

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>. You may obtain electronic copies of the draft "Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources" from the Information Quality Guidelines Home Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/oei/qualityguidelines/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established a docket for this meeting under docket ID number OEI-10014. The docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other material information, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). The public version of the docket, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during the applicable comment period, is available for inspection at: EPA Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20460. The docket is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number is (202)566-1752.

C. How Can I Request To Participate in the Public Meeting?

You may submit a request to present oral or written comments at the meeting and you may provide written comments prior to the meeting via electronic mail (e-mail), mail, by courier, or in person. To ensure proper receipt of your request and/or comments, it is imperative that you identify docket ID No. OEI-10014 in the subject line of the first page of your request/comments. The request to present brief oral comments (*i.e.*, limited to approximately 5 minutes) should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) the individual will represent, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment. Although requests to present oral comments are accepted until the date of the meeting,

to the extent that time permits, interested persons who have not submitted a request may be permitted to present oral comments. EPA will not be recording or transcribing the public meeting. To facilitate EPA's consideration of your planned comments, EPA recommends that you provide EPA with a written record of those comments you want EPA to consider, either prior to or at the public meeting. Comments must be received on or before September 20, 2002, 11:59 p.m. EDT.

To ensure timely receipt, e-mail (assessment.factors@epa.gov) is the Agency's preferred method for submitting requests to participate in the meeting and for submitting comments. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. If you submit your request and/or written comments by U.S. mail, send them to: U.S. EPA, EPA Docket Center (7407), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. If you submit requests and/or comments in person, by courier, or other shipping method, deliver them to: EPA Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The docket is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 566-1752.

Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. Background

In response to OMB's guidelines (67 FR 8452, February 22, 2002), EPA has developed *Draft Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency* (Draft EPA Information Quality Guidelines; 67 FR 21234, April 30, 2002). The Draft EPA Information Quality Guidelines are available at EPA's site, <http://www.epa.gov/oei/qualityguidelines>. The Draft EPA Information Quality Guidelines address the various sources of information submitted to or obtained by the Agency for use in making decisions, and, in particular, discuss one category of information that includes information voluntarily submitted to the Agency or information that the Agency obtains from external third party sources. During development of these guidelines, EPA requested comments and held a public meeting. Subsequently, EPA developed a document, "Assessment Factors for

Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources," that specifically addresses assessment factors and considerations relevant to evaluating and using external sources of data and information. EPA is holding a public meeting on September 20, 2002 to obtain public input on factors and considerations they feel are useful to assess the quality of information voluntarily provided by external sources to the Agency or obtained by EPA for specific purposes. In addition, EPA is seeking comments from the public on the document, "Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, data quality, information quality.

Dated: August 20, 2002.

Elaine Stanley,

Director, Office of Information Analysis and Access, Office of Environmental Information.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0198; FRL-7197-5]

Benomyl; Receipt of Request For Registration Cancellation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by Hi-Yield Chemical Company to cancel the registration for their product containing methyl 1-(butylcarbamoyl)-2-benzimidazole carbamate, or benomyl. No other registrants hold registrations for benomyl. Prior to acting on this request, EPA is providing a 30-day period for public comment.

DATES: Comments on the requested cancellation of product and use registrations must be submitted by October 9, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Demson Fuller, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8062; fax number: (703) 308-7042; e-mail address: fuller.demson@epamail.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 persons who produce or use 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 notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0198. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, 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 ID

number OPP-2002-0198 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 ID number OPP-2002-0198. 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 or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID 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. What Action is the Agency Taking

This notice announces receipt by the Agency of a request from Hi-Yield Chemical Company to cancel its pesticide product registered under sections 3 and 24(c) of FIFRA. This registration is listed in Table 1.

A. Background Information

Benomyl is a benzimidazole carbamate and systemic foliar fungicide that was registered for use on a variety of crops. All registered sources of benomyl have been canceled and all tolerances have been revoked.

The technical registrant, E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company met with the Agency on April 18, 2001, and requested a voluntary cancellation of all their registrations for products containing benomyl. The cancellation order was published in the **Federal Register** of August 8, 2001 (66 FR 41589) (FRL-6794-9).

In addition to Hi-Yield Chemical Company, the Agency has previously received letters from the following registrants requesting voluntary cancellation of all their products containing benomyl: American Mushroom Institute, Amvac, Pursell Industries, Inc., the Scotts Company, Value Garden Supply, and Voluntary Purchasing Groups, Inc. The cancellation order for these products was published in the **Federal Register** of January 15, 2002 (67 FR 1976) (FRL-6817-7).

In their letter dated July 31, 2002, Hi-Yield (represented by their agent, Brazos

Associates Inc.) stated that they no longer manufacture or distribute the end use product that contained benomyl and there are no inventories of remaining stocks.

B. Requests for Voluntary Cancellation

Under section 6(f)(1)(A) of FIFRA, registrants may request, at any time, that their pesticide registrations be canceled or amended to terminate one or more pesticide uses. Section 6(f)(1)(B) of FIFRA requires that before acting on a request for voluntary cancellation, EPA

must provide a 30-day public comment period on the request for voluntary cancellation. In addition, section 6(f)(1)(C) of FIFRA requires that EPA provide a 180-day comment period on a request for voluntary termination of any minor agricultural use before granting the request, unless: (1) The registrants request a waiver of the comment period, or (2) the Administrator determines that continued use of the pesticide would pose an unreasonable adverse effect on

the environment. The registrant has requested that EPA waive the 180-day comment period. EPA is granting the registrant's request to waive the 180-day comment period. Therefore, EPA will provide a 30-day comment period on the proposed request. EPA anticipates granting the cancellation request shortly after the end of the 30-day comment period for this notice. The registration for which the cancellation was requested is identified below in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—REGISTRATIONS WITH PENDING REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATION

| Company | Registration No. | Product |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Hi-Yield Chemical Company | 34911-27 | Hi-Yield Benomyl |

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

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled. FIFRA section 6(f)(1) further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**, make reasonable efforts to inform persons who rely on the pesticide for minor agricultural uses, and provide a 30-day period in which the public may comment. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.

IV. Procedures for Withdrawal of Request

Registrants who choose to withdraw a request for cancellation must submit such withdrawal in writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. This written withdrawal of the request for cancellation will apply only to the applicable FIFRA section 6(f)(1) request listed in this notice. If the product(s) have been subject to a previous cancellation action, the effective date of cancellation and all other provisions of any earlier cancellation action are controlling. The withdrawal request must also include a commitment to pay any reregistration fees due, and to fulfill any applicable unsatisfied data requirements.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: August 28, 2002.
Susan Lewis,
Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
[FRL-7373-3]
Notice of Availability of National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution From Urban Areas and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comment on draft guidance for the prevention and control of urban runoff. This technical guidance was written to provide technical assistance to State and local elected officials and agencies, landowners, developers, environmental and conservation groups, and watershed practitioners on the best available, most economically achievable means of reducing nonpoint source pollution from urban sources. The guidance is not a regulation and it does not impose legally binding requirements on EPA, States, Territories, authorized Tribes, or the public.

The guidance is organized from a watershed perspective and was written to cover all phases of runoff management from planning and development to program evaluation. The guidance provides up-to-date effectiveness and cost information on management practices, literature

citations, internet links to additional information and case studies from across the country. Reviewers should note that the draft technical guidance is consistent with the Guidance Specifying Management Measures for Sources of Nonpoint Pollution in Coastal Waters (EPA 840-B-92-002), which EPA published in January 1993 under the authority of section 6217(g) of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 (CZARA). The draft document does not supplant or replace the 1993 document, but provides an expanded framework for addressing urban runoff. The guidance was written to apply to both coastal and inland areas and contains updated technical information that has become available since the 1993 guidance was published. The guidance is not intended to be used as a basis to review and approve either CZARA section 6217 or Clean Water Act section 319 State nonpoint source management programs. However, EPA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) encourage use of the revised guidance in the development and revision of Tribal, State and local programs to address urban runoff/storm water. The draft guidance revises several of the management measures published in 1993 due to the availability of new information and evolving management approaches. In addition, four new management measures have been added to provide information on developing and implementing a comprehensive runoff management program.

EPA will consider comments on this draft guidance and will then issue final guidance.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted to the person listed below by December 9, 2002.