

wood heater manufactured on or after July 1, 1988, or sold at retail on or after July 1, 1990. Wood heaters manufactured on or after July 1, 1990, or sold at retail on or after July 1, 1992, must meet more stringent emission standards. Approximately 54 manufacturers, 875 retailers, and 5 certification laboratories are currently subject to the regulations. No increase is expected in those estimates over the next three years. Particulate matter is the pollutant regulated under the standards.

Two features of this rulemaking are unique to the New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) program. First, these standards were negotiated by representatives of groups affected by the NSPS, including those groups which are burdened by the information collection activities. None of these activities were judged to be unreasonable by these representatives. Some of these provisions were recommended by the affected groups as a means of promoting an efficient and smooth-running certification and enforcement program. Second, these regulations established a certification program instead of the usual NSPS requirement that each affected facility demonstrates compliance through new source review and testing. Under this certification program, a single wood heater is tested to demonstrate compliance for an entire model line, which could consist of thousands of stoves. The certification approach significantly reduces the compliance burden, including information collection, for the manufacturers of wood heaters. Because of the potential risks to the environment from the intentional or accidental misuse of the certification approach, there were, however, several safeguards included, some of which entail reporting and recordkeeping.

Under this regulation, wood heater manufacturers, testing laboratories, and retailers are required to submit reports to EPA and/or to maintain records for demonstrating compliance with the NSPS.

The information supplied by the manufacturer to the Agency is used: (1) To ensure that Best Demonstrated Technology is being applied to reduce emissions from wood heaters; (2) to ensure that the wood heater tested for certification purposes is in compliance with the applicable emission standards; (3) to provide assurance that untested production model heaters have emission performance characteristics similar to tested models; and (4) to provide an indicator of continued compliance.

Information supplied to the Agency by testing laboratories is used to grant

or to deny laboratory accreditation, and to assist in enforcement and compliance activities. Information requested by the Agency from manufacturers is used to determine compliance with requirements that are based upon volume of production.

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 OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15, and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 51 hours per response. 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. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to 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; to adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; to train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Manufacturers and sellers of new residential wood stoves.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 934.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 9,728.

Estimated Total Costs: \$1,964,000 which includes \$1,346,000 annualized capital/startup costs, \$3,000 annual O&M costs and \$615,000 annual labor costs.

Changes in the Estimates: The labor hour increase of 2,075 hours is due to the increase in the number of accredited test laboratories and the number of wood stove manufacturers.

Dated: February 24, 2004.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0061; FRL-7348-7]

Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003; Notice of Public Workshop

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs will hold a public workshop on March 11, 2004. An agenda is being developed and will be posted by March 4, 2004, on EPA's website. This meeting will focus on the Agency's efforts to implement the new enhanced registration service fee program created as part of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA; telephone number: (703) 907-5500. The NRECA Conference Center is located approximately 3 blocks from the Ballston Metro Station and about a 15 minute taxi ride from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Richard Keigwin, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-7618; fax number: (703) 308-4776; e-mail address: keigwin.richard@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general; however, persons may be interested who work in agricultural settings or persons who are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA); and the amendments to both of these major pesticide laws by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), (Public Law 104-170) of 1996. 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**. Potentially affected entities

may include but are not limited to: Agricultural workers and farmers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer and farmworker groups; pesticide users and growers; pest consultants; State, local, and tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; food processors; and the public. 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-2004-0061. 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 agenda for the meeting will be posted by March 4, 2004, on EPA's Website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>.

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 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. 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 I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. Background

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004, signed by President Bush on January 23, 2004, established a new section 33 of FIFRA, under which EPA is required to establish a registration service fee system for applications for pesticide registration and amended registration. Under that system, fees will be charged for new applications for registration received on or after the effective date of the statute (March 23, 2004), and for certain applications received before that date. EPA is required to render a decision on the application within the decision times specified. The fee system is authorized until September 30, 2010, although the decision times under the system do not apply after September 30, 2008.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Agricultural workers, Chemicals, Fees, Foods, Pesticides and pests, Registration, Tolerance reassessment, Public health.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

James Jones,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0020; FRL-7343-8]

Bacillus pumilus GB34; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance for a Certain Microbial Pesticide in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2004-0020, must be received on or before April 2, 2004.

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: Anne Ball, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental

Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8717; e-mail address: ball.anne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS 111)
- Animal production (NAICS 112)
- Food manufacturer (NAICS 311)
- Pesticide manufacturer (NAICS

32532)

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 in this unit 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. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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