

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Experimental use permits.

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Peter Caulkins,

*Acting Director, Registration Division, Office
of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[OPP-50887; FRL-6793-7]

**Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of
Application**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 71065-EUP-E from Growth Products Limited requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the fungicide *Bacillus subtilis* GB03. 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-50887, must be received on or before January 18, 2002.

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-50887 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Anne Ball, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8717; e-mail address: ball.anne@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 who are or may be required to conduct testing of microbial 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-50887. 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-50887 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-50887. 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 CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare
My Comments for EPA?**

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.

3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.

4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.

6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice.

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.

8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Background

Growth Products Ltd., P.O. Box 1259, White Plains, NY 10602 has requested an EUP for the microbial pesticide Companion™, based on the active ingredient *Bacillus subtilis* Strain GB03. The proposed duration of the proposed program is 2 years. The EUP is being requested to obtain efficacy and phytotoxicity data, evaluate application rates, and evaluate timing to establish disease control. The target pests include root diseases such as *Rhizoctonia*, *Pythium*, *Erwinia*, *Fusarium*, *Phytophthora*, *Verticillium*, *Sclerotinia*, *Botrytis*, *Anthraco*, fire blight, wilt, crown rot, root rot, downy mildew, and damping off.

The proposed experimental program is to cover a total of 200 acres in 5 states, as follows: California, Florida, New York, North Dakota, and Washington. The rate of application of the pesticide is to be: for field crops, 32 oz. per acre in sufficient water to ensure full coverage; for soil drench application, 16 oz. in 100 gallons of water for cell/plug production; and 1 oz. per 30 gallons of water for closed systems (ebb and flow) and hydroponics.

Proposed crop treatment sites include apples, broccoli, celery, citrus, cotton, grapes (raisin, table and wine), herbs and spices, lettuce (iceberg and leaf), melons, onions, potatoes, strawberries, sunflower, tobacco, and tomatoes. Disease severity and intensity will be observed, as well as measurements of root growth in both length and mass, leaf color, and tissue analysis of nutrient levels, all of which are indicators of healthy plants.

Ground methods of application are proposed, including soil drench application by injection into irrigation systems, and closed systems (ebb and flow) and hydroponics by incorporation

into closed continuous recirculation systems.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Following the review of the Growth Products Limited application and any comments and data received in response to this notice, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request for this EUP program, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

IV. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

The Agency's authority for taking this action is under 40 CFR part 172, subpart A.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Experimental use permits.

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Kathleen F. Knox,

Acting Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7119-6]

Extension of Public Comment Period for EPA Staff White Paper That Explores a Number of Options for Addressing Boutique Fuels in the Longer Term

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period for EPA Staff White Paper that explores a number of options for addressing boutique fuels in the longer term.

In the November 14, 2001 **Federal Register**, (66 FR 57099) EPA published a notice of availability and requested public review and comment on the Staff White Paper entitled: "Study of Unique Gasoline Fuel Blends ("Boutique Fuels"), Effects on Fuel Supply and Distribution and Potential Improvements." This notice extends the end of the public comment period to January 30, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Macallister, Office of Air Quality and Transportation, (734) 214-4131, or by E-mail at macallister.julia@epa.gov.

Dated: December 12, 2001.

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Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00755; FRL-6814-8]

Pesticides; Expedited Review of Experimental Use Permits (EUPs) for Conventional Pesticides

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Agency seeks public comment on a draft Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice titled "Guidelines for Expedited Review of Experimental Use Permits (EUPs) for Conventional Pesticides." This draft Notice provides criteria that, if met, can result in a greater number of food use EUPs being issued on an expedited basis for conventional pesticides. EUP applications submitted that meet all of the criteria identified in the Notice will be expedited through the Agency's review process and registrants will not need to utilize their priority slots. The Notice applies to all applicants for EUPs for non-antimicrobial, conventional pesticides. The Notice does not apply to biological pesticides because these pesticides present different risk factors and because the Agency has not heard that the lack of biological pesticide EUPs is an issue.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-00755, must be received on or before February 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00755 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Holloman, Registration Division (7505C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-7193; fax number: (703) 305-6920; e-mail address: holloman.rachel@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: