

inventory of chemicals every 4 years by requiring manufacturers, processors, and importers to provide production volume, plant site information, and site-limited status information. This information allows EPA to identify what chemicals are or are not currently in commerce and to take appropriate regulatory action as necessary. EPA also uses the information for screening chemicals for risks to human health or the environment, for priority-setting efforts, and for exposure estimates.

Responses to this collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 710). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

#### V. What are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?

Under the PRA, "burden" means 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. For this collection it 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 ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11.5 hour per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

*Respondents/affected entities:* Manufacturers and importers of chemical substances, mixtures, or categories.

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 3,000.

*Frequency of response:* Once every 4 years.

*Estimated average number of responses for each respondent:* 1.

*Estimated total burden hours:* 34,500 hours.

*Estimated total burden costs:* \$2,426,160.

#### VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

There is no change in the total estimated respondent burden compared to that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB.

#### VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 22, 2001.

**Susan B. Hazen,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6961-6]

#### Gulf of Mexico Program; Policy Review Board Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) Policy Review Board (PRB).

**DATES:** The PRB meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sofitel Hotel, 425 N. Sam Houston Parkway, East, Houston, Texas 77060 (at Bush Intercontinental Airport), (281) 445-9000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposed agenda items will include: Review PRB Recommendations.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 27, 2001.

**Gloria D. Car,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00708; FRL-6774-4]

#### EPA Analysis of the Impact of Wet Milling on the Cry9C Protein Content in Food

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This action is part of EPA's ongoing effort to make information publicly available and to seek public input on the potential health risks to humans from consuming foods made from StarLink corn. StarLink is a variety of Bt corn that has been genetically engineered to produce a protein, Cry9C, intended to be toxic to certain insect pests of corn. EPA is soliciting public comments on its analysis of the impact on wet milling on the Cry9C protein content in human food. The assessment concludes that use of StarLink corn in wet-milling results in no (or essentially no) residues of Cry9C protein in human food fractions - corn oil, corn syrup, alcohol, corn starch. This information would support a conclusion that there is no human health risk from eating such food fractions. This Notice also lists the specific experts in the processing of corn for food from whom EPA is specifically seeking comment. The Agency will take into consideration all comments received as it revises the wet milling assessment, and the Agency will announce the availability of the final assessment in the **Federal Register**. The Agency will also consider the final assessment as it makes its decision on the pending Aventis petition.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-00708, must be received on or before May 3, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments 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