

oversight of all contractor activities. An estimated 274 EPA hours and 1,564.5 contractor hours will be required to complete the Report to Congress.

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

Revisions to the Reporting Form were conducted by representatives from the SBTCPs, who have been reporting on the activities of their programs since 1995 and are familiar with these reporting requirements. They provided extensive review of the proposed Reporting Form and suggested modifications, which then were incorporated into the Reporting Form.

Pretesting of the original collection instrument was accomplished by consolidating all comments received following the states' review of a draft of the Reporting Form and an extensive discussion of the Form at the annual National Small Business Ombudsman and Small Business Assistance Program Conference.

(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).

Each year, every state and territory will have access to a password protected on-line Reporting Form. This allows the states and territories to complete their Report and submit it to EPA's Small Business Division/SBO via the internet.

Burden Statement: This annual information collection involves responses from all 50 states, 2 territories (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), and the District of Columbia, for a total of 53 respondents.

The requested information, for the most part, is collected as normal program activity information for the SBTCPs. On an average, the information can be compiled and maintained by the state within 80 hours annually (assuming the state organization continuously maintains their records in a reasonably efficient manner). The 80 hour per state estimate includes 4 hours for recordkeeping and 76 hours for reporting.

For each respondent, the annual cost burden is estimated to be \$2,102.76. Total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life is \$0. Total operations and maintenance is estimated at \$0, and the cost for purchase of services is estimated at \$0.

Total annual burden for the 53 respondents is estimated at 4,240 hours at a cost of \$111,446.28.

Federal burden is estimated to be 274 hours at an annual labor cost of \$14,085.32. Total capital and start-up costs are \$0. Total operations and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$11,506. The cost to purchase services is \$75,000.

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Dated: March 20, 2001.

Karen V. Brown,

Small Business Ombudsman/Director, Small Business Division, Office of Business and Community Innovation, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6957-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities

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 continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities, ICR Number 1597.04, OMB Control Number 2050-0145, Expiration Date 9/30/01 (the general universal waste ICR). This ICR also consolidates the Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Generators of Hazardous Waste Lamps ICR (formerly having ICR Number

1699.02, OMB Control Number 2050-0164, Expiration Date 9/30/02) into the general universal waste rule ICR. EPA is doing this consolidation because hazardous waste lamps are a new federal universal waste and their reporting and recordkeeping requirements are covered in the requirements for universal waste handlers. 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 May 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-2001-UWHP-FFFFF to RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-2001-UWHP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained in the RCRA Information Center (the RIC address is listed above in this section).

Commenters should not submit any confidential business information (CBI) electronically. An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5303W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230.

The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies are \$0.15/page. This notice and the supporting documents that detail the Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities ICR are also available electronically. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on accessing them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tab Tesnu by phone at (703) 605-0636, by facsimile at (703) 308-8638, by mail at the Office of Solid Waste (5303W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or by e-mail at tesnu.tab@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Internet Availability: Today's notice and the supporting documents that detail the Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Generators of Hazardous Waste Lamps ICR are available on the Internet. Follow these instructions to access this information electronically:

WWWURL: [http://www.epa.gov/](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/id/univwast.htm)

[epaoswer/hazwaste/id/univwast.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/id/univwast.htm)
FTP: [ftp.epa.gov](ftp://ftp.epa.gov)

Login: anonymous

Password: your Internet e-mail address

Path: /pub/epaoswer

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are waste handlers and destination facilities that collect and manage certain hazardous waste batteries, certain hazardous waste pesticides, hazardous waste mercury-containing thermostats, and hazardous waste lamps.

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities, OMB Control number 2050-0145, EPA ICR number 1597.04, expiration date: 9/30/2001.

Abstract: EPA promulgated the Universal Waste standards at 40 CFR part 273. The Universal Waste standards govern the collection and management of widely generated wastes known as universal wastes. EPA has identified hazardous waste batteries, certain hazardous waste pesticides, hazardous waste thermostats, and hazardous waste lamps as universal wastes. Other wastes may be added to the universal waste federal program if EPA determines such regulation is appropriate. Additional wastes can be added by states as a "state-only" waste. The regulations allow universal waste handlers to manage universal wastes under a reduced set of regulatory requirements. Destination facilities, on the other hand, (i.e., those facilities accepting universal

waste for treatment, recycling, or disposal) remain subject to their regular requirements. The universal waste regulations at part 273 were promulgated by EPA under the authority of Subtitle C in RCRA.

This information collection targets the collection of information for the following reporting or recordkeeping requirements: notification, labeling and marking, storage time limitations, off-site shipments, tracking of universal waste shipments, and petitions to include other waste categories at the federal level. It is necessary for EPA to collect universal waste information to ensure that universal waste is collected and managed in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. EPA requires, among other things, Large Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste to notify the Agency of their universal waste management activities so that EPA can obtain general information on these handlers, and to facilitate enforcement of the regulations at part 273. In addition, EPA requires universal waste handlers to record the date on which they begin storing universal waste on-site to ensure that such accumulation is performed responsibly. EPA also requires certain universal waste handlers to track receipt of universal waste shipments as well as shipments sent off-site to ensure that universal waste is properly treated, recycled, and disposed. Finally, the submission of petitions in support of regulating other wastes or waste categories under part 273 helps EPA (1) to compile information on these wastes, and (2) to determine whether regulation as a universal waste is appropriate.

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.

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 bottom line annual respondent burden is estimated to be 218,168 hours with a cost of approximately \$10,285,683. The bottom line burden to respondents over the three-year period covered by this ICR is estimated at 654,504 hours, with a cost of approximately \$30,857,049.

The average public recordkeeping burden for Small Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste (SQHUWs) under this collection of information is estimated to be 1.4 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations, labeling universal waste, and maintaining records demonstrating the length of storage. The reporting burden for SQHUWs (for submitting notices of rejected or illegal universal waste shipments) is expected to be negligible. The recordkeeping burden for Large Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste (LQHUWs) under this collection of information is estimated to be 2.8 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations, labeling universal waste, maintaining records demonstrating the length of storage, and maintaining records of universal waste received and sent. The reporting burden for LQHUWs is estimated to be 0.5 hours per year. This estimate includes time for notifying EPA of universal waste management, and preparing and submitting notices of rejected or illegal universal waste shipments. The recordkeeping burden for destination facilities is estimated to be 183.1 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations and maintaining records of universal waste received. The reporting burden for destination facilities is estimated to be 18.4 hours per year. This estimate includes time for preparing and submitting notices of rejected or illegal universal waste shipments.

This ICR estimates a total respondent universe of 129,839 LQHUWs, SQHUWs, and destination facilities (118,367 SQHUWs, 11,414 LQHUWs, and 58 Destination Facilities). The frequency of response is on an as needed basis.

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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.

Dated: March 14, 2001.

Elizabeth A Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50883; FRL-6774-2]

Experimental Use Permit; Bt Corn Receipt of Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 68467-EUP-2 from Mycogen Seeds c/o Dow AgroSciences and Pioneer Hi-Bred International requesting to amend and extend an experimental use permit (EUP) for the plant-pesticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1F protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (plasmid insert PHI 8999) in corn. The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-50883, must be received on or before April 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and data 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, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-50883 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8715; e-mail address: mendelsohn.mike@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 interested in plant-pesticides or those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). 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/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-50883. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, 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.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-50883 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: 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 comments electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-50883. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI That I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about