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II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA has reassessed the risks associated with current food uses of the pesticide hexazinone, reassessed 25 existing tolerances, and reached a tolerance reassessment and risk management decision. The Agency is issuing for comment the resulting report on FQPA tolerance reassessment progress, including the *Hexazinone Overview, Hexazinone Summary, Hexazinone Decision Document (TRED)*, and supporting risk assessment documents.

EPA must review tolerances and tolerance exemptions that were in effect when FQPA was enacted in August 1996, to ensure that these existing pesticide residue limits for food and feed commodities meet the safety standard established by the new law. Tolerances are considered reassessed once the safety finding has been made or a revocation occurs. EPA has reviewed and made the requisite safety finding for the tolerances and exemptions included in this notice. EPA completed the hexazinone Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) prior to the 1996 enactment of the FQPA; therefore, while no reregistration decision is required at present, risks from non-occupational exposure to hexazinone through food, drinking water, and residential uses must be reassessed. There are no residential uses of hexazinone. The Agency has reassessed the 25 tolerances for hexazinone and determined that residues in food and drinking water are not expected to pose risk concerns. Because existing data were inadequate to calculate residue estimates for pasture and rangeland grass and grass hay, EPA constructed the maximum theoretical dietary burden (MTDB) of hexazinone to livestock using protective assumptions for the contributions of other hexazinone treated feed items. Thus, tolerances for meats and milk can be reassessed. Additional field trial data for grass forage and grass hay, as well as rotational crop studies for corn and wheat are required. Because of the relatively low volume of use on pasture and rangeland, data from these confirmatory studies are not expected to significantly change current dietary risk estimates. Some tolerances may be revised once additional data has been submitted to and reviewed by the Agency. The current tolerance

expression for hexazinone in 40 CFR 180.396 is for "combined residues of the herbicide hexazinone (3-cyclohexyl-6-(dimethylamino)-1-methyl-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1H,3H)-dione) and its metabolites, calculated as hexazinone." The tolerance expression should be modified to include specific metabolites A, B, C, D, and E, identified by the appropriate chemical name. Final tolerances are being proposed as part of this Tolerance Reassessment Decision (TRED). In addition, occupational and ecological risk management decisions were made as part of the 1994 hexazinone RED.

EPA works with affected parties to reach the tolerance reassessment decisions. The Agency therefore is issuing the hexazinone decision as a final decision with a public comment period. All comments received during the public comment period will be considered by the Agency. If any comment significantly affects the Agency's decision, EPA will publish an amendment to the decision in the **Federal Register**. In the absence of substantive comments, the tolerance reassessment decisions reflected here will be considered final.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: October 4, 2002.

Betty Shackelford,

Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0223; FRL-7274-1]

Availability of the Report on FQPA Tolerance Reassessment Progress and Risk Management Decision (TRED) for Metolachlor

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the report on the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) tolerance reassessment progress and Risk Management Decision (TRED) for metolachlor for public comment. EPA has reassessed the 81 tolerances, or legal limits, established for residues of metolachlor in/on raw agricultural commodities (RACs). These tolerances are now considered safe under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

(FFDCA), as amended by the FQPA of 1996.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0223, must be received on or before November 22, 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. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0223 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Overstreet, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8068; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: overstreet.anne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, but will be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides. The Agency has not attempted to describe all the persons or entities who may be interested in or affected by this action. If you have questions in this regard, 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/>.

You can obtain copies of the TRED and related documents discussed in this notice on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/status.htm>.

Available documents include the TRED, supporting technical documents, and **Federal Register** notices.

Information on pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment, including the purpose and status of Agency programs to complete Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs), Interim REDs, and Tolerance Reassessment Decisions (TREDs), is available at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/tolerance>. General information is available on the Office of Pesticide Programs' Home Page, <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0223. 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 ID number OPP-2002-0223 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 Highway, 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 6.1/8.0/9.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0223. 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 burdens 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 document.
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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?

EPA has assessed the risks associated with current and proposed food uses of metolachlor, reassessed 81 existing tolerances, and reached a tolerance reassessment and risk management decision. The Agency is issuing the resulting report on FQPA Tolerance Reassessment Progress and Risk Management Decision for metolachlor, known as a TRED, as well as a summary, overview, and technical support documents.

EPA must review tolerances and tolerance exemptions that were in effect when FQPA was enacted in August 1996, to ensure that these existing pesticide residue limits for food and feed commodities meet the safety standard established by the new law. Tolerances are considered reassessed once the safety finding has been made or a revocation occurs. In total, 81 tolerances have been reassessed and are now considered safe under section 408(q) of FFDCA.

The Agency has determined that there are no dietary (food or drinking water) or aggregate risks of concern for metolachlor, so mitigation of these risks is not necessary. EPA is able to make the FQPA safety finding for all current and proposed uses of metolachlor.

EPA must consider the cumulative effects of pesticides that have common mechanisms of toxicity, and may issue final tolerance reassessment decisions for these pesticides only after their cumulative risks have been considered. The Agency has examined this common mechanism potential for metolachlor and has concluded that only some of the pesticides that comprise the class of chloroacetanilides should be designated as a "Common Mechanism Group" based on the development of nasal turbinate tumors. Because only acetochlor,alachlor, and butachlor should be grouped based on a common mechanism of toxicity for nasal turbinate tumors, a cumulative assessment is not necessary to determine whether tolerances established for residues of metolachlor in/on RACs are reassessed as safe.

EPA works extensively with affected parties to reach the tolerance reassessment decisions presented in TREDs. The Agency therefore is issuing the metolachlor TRED as a final decision. However, the docket remains open, and if the Agency receives any comments within the next 30 days which significantly affect the Agency's decision, EPA will publish an

amendment to the TRED in the **Federal Register**. In the absence of substantive comments, the tolerance reassessment decisions reflected in this TRED will be considered final.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Metolachlor.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Lois Ann Rossi,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

October 11, 2002.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact A. Marie Moyd, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-2111.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0997.

Expiration Date: 05/31/2005.

Title: 47 CFR section 52.15(k), Numbering Utilization and Compliance Audit Program.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25 respondents; 33 per response (avg.); 825 total annual burden hours (for all collections under this control number).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; Third Party Disclosure.

Description

The state of the nation's numbering resources has a direct effect on the growth of competition in the telecommunications industry. The nation's numbering resources are depleting rapidly. Under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress granted the Federal Communications Commission

(Commission) exclusive jurisdiction over the United States' portion of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). *See* 47 U.S.C. 251(e). The purpose of the audits is to monitor telecommunications carriers' compliance with Commission's numbering rules and to verify the accuracy and validity of the numbering data submitted to the Commission. The audits will also allow the Commission to identify inefficiencies in the manner in which carriers use numbers, including excessive use of certain categories of numbers (*e.g.*, administrative, aging, or intermediate numbers). By ensuring compliance with Commission rules that promote efficient number usage, the numbering audits will help preserve the nation's numbering resources.

The Commission staff developed a standardized audit program for conducting random audits. This standard audit program consists of audit procedures, an internal controls questionnaire, and a corresponding data request. The independent auditor would conduct audits using these tools. The audit procedures generally require the audited carrier to respond to requests for information from the independent auditor. The internal controls questionnaire and the data request require audited carriers to respond to specific requests for information during the audit. The independent auditor will report its audit findings to the Commission. The Commission staff will review and modify the audit program on an on-going basis. The Commission will use the audit results to determine whether the audited carriers are complying with the Commission's rules, and whether the audited carriers' numbering data submitted to the Commission, *e.g.*, FCC Form 502, is accurate and valid. To the extent that the Commission finds evidence of potential violations, possible enforcement action may be taken. *See* Second Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd at 349, para. 96; *see* also 47 CFR 52.15(k). Obligation to respond: Mandatory. Public reporting burden for the collections of information are as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimates or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 94-102; DA 02-2560]

Small Business Size Standards

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; comments invited.

SUMMARY: The Commission seeks comment on a proposed special small business size standard for Tier III wireless carriers in the Enhanced 911 (E911) proceeding. This action is taken pursuant to a requirement in the Small Business Act.

DATES: Comments are due on or before November 6, 2002, and reply comments are due on or before November 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. A copy should also be sent to Jennifer Tomchin, Room 3C-400, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Tomchin, Attorney, 202-418-1310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On July 26, 2002, the Commission adopted an Order (E911 Small Carriers Order) staying certain wireless enhanced 911 (E911) Phase II deployment deadlines for Tier II and Tier III carriers, with conditions. (*See* Order to Stay in CC Docket No. 94-102, FCC 02-210, released July 26, 2002.) Pursuant to this Order, Tier II carriers were defined as non-nationwide carriers that had over 500,000 subscribers as of year-end 2001, and Tier III carriers were defined as all other non-nationwide carriers. In the E911 Small Carriers Order, the Commission noted that it would solicit public comment on the proposed size standard for Tier III carriers, in accordance with Section 121.902(b) of the SBA's small business size regulations. The Commission now seeks comment on this matter for purposes of obtaining SBA approval of the Tier III size standard. This action will not affect the deadlines or conditions set forth in the E911 Small Carriers Order, including applicable reporting requirements.

2. In the E911 Small Carriers Order, the Commission defined Tier II, or mid-size carriers, as those non-nationwide carriers with over 500,000 subscribers as of year-end 2001. The Commission