

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 (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your request electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov." Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Use WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Be sure to identify by docket control number OPP-00688. You may also file a request online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the Meeting

On October 25, 2000, Aventis CropScience USA, LP (Aventis) submitted new information in support of its petition (PP 9F5050) (PF-867B) for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for the genetically engineered "plant-pesticide" in StarLink corn plant-pesticide in *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *tolworthi* Cry9c protein and the genetic material (DNA) necessary for the production of this protein. While the original petition requested an exemption covering both the DNA and Cry9C protein in all food commodities, this submission limits the request only to foods made from StarLink corn. The Aventis submission specifically addresses the potential allergenicity of the Cry9C protein that may be present in human food made from StarLink

corn, a line of genetically modified corn developed by Aventis.

On October 31, 2000, EPA issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** announcing receipt of the Aventis submission and the opportunity for the public to comment on the submission (65 FR 65245) (FRL-6754-3). This notice also indicated that EPA intended to hold a public meeting of a group of external independent scientists to conduct a peer review of scientific issues raised by the Aventis submission.

Today's notice announces the date, location and purpose of that public meeting, topics for discussion and provides additional information of the procedures that will be used in this meeting. This will be a 1-day meeting of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel. The purpose of this FIFRA SAP meeting is to consider the potential allergenicity, sensitization and dietary exposure of Starlink corn.

### B. Panel Report

The Agency anticipates that the Panel's report of their recommendations will be available as soon as possible but no later than December 1, 2000. The Panel's report will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I. of this document.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: November 3, 2000.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6897-9]

### Notice of Availability for Draft EPA Guidelines for Management of Onsite/Decentralized Wastewater Systems and Guidance Manual Outline

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

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA published a document in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2000, concerning a request for comments on the draft EPA Guidelines for Management of Onsite/Decentralized Wastewater Systems and Guidance Manual Outline. The document contained an incorrect signature block title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce Hudson, 202-260-1290.

### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of October 6, 2000, 65 FR 59841, in the first column, correct the signature block title for J. Charles Fox to read:

J. Charles Fox,  
*Assistant Administrator for Office of Water.*

Dated: October 26, 2000.

**J. Charles Fox,**

*Assistant Administrator for Office of Water.*  
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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the forthcoming regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on November 9, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Mikel Williams, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available), and parts of this meeting will be closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

**Open Session**1. *Approval of Minutes*

October 12, 2000 (Open and Closed)

2. *Report*

Report on Corporate Approvals

3. *New Business*A. *Other***Corporate and Chartering Approvals**B. *ACA Restructures*

AgChoice Farm Credit, ACA

Carolina Farm Credit, ACA

Central Kentucky Agricultural Credit Association

Farm Credit of Southwest Florida, ACA

**Closed Session\***4. *Report*

OSMO Report

Dated: November 2, 2000.

**Kelly Mikel Williams,***Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****[Report No. AUC-00-31-I (Auction No. 31); DA 00-2404]****Auction of Licenses in the 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands Scheduled for March 6, 2001; Comment Sought on Modifying the Calculation for Determining Minimum Accepted Bids and Changing the Provisions Concerning "Last and Best" Bids****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** This document seeks comment on modifying the calculation for determining minimum accepted bids and changing the provisions concerning "last and best" bids.**DATES:** Comments are due on or before November 15, 2000, and reply comments are due on or before November 22, 2000.**ADDRESSES:** An original and four copies of all pleadings must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., TW-A325, Washington, DC 20054.

\* Session Closed—Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).

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Howard Davenport, Auctions Attorney;  
Craig Bomberger, Auctions Analyst; or  
Karen Wrege, Auctions and Industry  
Analysis Division, Wireless  
Telecommunications Bureau, (202)  
418-0660.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of a Public Notice released November 2, 2000. The complete text of the public notice is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.**I. General**

1. On July 3, 2000, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") announced the procedures for implementing package bidding for Auction No. 31. See *Auction No. 31 Package Bidding Procedures Public Notice*, 65 FR 43361 (July 13, 2000). After further analysis and testing, we have determined that it may be appropriate to make further refinements: (i) To the calculation for determining minimum accepted bids; and (ii) to the provisions that allow a bidder that wishes to drop out of the auction to have an opportunity to make "last and best" bids on licenses and packages.

**II. Calculation for Determining Minimum Accepted Bid**

2. With regard to determining minimum accepted bids, we adopted the following three-part calculation: The minimum accepted bid for any license or package will be the greatest of: (i) The minimum opening bid; (ii) the bidder's own previous high bid on that package plus x%, where the Bureau will specify the value of x in each round; or (iii) the number of bidding units for the license or package multiplied by the lowest \$/ bidding unit on any provisionally winning package in the last five rounds.

3. We initially adopted part (iii) of the formula so that bids have a reasonable chance of becoming part of the provisionally winning set and because it was simple to implement for the then-scheduled auction date of September 6,

2000. Based on our initial experimental testing, we are concerned that part (iii) of the minimum accepted bid formula may not be sufficiently refined to discourage parking strategies, which could excessively delay the completion of the auction.

4. Several commenters responding to the *Auction No. 31 Package Bidding Comment Public Notice*, 65 FR 35636 (June 5, 2000) suggested an alternative approach to determining minimum accepted bid amounts, which they claimed would be more likely to ensure serious bids and help address the threshold problem. This approach would allocate among non-provisionally winning bids the total increase in revenue needed to tie the provisional winners. One of the commenters, Paul Milgrom, defines the "shortfall" associated with a license or package as the difference between the revenue of the provisionally winning bid set and the maximum total revenue associated with the set of bids that includes that particular license or package. He defines the "deficit" for the license or package as the shortfall multiplied by that package or license's proportion of the [non-provisionally winning] bidding units. In other words, the deficit is an allocation of the shortfall to the particular license or package in proportion to its share of bidding units relative to those associated with bids that were not part of the provisionally winning set, but are part of the set that maximizes revenue when including the particular license or package. Milgrom suggests that the minimum acceptable bid should be the greater of 50% of the deficit or the bidder's own previous high bid on that package plus x%. Alternatively, Pekec and Rothkopf propose allocating the shortfall in proportion to the bid amounts instead of the bidding units. Pekec and Rothkopf would permit bids at less than this amount but would only give activity credit for such a bid if it was the highest bid for that license or package.

5. We propose to replace part (iii) of the minimum accepted bid formula with a percentage of the deficit as defined by Milgrom because it better approximates the amount of a bid that could become part of the provisionally winning set. We propose to set the percentage initially at 100 percent. We would retain the discretion to adjust the percentage of the deficit during the course of the auction to provide control over the pace of the auction. We believe that allocating the shortfall according to bidding units as opposed to bid amounts reduces the risk that bidders might attempt to bid up the prices of licenses or packages they do not wish to