

September 27, 2000; 7:00 PM.—
Manatee High School, 1 Hurricane Lane,
Bradenton, FL 34205, (941) 714-7300.

October 3, 2000; 7:00 PM—Florida
Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services, 500 3rd Street,
N.W., Winterhaven, FL 33881, (863)
291-5820, (Joint meeting with
Buccaneer).

October 4, 2000; 7:00 PM—Avon Park
High School, 700 East Main Street,
Avon Park, FL 33825, (863) 452-4311.

October 5, 2000; 7:00 PM—
Okeechobee High School, 2800 Hwy 441
North, Okeechobee, FL 34972, (863)
462-5025.

Interested groups and individuals are
encouraged to attend and present oral
comments on the environmental
impacts described in the DEIS.
Transcripts of the meetings will be
prepared.

After these comments are reviewed,
any significant new issues are
investigated, and modifications are
made to the DEIS, a final environmental
impact statement (FEIS) will be
published and distributed by the staff.
The FEIS will contain the staff's
responses to timely comments received
on the DEIS.

Comments will be considered by the
Commission but will not serve to make
the commentor a party to the
proceeding. Any person may file a
motion to intervene on the basis of the
Commission staff's DEIS (see Title 18
Code of Federal Regulations, Part
385.214). You do not need intervenor
status to have your comments
considered.

All intervenors, agencies, elected
officials, local governments, special
interest groups, libraries, media, and
anyone providing written comments on
the DEIS will receive a copy of the FEIS.
If you do not wish to comment on the
DEIS but wish to receive a copy of the
FEIS, you must write to the Secretary of
the Commission indicating this request.

The DEIS has been placed in the
public files of the FERC and is available
for public inspection at: Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission, Public
Reference and Files Maintenance
Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A,
Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are
available from the Public Reference and
Files Maintenance Branch identified
above. In addition, the DEIS has been
mailed to Federal, state, and local
agencies; public interest groups;
individuals, and affected landowners
who requested a copy of the DEIS;
libraries; newspapers; and parties to this
proceeding. The document is also
available for viewing on the FERC
website at www.ferc.fed.us, using the

"RIMS" link to information in this
docket number. For assistance with
access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can
be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Additional information about the
proposed project is available from Paul
McKee in the Commission's Office of
External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on
the FERC website described in the
preceding paragraph. Access to the texts
of formal documents issued by the
Commission with regard to this docket,
such as orders and notices, is also
available on the FERC website using the
"CIPS" link. For assistance with access
to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be
reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6864-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Protection of Stratospheric Ozone—Phaseout Regulation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.
3501 *et seq.*), this document announces
that EPA is planning to submit the
following renewal of the Information
Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB): Record
Keeping and Periodic Reporting of the
Production, Import, Recycling,
Destruction, Transshipment and
Feedstock Use of Ozone-Depleting
Substances, EPA Number 1432.17; OMB
Number 2060-0170; with an extended
expiration date of 1/31/01. Before
submitting the ICR to OMB for review
and approval, EPA is soliciting
comments on specific aspects of the
proposed information collection as
described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on
or before November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the material
supporting this ICR renewal notice are
available free of charge from The
Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline
at 1-800-269-1996 between the hours
of 10am and 4pm Eastern Standard
Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom
Land, U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, Stratospheric Protection
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(202)-565-2093, e-mail:
land.tom@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Affected
Entities:* Entities potentially affected by
this action are those which produce,
import, export, destroy, transform as a
feedstock, and distribute controlled
ozone-depleting substances.

Title: Record Keeping and Periodic
Reporting of the Production, Import,
Recycling, Destruction, Transshipment
and Feedstock Use of Ozone-Depleting
Substances, EPA Number 1432.17; OMB
Number 2060-0170; with an extended
expiration date of 1/31/01.

Abstract: The international treaty The
Montreal Protocol on Substances that
Deplete the Ozone Layer (Protocol) and
Title VI of the Clean Air Act (CAA)
establish limits on total U.S. production,
import and export of class I and class II
controlled ozone-depleting substances.
The U.S. is obligated under the Protocol
to cease production and import of class
I controlled substances with exemptions
for essential-uses, previously used
material, and material that will be
transformed, destroyed or exported to
developing countries. The Protocol also
establishes limits and reduction
schedules leading to the eventual
phaseout of class II controlled
substances and methyl bromide with
similar exemptions beyond the
phaseout. The CAA has its own limits
on production and consumption of
controlled substances that EPA must
enforce using the information
submitted.

To ensure U.S. compliance with the
limits and restrictions established by the
Protocol and the CAA, the regulation
establishes control measures for
individual companies. The limits and
restrictions for individual U.S.
companies are monitored by EPA
through the reporting requirements
established in the regulation under 40
CFR Part 82, Subpart A. The
information submitted to EPA is entered
into the Stratospheric Protection
Tracking System. The Tracking System
allows EPA to conduct compliance
monitoring of individual companies, as
well as compliance monitoring for the
U.S. with respect to Protocol obligations
and statutory requirements under the
CAA.

EPA uses the information to direct
special attention to illegal activities
associated with the import of both
newly produced and previously used
controlled substances. Illegal imports
and the avoidance of the tax on these

chemicals reduce the incentive to shift to alternatives substances that do not deplete the ozone layer and penalize companies who are complying with U.S. laws. EPA is active in the Federal inter-agency taskforce conducting nationwide enforcement actions against illegal imports. The information provided to EPA in response to the accelerated phaseout regulations often form the basis and support for these enforcement cases.

The regulation outlines both record keeping and reporting requirements. These reporting requirements are designed: (1) To satisfy U.S. obligations under the international treaty, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, in particular the requirements under Article 7 of the Protocol; (2) to fulfill statutory obligations under Section 603(b) of Title VI of the CAA; (3) to report to Congress on the production, use and consumption of class I and class II controlled substances as statutorily required in Section 603(d) of the CAA; and (4) to address Federal and industry concerns regarding illegal imports of newly produced and previously used controlled substances that are undercutting the U.S. markets for alternatives.

The information submitted to EPA is maintained in a Tracking System that allows the Agency: (1) To maintain control over total production and

consumption of controlled substances to satisfy conditions of the CAA and fulfill U.S. obligations under the Protocol; (2) to monitor compliance with limits and restrictions on production, imports, exports and specific exemptions to the phaseout for individual U.S. companies; and (3) to enforce against illegal importers and other violations related to the control of class I and class II controlled substances. Reporting on the exemptions permits a person to retain the benefit of being able to produce or import a controlled class I ozone-depleting substance beyond the date of complete phaseout.

Pursuant to regulations 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, you are entitled to assert a business confidentiality claim covering any part of the submitted business information as defined in 40 CFR 2.201(c).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The burden hours shown below represent the hours for the renewal of the information collection request (ICR). EPA is concurrently working on many rules that will revise the record keeping and reporting under the regulations in 40 CFR Part 82, Subpart A. These future revisions to the record keeping and reporting requirements will be accompanied by future revisions to the ICR that will be published along with the separate rulemakings. In addition, EPA is in the process of reflecting these many revisions in a changed Guidance Document on reporting (including reporting forms). EPA is also working toward making the reporting forms available electronically as well as creating a secure system for the direct submission of electronic reporting.

TABLE I—RESPONDENT BURDEN HOURS PER YEAR

| Collection activity | No. of responses | Re-sponses/ Re-spondent | Total responses | Hours per response | Total hours |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Producer's Report | 8 | 4 | 32 | 16 | 512 |
| Importer's Report | 6 | 4 | 24 | 16 | 384 |
| Notification of Trade | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Export Report | 10 | 1 | 10 | 80 | 800 |
| Lab Certification | 1000 | 1 | 1000 | 1 | 1000 |
| Class II Report | 14 | 4 | 56 | 16 | 896 |
| Transformation & Destruction | 15 | 1 | 15 | 80 | 1200 |
| Essential Use Allowance Holders | 12 | 4 | 48 | 24 | 1152 |
| Lab Suppliers | 4 | 4 | 16 | 24 | 384 |
| Lab Suppliers—Reference Standards | 10 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 160 |
| Total Burden Hours | 1081 | 25 | 1213 | 283 | 6492 |

Burden mean the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and

maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The accelerated phaseout rule for ozone-depleting substances requires respondents to submit reports to the Agency and maintain records. Operating and maintenance (O&M) costs include file storage, photocopying, and postage. Operating and maintenance costs also include the general upkeep of start-up capital equipment, as well as any purchase of services such as contractor

or auditing services. The O&M costs are estimated at \$3,032 for the accelerated phase out rule for ozone-depleting substances.

Summary Bottom Line Burden Hours and Costs: (a) Respondent's annual burden hours, \$6,876; (b) Respondent's annual labor costs, \$536,328; (c) Respondent's capital/start-up costs (ICR renewal notice), \$0; (d) Respondent's O & M costs, \$3,032; (e) Agency's annual burden hours, \$2,159; (f) Agency's annual labor costs, \$102,125.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspects of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

Dated: August 23, 2000.

Avis C. Robinson,

Acting Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00678; FRL-6743-3]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 3-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of issues being considered by the Agency pertaining to the *Bt* plant pesticides risk and benefit assessments. The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Paul Lewis at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 18, 19 and 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, 22202. The telephone number for the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel is (703) 271-5212.

Requests to participate may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed

instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket control number OPP-00678 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Lewis, Designated Federal Official, Office of Science Coordination and Policy, (7101C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5369; fax number: (703) 605-0656; e-mail address: lewis.paul@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA). Since other entities may also be interested, 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 applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

1. *Electronically.* A meeting agenda is currently available; copies of EPA primary background documents for this meeting will be available by late September. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the FIFRA SAP Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>. To access this document on the Home Page select **Federal Register** notice announcing this meeting. You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an administrative record for this meeting under docket control number OPP-00678. The administrative record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to the *Bt* plant pesticides risk and benefit assessments,

including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This administrative record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the administrative record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting through the mail, in person, or electronically. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00678 in the subject line on the first page of your request. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits, and upon advance written request to the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35 mm projector, chalkboard, etc.). There is no limit on the extent of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the panel are limited to approximately 5 minutes. The Agency also urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements at the meeting should contact the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and submit 30 copies of their presentation and/or remarks to the Panel. The Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

1. *By mail.* You may submit a request to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs