

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Spray Drift Task Force**

Notice is hereby given that, on May 1, 2001, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Spray Drift Task Force has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Novartis Crop Protection, Inc., Greensboro, NC and Zeneca Ag Products, Inc., Wilmington, DE have merged to form Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., Greensboro, NC. Also, Nihon Nohyaku America, Inc., Hockessin, DE has changed its name to Nichino America, Inc.; and Elf Atochem North America, Inc., Philadelphia, PA has changed its name to Cerrexagri, Inc.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Spray Drift Task Force intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 15, 1990, Spray Drift Task Force filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on July 15, 1990 (55 FR 27701).

The last notification was filed with the Department on January 12, 2001. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 27, 2001 (66 FR 12565).

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Office of Justice Programs****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Prison Population Reports Midyear Population Counts and Advance Year-End Population Counts—National Prisoner Statistics**

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Drug Courts Program Office, has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until July 31, 2001.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or additional information, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, please write to Lawrence Greenfeld, Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh St. NW, Washington, DC 20531. If you need a copy of the collection instruments with instructions, or have additional information, please contact Paige Harrison at (202) 514-0809, or via facsimile at 202-307-1463.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *The title of the Form/Collection:* Prison Population Reports Midyear Counts; and Prison Population Report Advance Year-end Counts—National Prisoner Statistics.

(3) *The agency form number and the applicable component of the*

*Department sponsoring the collection. Form: NPS-1A; and NPS-1B.*

Corrections Statistics, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* State Departments of Corrections. *Others:* The Federal Bureau of Prisons. For the NPS-1A form, 52 central reports (one from each State, the District of Columbia, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons) responsible for keeping records on inmates will be asked to provide information for the following categories: (a) As of June 30, the number of male and female inmates under their jurisdiction with maximum sentences of more than one year, one year or less; and unsentenced inmates; and (b) As of June 30, the number of male and female inmates in their custody with maximum sentences of more than one year, or year or less; and unsentenced inmates; and (c) As of June 30, the number of male and female inmates under their jurisdiction housed in privately-operated facility, either in state or out of state; and (d) As of June 30, the number of male and female inmates in their custody by race and Hispanic origin.

For the NPS-1B form, 52 central reporters (one from each State, the District of Columbia, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons) responsible for keeping records on inmates will be asked to provide information for the following categories: (a) As of December 31, the number of male and female inmates under their jurisdiction with maximum sentences or more than one year, one year or less; and unsentenced inmates; and (b) The number of inmates housed in county or other local authority correctional facilities, or in other state or Federal facilities on December 31, solely to ease prison crowding; and (c) As of the direct result of state prison crowding during 2001, the number of inmates released via court order, administrative procedure or statute, accelerated release, sentence reduction, emergency release, or other expedited release; and (d) The aggregate rated, operational, and design capacities, by sex, of each State's correctional facilities at year-end.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics uses this information in published reports and for the U.S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, practitioners, researchers, students, the media, and others interested in criminal justice statistics.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time needed for an average respondent to