

use in greenhouses: Dicofol, Abamectin, and Cinnamaldehyde do not meet all of the above qualifications. It is further claimed that the predator normally used to control two-spotted spider mites does not perform well on tomato plants.

The Applicant feels that for those greenhouse growers using biological agents, bifenazate will provide a much needed alternative because of its specificity to spider mites and its relative safety to beneficial insects. It is felt that the effectiveness of the product against multiple tetranychid species makes it useful for single-species and concurrent, multi-species infestations as well as for sequential infestations with two or more species. The Applicant estimates that for the major greenhouse producer, 25% of the 2,000 crop was affected by spider mites. Plants affected with spider mites lose 60% of their value when the secondary effect on quality is included. The difference in gross revenue for the requested use acreage is predicted to be \$12,228,000 when using the requested pesticide over the next best alternative.

The Applicant proposes to make no more than two applications of Floramite miticide (EPA Reg. No. 400-481), containing 50% bifenazate, to 200 acres of greenhouse tomatoes in Texas. The product may be applied at a rate of 8 to 16 oz. of product (4-8 oz. of active ingredient (a.i.)) per acre; no more than 16 oz. of product may be applied per acre per year. Application will occur year round throughout the state. Under this exemption, a maximum of 200 lbs. of product (100 lbs. a.i.) may be applied over the course of the year.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing a first food use of a chemical. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6954-1]

Preparation of Third U.S. Climate Action Report

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In June 1992, the United States signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Pursuant to the national communication reporting requirements under Articles 4.2 and 12 of the Convention and to guidelines later adopted by the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP), the United States submitted the first U.S. Climate Action Report (USCAR) to the UNFCCC Secretariat in 1994 and the second in 1997. The U.S. Government is currently preparing the third national communication, which is due to the UNFCCC secretariat no later than November 30, 2001. The purpose of this announcement is to notify interested members of the public of this process and to solicit contributions and input on the issues covered in the national communication before the draft text is released for public review (in summer of 2001).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before noon, April 18, 2001. However, comments received after that date will still be welcomed and will be considered during preparation of the report.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Mr. Reid P. Harvey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Atmospheric Programs (Mail Stop 6204N), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be e-mailed to harvey.reid@epa.gov or faxed to 202-565-6673. Overnight or courier deliveries should be sent to the office location at 633 3rd Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Reid P. Harvey, Office of Atmospheric Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (202) 564-9429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the UNFCCC's reporting requirements as specified in Articles 4.2 and 12, and following reporting guidelines developed (and adopted by the UNFCCC COP at its first session), the United States prepared the U.S. Climate Action Report (CAR) and

submitted it to the UNFCCC Secretariat in October 1994.

The CAR provided a description of the U.S. program designed to reduce emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. The initial CAR incorporated much of the information contained in the first Climate Change Action Plan announced by President Clinton and Vice President Gore on October 19, 1993.

At the Second COP, the Parties requested developed country Parties to the Convention to submit to the UNFCCC Secretariat, in accordance with Articles 12.1 and 12.2 of the Convention, a second national communication by April 15, 1997. Parties that submitted first reports in 1996 were to provide an update by the 1997 deadline and Parties with economies in transition were to provide their second communication by April 15, 1998. Developing country Parties have different guidelines and due dates for their national communications. The United States submitted its second national communication to the UNFCCC Secretariat in July 1997.

At the Fifth COP, the Parties updated the guidelines for preparation of national communications (see FCCC/CP/1999/7). This document is available on the Internet at <http://www.unfccc.de/resource/cop5.html>. In addition, the Parties requested that third national communications be submitted no later than November 30, 2001.

The Third United States Climate Action Report (CAR)

The third CAR will review key elements contained in the Climate Change Action Plan, including: an update on key baseline assumptions; a review and assessment of activities to date under the actions listed in the plan; and an update of the list of actions reflecting changes initiated by responsible agencies since the plan was first proposed in 1993.

In keeping with international guidelines, the third CAR will provide an inventory of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and sinks, estimate effects of mitigation measures and policies on future emissions levels, and describe U.S. involvement in international programs, including associated contributions and funding efforts.

In addition, the text will include a discussion of U.S. national circumstances that affect U.S. vulnerability and responses to climate change. Information on the U.S. Global Change Research Program, Global Climate Observing Systems (GCOS), and adaptation programs will also be presented.

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- I. Executive summary
- II. National circumstances
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- V. Projections and effects of policies and measures
- VI. Vulnerability assessment, climate change impacts, and adaptation measures
- VII. Financial resources and transfer of technology
- VIII. Research and systematic observation
- IX. Education, training, and public awareness

Public Input Process

This Federal Register notice solicits contributions and comments on all aspects to be covered in the third US CAR and in particular, on issues related to non-federal, state, regional, local, and private sector actions to address climate change. The document will be modeled closely on the format of the second CAR. Comments may be submitted to the contact listed above.

In addition, the U.S. will release the draft text of the Third CAR for review and comment in the summer of 2001. Comments on that document will be due within 30 days of release. Because of the tight time constraints on completing and printing the final text, a longer review period will not be possible.

We invite input now on all aspects of the document currently under development, including its content, format, and graphics. Comments received in response to this Federal Register notice will be considered in the preparation of the draft of the third national communication.

You may view the 1997 U.S. Climate Action Report on the Internet at: http://www.state.gov/www/global/oes/97climate_report/index.html.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

Robert Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6951-8]

Proposed CERCLA Prospective Purchaser Agreement; Doc's Auto Salvage Site; Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, and the authority of the Attorney General of the United States to compromise and settle claims of the United States as delegated, notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement concerning the Doc's Auto Salvage site at 580 Eighth Avenue North and 519 Tenth Avenue North, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, with the Metropolitan Council. The agreement requires the Metropolitan Council to pay \$1,000 to the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund; to exercise due care at the site with respect to the existing contamination; and to provide access to the site and to records kept by the Metropolitan Council, retaining any such records for at least ten (10) years after the effective date of the agreement. The agreement includes a covenant not to sue or to take any other civil or administrative action against the Metropolitan Council for any and all civil liability for injunctive relief or reimbursement of response costs pursuant to Sections 106 or 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a), with respect to existing contamination at or from the site. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the United States will receive all written comments relating to the agreement. The United States will consider all comments and may modify or withdraw its consent to the agreement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The United States' response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. Please contact Christine M. Liszewski at (312) 886-4670 to make arrangements to inspect the comments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. A copy of the proposed agreement may be obtained from Christine M. Liszewski, at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (C-14J), Chicago, IL 60604, phone (312) 886-4670. Comments should reference the Doc's Auto Salvage prospective purchaser agreement, and should be addressed to Christine M. Liszewski.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine M. Liszewski, at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (C-

14J), Chicago, IL 60604, phone (312) 886-4670.

Dated: January 3, 2001.

Douglas Ballotti,

Acting Director, Superfund Division, U.S. EPA Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6952-2]

Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675, notice is hereby given that a proposed purchaser agreement ("Purchaser Agreement") associated with the Exeter Superfund Site ("Site"), City of Hopewell, Virginia was executed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice and is now subject to public comment, after which the United States may modify or withdraw its consent if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Purchaser Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential EPA claims under section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, against the City of Hopewell, Virginia, and H.D.C., L.L.C. ("Purchasers"). The settlement would require the Purchasers to, among other things, (1) pay to EPA the sum of \$50,000 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Purchaser Agreement, (2) remove and dispose of all remaining asbestos found on the Site, in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations governing asbestos abatement.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the Purchaser Agreement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public