

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of objections to the proposal.

ERP No. F-USN-D11030-VA Marine Corps Heritage Center (MCHC) Complex, Construction and Operation at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico, VA.

Summary: EPA supports the proposed action and has determined that the FEIS adequately addresses the environmental concerns related to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-USN-K35041-CA Naval Station (NAVSTA) San Diego Replacement Pier and Dredging Improvements, Construction, Dredging and Dredged Material Disposal, San Diego Naval Complex, San Diego, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. FA-NRC-A00164-00 GENERIC—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Pope County, AR (NUREG-1437).

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: July 24, 2001.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7018-8]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of a Public Advisory Committee

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Arsenic Benefits Review Panel of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will conduct a public teleconference meeting Tuesday August 14, 2001 from 10 a.m.–12 noon Eastern Time.

The conference call meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in room 6013 Ariel Rios North (6th Floor), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, DC. The public is strongly encouraged to attend the meeting through a telephonic link, but may attend physically if arrangements are made in advance with the SAB staff. In both cases, arrangements should be made with the SAB staff by noon the Wednesday before the meeting. Staff may not be able to accommodate the presence of people who appear in person without advance notice. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Rhonda

Fortson, Management Assistant, at (202) 564-4563, and via e-mail at: fortson.rhonda@epa.gov.

Purpose of the Meetings: The Subcommittee is preparing a report on the Arsenic Benefits assessment as announced in the **Federal Register** Notice on July 2, 2001, 66 FR 34924-34928. The purpose of the call is to allow the Subcommittee to complete its work on this issue.

Availability of the written materials in advance of the conference call meetings: The draft report will become available to the public shortly before the meeting and it will be made available to the public on request by Email before the meeting. For email copies, please contact Mr. Thomas Miller, Designated Federal Officer, at miller.tom@epa.gov.

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the conference call meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments must contact Mr. Thomas Miller, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4558; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at miller.tom@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Mr. Miller no later than noon Eastern Time one week prior to the meeting.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should both e-mail their comments to the DFO in MSWord and WordPerfect formats (suitable for IBM-PC/Windows 95/98) and provide 5 paper copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), because this is a conference call meeting, any comments to be mailed to the Subcommittee in advance of the

meeting should be received in the SAB Staff Office by noon at least a week before the meeting. E-mailed comments will be accepted until the day before the meeting, although earlier submission is encouraged; these should be sent in both MSWord and WordPerfect comments (suitable for IBM-PC/Windows 95/98).

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Mr. Miller at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: July 23, 2001.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50875A; FRL-6791-5]

Amendment/Extension of an Experimental Use Permit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted an experimental use permit (EUP) to the following pesticide applicant. An EUP permits use of a pesticide for experimental or research purposes only in accordance with the limitations in the permit.

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. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Rm. 910W13, Crystal Mall #2, Arlington, VA; (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. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, 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 information in this action, consult the designated contact person listed for the individual EUP.

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-50875A. 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.

II. EUP

EPA has issued the following EUP: 524-EUP-93. Amendment/Extension. Monsanto Company, 700 Chesterfield Parkway North, St. Louis, MO 63198. This EUP allows the shipment of 7.4 pounds of the Cry3Bb protein insecticide in seeds shipped *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry3Bb protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (Vector ZMIR13L) in corn plants on 4,000 acres of field corn for trials in 1) Breeding and observation nursery, 2) inbred seed increase production, 3) line per se and hybrid yield trial, 4) insect efficacy trials, 5) product characterization, performance and labeling trials, 6) insect resistance management trials, 7) non-target organisms and benefit trials, and 8) seed treatment trials corn rootworm. The program is authorized only in the States,

Territories, and Possessions of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin. However, test plots must not be near the habitats of the following beetles in the following counties: 1) American burying beetle in Kansas (Doniphan, Douglas, Montgomery, Pottawatomie, Riley, and Saline Counties) and Oklahoma (Bryan, Cherokee, Haskell, Latimer, Le Flore, Muskogee, Sequoyah and Tulsa Counties), 2) the delta green ground beetle in California (Solano County), and 3) the valley elderberry longhorn beetle in California (Butte, Colusa, Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo and Yuba Counties). The EUP is effective from April 27, 2001 to plantings through April 2002 and associated activities such as collection of field data, harvesting and processing of seed after last planting, and containment activities such as destruction of volunteer corn plants. A tolerance exemption has been established for residues of the active ingredient in or on corn.

Comments: Twenty-nine comments received from private citizens, the National Grain and Feed Association, Gardens/MiniFarms Network, the Hawaii Office of Environmental Quality Control, the County of Hawaii, and the Union of Concerned Scientists. The National Grain and Feed Association supports biotechnology but cited concern regarding the 660 foot (ft) buffer, notification of neighboring farms, chain of custody issues, and the intermingling of grain from this EUP with food/feed grain. Comments/issues/concerns raised by citizens included: protection of certified organic farming industry from genetic drift and proof of non-contamination of heirloom seeds, allergenicity, labeling of genetically engineered (GE) food, request for proof of protection of Hawaiian local insect and animal population, a request to reply to Congresswoman Patsy Mink of Hawaii and Mayor Harry Kim of Hilo, Hawaii, and general opposition to testing. The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) urged EPA to publish in the **Federal Register** announcements regarding previous approval of rootworm protected corn EUPs and to

delay consideration of this EUP amendment/extension until the release of relevant documents concerning the approvals. UCS indicated that because of ecological and Intermediate Remedial Measures (IRM) concerns and the paucity of data submitted, UCS opposed the registration of this new Bt corn. The State of Hawaii's Office of Environmental Quality Control asked to be notified of the exact location of planting sites in Hawaii and asked that EPA notify the applicant of the reporting requirement for genetically modified organisms (GMOs) under section 321-11.6 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The County of Hawaii commented that they were unable to determine exact locations of planting sites and that locations are critical to render informed comments. Further, the County of Hawaii requested EPA to notify the applicant of its obligation to the State of Hawaii under the reporting requirement for GMOs under section 321-11.6 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The County of Hawaii requested an opportunity to submit additional comments after testing location information was provided and after the Hawaii State Department of Health has had an opportunity to review the proposal following compliance with the notification requirements of section 321-11.6.

Response to comments: This permit is an amendment/extension of the permit approved last year in which the Agency concluded that there was no significant or irreversible hazards to the environment provided testing does not take place in the vicinity of endangered beetle habitats. The EUP approval letter informs Monsanto that they must obtain State approval before testing. In response to comments made by Hawaii's Office of Environmental Quality Control and the County of Hawaii, we have included language in the EUP approval letters notifying Monsanto of Hawaii's reporting requirement for GMOs under section 321-11.6 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Regarding the test locations, the cooperators and participants have been provided and placed in the docket. Monsanto has claimed the participant and cooperator information as confidential business information (CBI) and requests are being processed through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The EUP requires methods to minimize pollen flow, and the Agency is requiring that no testing take place in the vicinity potentially exposed to endangered beetles for the coleopteran active Cry3Bb EUP. A final rule establishing tolerance exemptions for Cry3Bb1 and Cry2Ab2 has been

approved and that final rule concluded that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm from consumption of these proteins which were digestible in gastric fluid and are not considered food allergens. The Cry3Bb1 protein is the specific protein in corn being tested under the 524-EUP-93 permit.

Monsanto submitted a brief progress report to the Agency titled Nontarget Organism Research with Corn Event MON863 Hybrids: Corn Rootworm Protected Corn (Vector ZMIR13L) dated February 20, 2001. This report was requested by the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD) and addresses nontarget organism (specifically invertebrates) monitoring in MON863 corn. Since MON863 is expressed in the roots, effects on soil dwelling organisms are a potential risk. Surveys of above and below-ground arthropods were conducted. Above ground samples included various species of predatory Hemiptera and Coleoptera. Below ground samples included Coleoptera (particularly carabids [ground beetles] and staphalynids [rove beetles]), spiders, and Collembola. Although all of the samples have not been counted and identified, preliminary results suggest that there are no significant effects of lines or treatments. The only adverse effect reported was a reduction in Collembola in the insecticide treated fields. Based upon the preliminary results submitted to the Agency, MON863 does not appear to pose a risk to non-target beneficial arthropods. However, these studies are preliminary and incomplete. Additional years of sampling are needed and a complete report should be submitted to the Agency before a conclusion regarding the potential risks can be determined. Labeling of foods is the responsibility of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Questions on food labeling should be addressed to FDA.

Persons wishing to review this EUP are referred to the designated contact person. Inquiries concerning this permit should be directed to the person cited above. It is suggested that interested persons call before visiting the EPA office, so that the appropriate file may be made available for inspection purposes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Experimental use permits.

Dated: July 13, 2001.

Janet L. Andersen,
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Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide
Programs.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7017-7]

Agency Compliance Assistance Activity Plan Inventory: Comment Request; Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; Correction—Extend
Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) prematurely published a document in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2001, (66 FR 34190), seeking comments on its draft Annual Compliance Assistance Activity Plan Inventory (Plan Inventory) for fiscal year 2002. The draft Plan Inventory catalogues compliance assistance activities proposed throughout the Agency for fiscal year 2002, and provides a single source for stakeholders to access the information. The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on the content, type and scope of projects contained in the draft Plan Inventory.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may review the draft Annual Compliance Assistance Activity Plan Inventory from the National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse, at www.epa.gov/clearinghouse.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments can be sent to Joanne Bergman, (202) 564-7064; e-mail at berman.joanne@epa.gov; or by mail at US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2224A, Washington, DC 20460.

Correction

The **Federal Register** notice of June 27, 2001, (66 FR 34190) listed an incorrect date for submitting comments on the Compliance Assistance Activity Plan Inventory. It should read:

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 23, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft Plan Inventory reflects EPA's commitment to help entities comply with regulatory requirements and

improve environmental performance through compliance assistance. Compliance assistance includes activities, tools or technical assistance that provides clear and consistent information for (1) helping the regulated community understand and meet its obligations under environmental regulations or (2) compliance assistance providers to aid the regulated community in complying with environmental regulations.

The comprehensive approach of the Plan Inventory allows interested stakeholders to understand the Agency's current compliance assistance priorities and activities and to suggest where tools or additional emphasis are still needed. The consolidated information will also assist compliance assistance providers in determining how to focus their resources without duplicating EPA's efforts. Additionally, the regulated community will be able to anticipate what compliance assistance will be available to them in the near future.

The draft fiscal year 2002 Plan Inventory continues the coordinated, intra-agency planning that marked the first Compliance Assistance Activity Plan, fiscal year 2001, published April 2001. Stakeholder comments played a significant role in the development of the fiscal year 2001 Plan. To better assist the Agency, EPA would particularly welcome comments addressing the following issues.

1. What are the most important environmental or regulatory problems where the EPA should focus its compliance assistance efforts?

2. What type of compliance assistance would be most useful and effective at addressing the environmental or regulatory problems identified above? What entities should EPA direct that assistance toward?

3. What activities suggest opportunities for collaboration between EPA and other compliance assistance providers? How might that collaboration work?

4. Are any of EPA's compliance assistance activities unnecessary or duplicative of other efforts? Which ones? Why?

The Agency looks to stakeholder comments to influence the directions in which we focus our compliance assistance resources. The Agency is committed to using stakeholder comments as we continuously improve the way we do business.

Dated: July 10, 2001.

Michael M. Stahl,
Director, Office of Compliance.

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