

revise its risk assessments, and develop registration decision documents for future growing seasons. This will include any strengthening measures for issues including insect resistance management, the protection of non-target organisms, and other measures necessary to ensure full public and environmental safety. The Agency will ask for public comment on the revised risk assessment and any proposed regulatory actions. (Winter 2000/1 to Early Spring 2001)

5. *Final decisions on B.t. registrations.* This will complete the scientific and public process with EPA providing decisions on the *B.t.* registrations for the 2002 growing season. At this time, EPA will announce final regulatory conclusions regarding these registrations. (Late Spring to Summer 2001)

#### IV. Status of Plant-Pesticide Rule

In concert with the Agency's commitment to keeping interested parties informed, EPA is taking this opportunity to provide an update on the plant-pesticide rules proposed on November 23, 1994 (59 FR 60495). While EPA continues to believe that specific registration decisions can be made while the generic process is being developed, EPA is using this notice as a vehicle for providing information on the generic rules because many readers of this notice are also interested in EPA's other plant-pesticide plans.

EPA plans to publish a final rule later this year establishing the core components of the Agency's oversight of certain plant-pesticides under FIFRA. This final rule would amend EPA's regulations at 40 CFR 152.20 pertaining to oversight of biological control agents. Generally, this rule will clarify how EPA will regulate genetically engineered plant-pesticides while exempting traditional plant breeding from EPA oversight under FIFRA and FFDCA.

EPA also plans in that notice to solicit public comment on the recommendations in the National Academy of Sciences report titled "Genetically Modified Pest-Protected Plants: Science and Regulation" as they relate to the parts of the rule that will not be made final. In its report, the NAS recommended that EPA reconsider its proposed exemptions for: modifications to sexually-compatible plants accomplished using rDNA techniques; viral coat proteins, and plant pesticides that act primarily through non-toxic modes of action (e.g., by affecting the physical properties of plants).

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Plant-pesticides.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50870; FRL-6738-8]

#### Issuance of an Experimental Use Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has granted an experimental use permit (EUP) to the following pesticide applicant. An EUP permits use of a pesticide for experimental or research purposes only in accordance with the limitations in the permit.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Joanne I. Miller, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Rm. 241, Crystal Mall #2, Arlington, VA; (703) 305-6224; e-mail address: miller.joanne@epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

##### A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this action, consult the designated contact person listed for the individual EUP.

##### B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document and Other Related Documents?

You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations,"

"Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

#### II. EUP

EPA has issued the following EUP:

264-EUP-129. Issuance. Aventis CropScience, P.O. Box 12014, 2 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. This experimental use permit allows the use of 280 pounds of the herbicide isoxaflutole [5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulfonyl)-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl]isoxazole on 2,000 acres of field corn to evaluate the control of broadleaf and grass weeds under a range of environmental conditions. The program is authorized only in the States of Michigan and Pennsylvania. The experimental use permit is effective from April 6, 2000, to April 6, 2001. A tolerance has been established for residues of the active ingredient in or on field corn. (Joanne I. Miller; Rm. 241, Crystal Mall #2; telephone number: (703) 305-6224; e-mail address: miller.joanne@epa.gov).

Persons wishing to review this EUP are referred to the designated contact person. Inquiries concerning this permit should be directed to the person cited above. It is suggested that interested persons call before visiting the EPA office, so that the appropriate file may be made available for inspection purposes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Experimental use permits.

Dated: August 2, 2000.

**James J. Jones,**

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