

Summary: EPA continues to have concerns that studies and analyses needed to define project impacts and identify needed mitigation measures have been deferred until after issuance of a new license.

ERP No. F1-AFS-L61190-OR Mt. Ashland Ski Area Expansion, Site Specific Project, Maintenance and Enhancements of Environmental Resources, Implementation, Special Use Permit, Ashland Ranger District, Rogue River National Forest and Scott River Ranger District, Klamath National Forest, Jackson County, OR.

Summary: EPA supports the selection of Modified Alternative 2, which should mitigate sediment yield into streams.

Dated: December 20, 2004.

Robert W. Hargrove,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6658-8]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed December 13, 2004 Through December 17, 2004

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 040584, Final EIS, BLM, NV, Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Project, Disposal and Use of Public Land under the Management of (BLM), Implementation, Clark County, NV, Wait Period Ends: January 24, 2005, Contact: Mark Morse (702) 515-5220.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nv.blm.gov/lvdiseis>.

EIS No. 040585, Draft EIS, FHW, NE, Bellevue Bridge Study, To Improve Connectivity between the Omaha Metropolitan Area and across the Missouri River from U.S. 75 to I-29, Coast Guard Permit, NPDES Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Mills County, IA and Sarpy County, NE, Comment Period Ends: February 28, 2005, Contact: Philip Barnes (515) 233-7300.

EIS No. 040586, Draft EIS, FHW, WA, WA-28 Eastside Corridor Project, Proposal to Improve WA-28 (Sunset

Highway) Corridor from WA-2-97 (Ocdabashian Bridge) to 9th Street N.E. in East Wenatchee, City of East Wenatchee, Douglas County, WA, Comment Period Ends: February 27, 2005, Contact: Steve Saxton (360) 753-9411.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR28WenatcheeEastsideCorridor/>.

EIS No. 040587, Final EIS, DHS, MD, National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) Facility at Fort Detrick, Construction and Operation, Fort Detrick, Frederick County, MD, Wait Period Ends: January 24, 2005, Contact: Kevin Anderson (301) 846-2156.

EIS No. 040588, Draft EIS, FHW, IA, NE, Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements Project, Transportation Improve from Missouri River on I-80 to East of the I-480 Interchange, (Tier 1), Pottawattamie County, IA and Douglas County, NE, Comment Period Ends: February 28, 2005, Contact: Philip Barnes (515) 233-7300.

EIS No. 040589, Final Supplement, AFS, AK, Kensington Gold Project, Proposed Modifications of the 1998 Approved Plan Operation, NPDES, ESA and U.S. COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, City of Juneau, AK, Wait Period Ends: January 24, 2005, Contact: Jeff Defreest (907) 790-7407.

EIS No. 040590, Draft EIS, AFS, WA, White Pass Expansion Master Development Plan, Implementation, Naches Ranger District, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests and Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Yakima and Lewis County, WA, Comment Period Ends: February 22, 2005, Contact: Randy Shepard (509) 653-1400.

EIS No. 040591, Draft EIS, FRC, TX, Vista del Sol Liquefield Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal Project, Construct, Install and Operate an LNG Terminal and Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Vista del Sol LNG Terminal LP and Vista del Sol Pipeline LP, TX, Comment Period Ends: February 7, 2005, Contact: Thomas Russo (202) 502-8004.

EIS No. 040592, Final EIS, SFW, CO, Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan, 15-Year Guidance for Management of Refuge Operations, Habitat Restoration and Visitor Services, Implementation, Jefferson and Boulder Counties, CO, Wait Period Ends: January 24, 2005, Contact: Laurie Shannon (303) 289-0151.

EIS No. 040593, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, County Line Vegetation Management Project, Salvaging Spruce Beetle Infected Trees and Thinning Spruce-Fir Stand, Rio Grande National Forest, Conejos Peak Ranger District, Conejos County, CO, Comment Period Ends: February 7, 2005, Contact: John Murphy (719) 852-5941.

EIS No. 040594, Final EIS, FTA, VA, Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project, High-Quality and High-Capacity Transit Service in the Dulles Corridor, West Falls Church Metrorail Station in Fairfax County to the Vicinity of Route 772 in Loudoun County, VA, Wait Period Ends: January 24, 2005, Contact: Patricia Kampf (215) 656-7100.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 040505, Draft EIS, USA, Battle Area Complex (BAX) and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) Construction and Operation, U.S. Army Training Lands in Alaska, Comment Period Ends: January 10, 2005, Contact: Kevin Gardner (907) 384-3331. Revision of FR Notice Published on 11/05/04: CEQ Comment Period Ending 12/20/2004 has been Extended to 01/10/2005.

EIS No. 040557, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Tuxekan Island Timber Sale(s) Project, Harvesting Timber, Coast Guard Bridge Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, Thorne Bay Ranger District, Thorne Bay, AK, Comment Period Ends: January 24, 2005, Contact: Forrest Cole (907) 228-6200. Revision of FR Notice Published on 12/10/2004: Correction to Contact Person Telephone Number.

Dated: December 20, 2004.

Robert W. Hargrove,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0422; FRL-7694-1]

Buprofezin; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical 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 identification (ID) number OPP-2004-0422, must be received on or before January 24, 2005.

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:

Richard J. Gebken, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6701; e-mail address: gebken.richard@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 manufacturing (NAICS 311)
- Pesticide manufacturing (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**.

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 ID number OPP-2004-0422. 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, 1801 S. Bell St., 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 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. 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.

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 I.B. 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. 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 I.D. 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-2004-0422. 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, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2004-0422. 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 I.C.2. 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) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2004-0422.

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, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2004-0422. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit I.B.1.

D. 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.**

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. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
7. 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?

EPA has received a pesticide petition as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that this petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in FFDCA section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated

the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Feed additives, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

Meredith F. Laws,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summary of Petition

The petitioner summary of the pesticide petition is printed below as required by FFDCA section 408(d)(3). The summary of the petition was prepared by the petitioner and represents the view of the petitioner. The petition summary announces the availability of a description of the analytical methods available to EPA for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemical residues or an explanation of why no such method is needed.

Nichino America, Inc.

PP 4F6887

EPA has received a revision to pesticide petition (PP 4F6887) from Nichino America, Inc., 4550 New Linden Hill Road, Suite 501, Wilmington, DE 19808, proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR 180.511 by establishing permanent tolerances for residues of buprofezin (2-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)imino]tetrahydro-3(1-methylethyl)-5-phenyl-4H-1,3,5-thiadiazin-4-one) in or on the following raw agricultural commodities: Head lettuce, leaf lettuce, vegetables, cucurbits, group 9.

A. Background

In the **Federal Register** of August 26, 1998 (63 FR 45483) (FRL-5791-1), EPA issued a notice pursuant to section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d)(3), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) (Public Law 104-170) announcing the filing of a pesticide petition (PP 7F4923) by Nichino America, Inc., 4550 New Linden Hill Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. The petition requested that 40 CFR 180.511 be amended by establishing a tolerance for residues of the insecticide buprofezin in or on head lettuce, leaf lettuce, and vegetables, cucurbits, group 9 at 5.0, 13.0, and 0.50 parts per million (ppm), respectively.

The notice included a summary of the petition prepared by Nichino America, Inc., the registrant. There were no comments received in response to the initial notice of filing. On August 31, 2000 (65 FR 52938) (FRL-6740-1), EPA issued a final rule under section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d)(3), announcing the establishment of time-limited tolerances in conjunction to the original pesticide petition (PP 7F4923).

These tolerances were time-limited because the Agency lacked data on a developmental neurotoxicity study in rats (OPPTS Harmonized Guideline 870.6300) guideline requirement (40 CFR part 158) for food/feed use, validation of frozen storage intervals, petition method validation, an interference study, a confirmatory method, and additional cantaloupe and leaf lettuce field trials.

Nichino America, Inc. has addressed all the data deficiencies, identified in the final rule described above, and is therefore requesting that permanent tolerances be established for head and leaf lettuce and vegetables, cucurbits, group 7 at 5.0, 13.0, and 0.50 ppm, respectively.

B. Toxicological Profile

An extensive battery of toxicology studies has been conducted with buprofezin. EPA has evaluated the available toxicity data and considered its validity, completeness, and reliability as well as the relationship of the results of the studies to human risk. The nature of the toxic effects caused by buprofezin is discussed in Unit III.A. of the final rule on Buprofezin Pesticide Tolerance published in the **Federal Register** of August 31, 2000 (65 FR 52938) (FRL-6740-1). A subsequent assessment of toxic effects caused by buprofezin, including the toxicological endpoints of concern, is discussed in Unit III.A. and Unit III.B. of the final rule in the **Federal Register** published June 25, 2003 (68 FR 37766) (FRL-7310-7).

C. Aggregate Exposure

The Agency conducted acute and chronic dietary risk analyses using the Dietary Exposure Evaluation Model (DEEMTM) and concluded that acute exposure to buprofezin, as a result of dietary exposure, is below the Agency's level of concern. The anticipated residues were used for evaluation. The Agency evaluated chronic risk for buprofezin, as a result of dietary (food and water) exposure, is below the Agency's level of concern. The Agency concluded with reasonable certainty that residues of buprofezin in food and

drinking water do not contribute significantly to the acute or chronic aggregate human health risk.

The term residential exposure is used in this document to refer to non-occupational, non-dietary exposure (e.g., for lawn and garden pest control, indoor pest control, termiticides, and flea and tick control on pets). Buprofezin is not registered for use on any sites that would result in residential exposure.

D. Cumulative Effects

A determination has not been made that buprofezin has a common mechanism of toxicity with other substances. Buprofezin does not appear to produce a common toxic metabolite with other substances. A cumulative risk assessment was, therefore, not performed for this analysis.

E. Safety Determination

Based on the acute dietary, chronic dietary, and water risk assessments, EPA concludes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to the general population and to infants and children from aggregate exposure to buprofezin residues.

F. International Tolerances

Canada, Codex, and Mexico do not have maximum residue limits for residues of buprofezin in/on the proposed crops. Therefore, harmonization is not an issue.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Economic Impact Policy

This notice is to inform the public that the Export-Import Bank of the United States has received an application to finance the export of approximately \$1.2 billion in U.S. semiconductor manufacturing equipment to dedicated foundries in China. The U.S. exports will enable the dedicated 200-mm and 300-mm foundries to produce approximately 80,000 wafers per month (200-mm equivalent) of logic products. Available information indicates that some of this new production will be exported from China and consumed globally. Interested parties may submit comments on this transaction by e-mail to economic.impact@exim.gov or by mail to 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1238, Washington, DC 20571, within 14

days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Helene S. Walsh,

Director, Policy Oversight and Review.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Request for Additional Information

The Commission gives notice that it has requested that the parties to the below listed agreement provide additional information pursuant to section 6(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1705(d). The Commission has determined that further information is necessary to evaluate the proposed agreement modification. This action prevents the agreement modification from becoming effective as originally scheduled.

Agreement No.: 011453-004.

Title: Southern Africa/Oceania Agreement.

Parties: Safmarine Container Lines N.V.; Mediterranean Shipping Co., S.A.; and A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collections by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1,