

subject of a joint effort by EPA, USDA, and interested stakeholders known as the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), recently replaced by the Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (CARAT). Among other initiatives, TRAC established a process for public participation in the review and refinement of risk assessments for the OP pesticides and for developing risk management options. USDA, stakeholders, and the public have the opportunity to participate by submitting comments on EPA's preliminary and revised risk assessments and by providing risk management proposals. During the final phase of this process, EPA prepares an Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED) or a Report on FQPA Tolerance Reassessment Progress and Interim Risk Management Decision (TRED) document for each OP pesticide, to implement interim risk management measures. Worker risk mitigation is but one aspect of the comprehensive mitigation strategy that is developed in concluding each individual OP assessment.

In a number of cases, the OP risk assessments show that, even with maximum feasible personal protective equipment and engineering controls, including all provisions required by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS), risks to workers still exceed EPA's levels of concern. Although each OP risk management decision and any associated mitigation measures will be implemented on a case-by-case basis, the Agency is outlining its decision process in the PR Notice because early notification to registrants will help to ensure that occupational risk management decisions for the OPs will be approached consistently and implemented quickly and equitably. EPA encourages registrants to demonstrate stewardship of their OP pesticides by adopting the protective measures described in this PR Notice prior to the Agency's completion of IRED and TRED documents for the OP chemicals, and to develop new packaging and application technologies that reduce worker exposure to pesticides. Further mitigation may be needed when the Agency issues its final, cumulative decision on the OP class of chemicals.

The PR Notice does not impose binding obligations on registrants or the Agency. The measures described will be implemented as appropriate based on chemical-specific reviews, including risk/benefit balancing where necessary, through pesticide reregistration and other decision-making processes. EPA is proposing specific worker risk

mitigation measures for individual OP pesticides in completing interim risk management decisions for these chemicals, and will implement these measures shortly thereafter. The Agency envisions managing risks to workers exposed to other classes of pesticides posing similar risks, such as the carbamates, in a similar manner.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

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Lois Rossi,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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First Aid Statements on Pesticide Product Labels, Pesticide Registration Notice; Update to Guidance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an update to EPA guidance regarding the format and content of first aid statements on all federally regulated pesticide product labels. This notice addresses what the Agency believes is the appropriate first aid language for pesticide product labels to ensure that they continue to adequately protect the public. This notice supersedes Pesticide Registration Notice 2000-3, published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Breedlove, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Policy and Regulatory Services Branch, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-9069; fax number: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: breedlove.amy@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 people who are responsible for developing, reviewing, or approving first aid information on pesticide labels. 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.* 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/>. You may also obtain copies of the PR Notice by going directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides>. Under "What's New," select "Draft PR Notices," then select PR Notice 2000-1 "First Aid Statements on Pesticide Product Labels."

2. *Fax on Demand.* You may request a faxed copy of the PR Notice titled "First Aid Statements on Pesticide Product Labels," by using a faxphone to call (202) 401-0527 and selecting item 6135. You may also follow the automated menu.

3. *In person.* The Agency has previously established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00652. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as confidential business information (CBI). This official 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 official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #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.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

The Agency is publishing guidance for appropriate first aid language for pesticide product labels. The Agency has received updated information for first aid statements and believes current pesticide product labels should be revised to reflect this information. The Agency, as a result of comments submitted in response to an earlier PR notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2000 (65 FR 20978) (FRL-6552-2), has extended the deadline until October 1, 2003, for when the Agency expects to see these revised statements and has made other changes to clarify the Agency's intent.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, First aid, Labeling, Pesticides and pests.

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Marcia E. Mulkey

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Ward Transformer Superfund Site Notice of Prospective Purchaser Agreement Raleigh, Wake County, NC

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to enter into a "Prospective Purchaser Agreement" (P.A.) concerning property that has been potentially contaminated by releases from the Ward Transformer Superfund Site (Ward Site) in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina (P.A. Property). EPA proposes to enter into the P.A. with Brier Creek Commons LP (Brier Creek LP). The P.A. obligates Brier Creek LP to cooperate fully with any response action EPA may take on the P.A. Property. The P.A. resolves Brier Creek LP's potential liability for the Existing Contamination at the Ward Site and/or the P.A. Property which may otherwise result from it obtaining an easement across the P.A. Property and constructing a roadway. This protection

is contingent upon Brier Creek LP fulfilling its obligations under the P.A. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days.

EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Bachelor, Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104, 404/562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Bachelor at the address noted above within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this publication.

Dated: December 27, 2000.

James T. Miller,

Acting Chief, CERCA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Office for Civil Rights; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Limited English Proficiency Policy Guidance for Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Office of Civil Rights, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of policy guidance with request for comment.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) is publishing policy guidance on Title VI's prohibition against national origin discrimination as it affects limited English proficient persons. GSA provides this policy guidance for its recipients of Federal financial assistance to ensure meaningful access to federally assisted programs and activities for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). This policy guidance does not create new obligations, but rather, clarifies existing responsibilities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, its implementing regulations and relevant case law.

DATES: This guidance is effective immediately. Comments must be submitted on or before March 20, 2001. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) will review all comments and will determine what modifications to the policy guidance, if any, are necessary.

ADDRESSEES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Office of

Civil Rights (AK), Room 5127, General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail at evelyn.britton@gsa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James M. Taylor or K. Evelyn Britton, Office of Civil Rights, Room 5127, General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-0767 or 1-800-662-6376; TDD 1-888-267-7660.

Arrangements to receive the policy guidance in an alternative format may be made by contacting the named individuals.

Dated: January 10, 2001.

Madeline Caliendo,

Associate Administrator, Office of Civil Rights, General Services Administration.

Policy Guidance

1. *Subject.* Limited English proficiency policy guidance for recipients of Federal financial assistance.

2. *Purpose.* General Services Administration (GSA) provides this policy guidance for its recipients of Federal financial assistance to ensure meaningful access to federally assisted programs and activities for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). This policy guidance does not create new obligations, but rather, clarifies existing responsibilities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, its implementing regulations and relevant case law.

3. *Dates:* This guidance is effective immediately. Comments are welcome and must be submitted on or before sixty (60) days from the date of this publication. GSA will review all comments and will determine what modifications to the policy guidance, if any, are necessary.

4. *Policy.* To improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for persons who, as a result of national origin, are limited in their English proficiency.

5. *Action Required.* All recipients of Federal financial assistance from GSA are to develop an effective plan, in writing, for ensuring meaningful access to their programs and activities by LEP persons, consistent with this guidance.

6. *Background Information.* English is the predominant language of the United States. According to the 1990 Census, English is spoken by 95% of its residents. Of those U.S. residents who speak languages other than English at home, the 1990 Census reports that 57%