, policies and procedures that are consistent with the Guidance. 40 CFR 132.4 and 132.5. EPA is required to approve of the State's submission within 90 days or notify the State that EPA has determined that all or part of the submission is inconsistent with the Clean Water Act or the Guidance and identify any necessary changes to obtain EPA approval. If the State fails to make the necessary changes within 90 days, EPA must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the approved and disapproved elements of the submission and a final rule identifying the provisions of Part 132 that shall apply for discharges within the State.

EPA reviewed the submission from Minnesota for consistency with the Guidance in accordance with 40 CFR part 131 and 132.5. Based on its review to date, EPA believes that Minnesota has adopted provisions that are consistent with the Guidance. The basis for EPA's belief is set forth in the September 28, 1999 letter. Today, EPA is soliciting public comment regarding all aspects of that letter and on EPA's belief that Minnesota has adopted provisions that are consistent with the Guidance.

EPA intends to review any information provided to it within the next 45 days before taking further action pursuant to section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132 on Minnesota's submission.

**Elissa Speizman,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

October 14, 1999.

**Open Commission Meeting, Thursday, October 21, 1999**

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, October 21, 1999, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

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