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*Mail your Designation of Eligibility application request to:* Ms. Darlene B. Collins, Team Leader, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6032, Request for Eligibility Designation, Washington, DC 20202-8513.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for the Title III Part A Programs in 34 CFR part 607, and for the Title V Program in 34 CFR part 606.

*For Applications and Further Information Contact:* Thomas M. Keyes, Margaret A. Wheeler or Ellen Sealey, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, Room 6049, Request for Eligibility Designation, Washington, DC 20202-8513. Mr. Keyes' telephone number is (202) 502-7577. Ms. Wheeler's telephone number is (202) 502-7583. Ms. Sealey's telephone number is (202) 502-7580. Mr. Keyes, Ms. Wheeler and Ms. Sealey may be reached via Internet: [thomas.keyes@ed.gov](mailto:thomas.keyes@ed.gov), [margaret.wheeler@ed.gov](mailto:margaret.wheeler@ed.gov), [ellen.sealey@ed.gov](mailto:ellen.sealey@ed.gov).

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**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0218; FRL-7278-2]

### Tolerance Petitions for Pesticides on Food/Feed Crops and New Inert Ingredients; Renewal of Pesticide Information Collection Activities and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that EPA is seeking public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): Tolerance Petitions for Pesticides on Food/Feed Crops and New Inert Ingredients (EPA ICR No. 0597.08, OMB Control No. 2070-0024). This is a request to renew an existing ICR that is currently approved and due to expire January 31, 2003. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

**DATES:** Written comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2002-0218, must be received on or before December 30, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Vogel, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6475; fax number: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: [vogel.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:vogel.nancy@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a business engaged in the manufacturing of pesticides and other agricultural chemicals. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Pesticide and other agricultural chemical manufacturing (NAICS 325320), e.g., Businesses engaged in the manufacture of pesticides and who file a petition asking the Agency to take a specific tolerance action.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed above could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, and section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### II. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

###### A. Docket

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2002-0218. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity

Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

#### B. Electronic Access

You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit II.A. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide

a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

#### C. Fax-on-Demand

Using a faxphone call (202) 564-3119 and select item 6094 for a copy of the ICR.

### III. How Can I Respond to this Action?

#### A. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. If you wish to submit CBI or information that is otherwise protected by statute, please follow the instructions in Unit III.B. Do not use EPA Dockets or e-mail to submit CBI or information protected by statute.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed in this unit, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic

public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets.* Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once in the system, select "search," and then key in docket ID number OPP-2002-0218. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by e-mail to [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov), Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2002-0218. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit III.A. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail.* Send your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency (7502C), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC, 20460-0001, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2002-0218.

3. *By hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA., Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2002-0218. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit II.A.

### B. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is 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 docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket 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**.

### C. What Should I Consider when 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 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.

### D. What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits

comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are 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 estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

### IV. What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Action Apply to?

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

*Title:* Tolerance Petitions for Pesticides on Food/Feed Crops and New Inert Ingredients.

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 0597.08, OMB Control No. 2070-0024.

*ICR status:* This ICR is a renewal of an existing ICR that is currently approved by OMB and is due to expire January 31, 2003.

*Abstract:* This information collection will enable EPA to collect adequate data to support the establishment of pesticide tolerances pursuant to section 408 of the FFDCA. A pesticide may not be used on food or feed crops unless EPA has established a tolerance for the pesticide residues on that crop, or established an exemption from the requirement to have a tolerance.

It is EPA's responsibility to ensure that the maximum residue levels likely to be found in or on food/feed crops are safe for human consumption through a careful review and evaluation of residue chemistry and toxicology data. In addition, it must ensure that adequate enforcement of the tolerance can be achieved through the testing of submitted analytical methods. Once the data are deemed adequate to support the findings, EPA will establish the tolerance or grant an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance.

### V. What Are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?

Under the PRA, "burden" means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal Agency.

For this collection it includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for this ICR is estimated to be 258,900 hours. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

#### *Respondents/affected entities:*

Businesses engaged in the manufacturing of pesticides and other agricultural chemicals who file a petition asking the Agency to take a specific tolerance action.

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 2,100.

*Frequency of response:* Annual.

*Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent:* 3-5.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 258,900.

*Estimated total annual burden costs:* \$23,435,700.

### VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

The total estimated annual respondent cost for this ICR has increased \$1,305,700 (from \$22,130,000 to \$23,435,700), due mainly to the update in the loaded hourly labor rates used to calculate the costs. This increase is explained more fully in the ICR.

### VII. What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: October 23, 2002.

**Susan B. Hazen,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7402-9]

**Notice of Request for Initial Proposals (IPs) for Projects To Be Funded From the Water Quality Cooperative Agreement Allocation (CFDA 66.463—Water Quality Cooperative Agreements)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is soliciting Initial Proposals (IPs) from States, Tribes, local governments, universities, non-profits, and other eligible entities interested in applying for Federal assistance for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements (CFDA 66.463) under the Clean Water Act (CWA) section 104(b)(3). EPA Headquarters intends to award an estimated \$3.1 million to eligible applicants through assistance agreements ranging in size from \$10,000 up to \$500,000 for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements, which are for unique and innovative projects that address the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) program with special emphasis on wet weather activities, *i.e.*, storm water, combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, and concentrated animal feeding operations as well as projects that enhance the ability of the regulated community to deal with non-traditional pollution problems in priority watersheds. From the IPs received, EPA estimates that 30 to 35 projects may be selected to submit full applications.

The Agency intends to make available at least \$200,000 per year of the annual appropriation for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements, from FY 2001 through FY 2005, for projects which address cooling water intake issues to include technical and environmental studies. For FY 2003 it is expected that \$250,000 will be available for projects addressing cooling water intake issues.

The Agency reserves the right to reject all IPs and make no awards.

**DATES:** EPA will consider IPs received on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Time, December 30, 2002. IPs received after the due date, may be reviewed at EPA's discretion.

**ADDRESSES:** It is preferred that IPs be electronically mailed (E-mailed) to [WQCA2003@EPA.GOV](mailto:WQCA2003@EPA.GOV). If mailed through the postal service or other means, three copies should be sent to: Barry Benroth, 4204M, WQCA2003, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

The following address must be used for delivery of the copies by an overnight delivery or courier service: Barry Benroth, 4204M, WQCA2003, Phone 202-564-0672, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room 7324 J, EPA East, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry Benroth by telephone at 202-564-0672 or by E-mail at [benroth.barry@epa.gov](mailto:benroth.barry@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Purpose of This Request Is for Initial Proposals**

The Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water at EPA Headquarters is requesting IPs from States, Tribes, local governments, non-profit organizations and other eligible entities under the Clean Water Act section 104(b)(3) for unique and innovative projects that address the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) program with special emphasis on wet weather activities, *i.e.*, storm water, combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, and concentrated animal feeding operations as well as projects that enhance the ability of the regulated community to deal with non-traditional pollution problems in priority watersheds.

An organization whose IP is selected for possible Federal assistance must complete and EPA Application for Assistance, including the Federal SF-424 form (Application for Federal Assistance, see 40 CFR 30.12 and 31.10).

Organizations who have an existing agreement under this program are eligible to compete with proposals for new awards.

**The Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, EPA Headquarters Has Identified the Following High Priority Areas for Consideration**

WQCA's awarded under section 104(b)(3) may only be used to conduct and promote the coordination and

acceleration of activities such as research, investigations, experiments, training, education, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effect, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. These activities, while not defined in the statute, advance the state of knowledge, gather information, or transfer information. For instance, "demonstrations" are generally projects that demonstrate new or experimental technologies, methods, or approaches and the results of the project will be disseminated so that others can benefit from the knowledge gained. A project that is accomplished through the performance of routine, traditional, or established practices, or a project that is simply intended to carry out a task rather than transfer information or advance the state of knowledge, however worthwhile the project may be, is not a demonstration. Research projects may include the application of established practices when they contribute to learning about an environmental concept or problem.

The Office of Wastewater Management at EPA Headquarters has identified several subject areas for priority consideration. EPA will award WQCA's for research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies related to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution in the following subject areas:

*Impacts of Wet Weather Flows*

- Trends in load reduction due to implementation of storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs) including means of measuring effectiveness of BMPs
- Storm water monitoring techniques
- Efficient and effective reduction of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO)
- Impacts of sewage overflows
- Impacts of peak wet weather flows on Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)

- Environmental effectiveness of sewer separation

- Compliance with Storm Water Phase II

*National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program Strategies To Implement Watershed-Based Efforts*

- Watershed Integration of Water Programs under CWA & Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)
- Alternative markets or treatments for excess manure
- Nutrient loading reduction through trading