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Notification of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance Meeting; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of public NACEPT standing committee on compliance assistance meeting on December 3, 2002.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold an open meeting of the NACEPT Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance (Committee) on Tuesday, December 3, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel at 111 Pecan Street East, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. The meeting will focus on the areas of the Compliance Assistance program on which the Committee has been asked to advise the EPA. These are: (1) Strengthening the national compliance assistance network by helping identify opportunities to enhance communication among compliance assistance providers and by promoting collaboration in compliance assistance planning and tool development; (2) developing and testing performance measurement systems to demonstrate the effectiveness and environmental outcomes of compliance assistance; and (3) acting as a sounding board to provide feedback on compliance assistance policies, strategies or other related matters. A formal agenda will be available at the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NACEPT is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator and other EPA officials on a broad range of domestic and international environmental policy

issues. NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principal constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies. Over the last two years, EPA has undertaken a number of actions to improve our compliance assistance activities. To ensure that the Agency's efforts to improve compliance assistance are implemented in a way that continues to reflect stakeholder needs, NACEPT created a new Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance. This will provide a continuing Federal Advisory Committee forum from which the EPA can continue to receive valuable stakeholder advice and recommendations on compliance assistance activities. For further information concerning the NACEPT Standing Committee on Compliance Assistance, including the upcoming meeting, contact Joanne Berman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), on (202) 564-7064, or e-mail: berman.joanne@epa.gov.

Inspection of Subcommittee Documents: Documents relating to the above topics will be publicly available at the meeting.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

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Acting Director, Office of Compliance.

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[OPP-2002-0301; FRL-7279-4]

Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 67979-EUP-E from Syngenta Seeds requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the plant-incorporated protectant *Bacillus thuringiensis* VIP3A. 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 ID number OPP-2002-0301, must be received on or before December 9, 2002.

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

Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 interested in agricultural biotechnology or may be required to conduct testing of chemical 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 Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2002-0301. 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.

2. *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