

determined that potential respondents to this ICR may include, but is not limited to: Chemical manufacturers and processors (NAICS code 325); Pesticide, fertilizer, and other agricultural chemical manufacturing (NAICS code 3253); Producers and formulators of pesticide products (NAICS code 32532); Producers of antifouling paints (NAICS code 32551); Producers of antimicrobial pesticides (NAICS code 32561); Producers of nitrogen stabilizers (NAICS code 32531); and Producers of wood preservatives (NAICS code 32519).

Title: Tier 1 Screening of Certain Chemicals Under the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP).

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 2249.01, OMB Control No. 2070–new.

ICR status: This ICR is for a new information collection activity. 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 number for this ICR will be displayed by publication in the **Federal Register** and by inclusion of a Paperwork Reduction notice on the related collection instrument, i.e., test order and/or form.

Abstract: This new ICR covers the information collection activities associated with Tier 1 screening of the first group of chemicals under the EDSP. The EDSP is established under section 408(p) of the FFDCA, which requires endocrine screening of all pesticide chemicals and was established in response to growing scientific evidence that humans, domestic animals, and fish and wildlife species have exhibited adverse health consequences from exposure to environmental chemicals that interact with their endocrine systems.

The EDSP, which was established in 1998, consists of a two-tiered approach to screen all pesticide chemicals for potential endocrine disrupting effects. The purpose of Tier 1 screening (referred to as “screening”) is to identify substances that have the potential to interact with the estrogen, androgen, or thyroid hormone systems using a battery of assays. The purpose of Tier 2 testing (referred to as “testing”), therefore, is to identify and establish a dose-response relationship for any adverse effects that might result from the interactions identified through the Tier 1 assays. Additional information about the EDSP is available through the Agency’s web site at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/ospendo/index.htm>.

EPA is currently implementing the EDSP in three major parts that are being developed in parallel and with substantial work on each well

underway: 1) Assay validation; 2) Priority setting; and 3) Procedures. This ICR is related to the third component of the EDSP, i.e., the procedures for Tier 1 screening. This ICR is not intended to cover all of the activities currently underway for the EDSP. Instead, the focus of this ICR is on the information collection activities associated with the Tier 1 screening of the 73 chemicals identified for initial screening under the EDSP. A separate ICR will be developed to address the information collection activities associated with Tier 2 testing. In addition, subsequent Tier 1 screening of additional chemicals not selected for the initial round will be addressed in a future ICR, either when this ICR is amended in three years or in a separate ICR. In either case, EPA will follow the notice and comment process prescribed by the PRA to first seek public comment on the ICR before submitting it to OMB for review and approval under the PRA.

Burden statement: The annualized public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2,649 hours per response, although individual respondent burden varies based on their individual activities. 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; 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 which have subsequently changed; 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, a copy of which is available in the docket, provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 445.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: Two responses per chemical: An initial response and the final data submission. All respondents will provide an initial response, while only those that generate the data will complete the final data submission.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 93,655 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$6,887,418. This includes an estimated annualized cost of \$267 for non-burden hour or delivery costs.

III. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. Although included as attachments to the ICR, EPA has issued a separate **Federal Register** document to solicit public review and comments on the related draft policy describing the procedures for responding to the 408(p) order, and the draft template for the 408(p) order itself. In addition to considering comments submitted on the ICR, EPA will also consider comments received on those documents in response to that separate solicitation. Changes to those documents may result in changes to the ICR as well. 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: November 29, 2007.

James B. Gulliford,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8505–5]

Underground Injection Control Program, Hazardous Waste Injection Restrictions; Petition for Exemption—Class I Hazardous Waste Injection; Solutia, Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of final decisions on no migration petition reissuances.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that exemptions to the land disposal restrictions under the 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act have been granted to Solutia, Inc.

Chocolate Bayou Facility (Solutia) for two Class I injection wells located at Alvin, Texas. As required by 40 CFR Part 148, the company has adequately demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Agency by the petitions and supporting documentation that, to a reasonable degree of certainty, there will be no migration of hazardous constituents from the injection zone for as long as the waste remains hazardous. These final decisions allow the underground injection by Solutia, of the specific restricted hazardous wastes identified in these exemptions, into Class I hazardous waste injection wells Nos. WDW-13 and WDW-318 at the Chocolate Bayou, Alvin, Texas facility, until December 31, 2020, unless EPA moves to terminate these exemptions under provisions of 40 CFR 148.24. Additional conditions included in these final decisions may be reviewed by contacting the Region 6 Ground Water/ UIC Section. As required by 40 CFR 148.22(b) and 124.10, a public notice was issued October 15, 2007. The public comment period closed on November 29, 2007. No comments were received. These decisions constitute final Agency action and there is no Administrative appeal. These decisions may be reviewed/appealed in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

DATES: These actions are effective as of December 4, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the petitions and all pertinent information relating thereto are on file at the following location:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Water Quality Protection Division, Source Water Protection Branch (6WQ-S), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Dellinger, Chief Ground Water/ UIC Section, EPA—Region 6, telephone (214) 665-7150.

Dated: December 4, 2007.

William K. Honker,

Acting Division Director, Water Quality Protection Division (6WQ).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8505-3]

Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207 (Patents) and 37 CFR part 404 (U.S. Government patent licensing regulations), EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant, for a specific field of use, an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license to practice the invention described and claimed in the U.S. Patent No. 6,821,425, entitled "Biomass Concentrator Reactor," issued November 23, 2004, and all corresponding patents issued throughout the world, and all reexamined patents and reissued patents granted in connection with such patent, to Purestream ES, L.L.C. of Walton, Kentucky.

The invention was announced as being available for licensing in the October 11, 2007 issue of the **Federal Register** (72 FR 57937). The proposed exclusive license will contain appropriate terms, limitations, and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.5 and § 404.7 of the U.S. Government patent licensing regulations.

EPA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the exclusive license, unless within 15 days from the date of this notice EPA receives, at the address below, written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The documentation from objecting parties having an interest in practicing the above patents should include an application for an exclusive or nonexclusive license with the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8. The EPA Patent Attorney and other EPA officials will review all written responses and then make recommendations on a final decision to the Director or Deputy Director of the National Risk Management Research Laboratory, who have been delegated the authority to issue patent licenses under EPA Delegation 1-55.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by EPA at the address listed below by December 28, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Scalise, Patent Attorney, Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2377A), Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-8303.

Dated: December 7, 2007.

Geoffrey Cooper,

Acting Associate General Counsel, General Law Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2007-1080; FRL-8340-3]

RIN [2070-AD61]

Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP); Draft Policies and Procedures for Initial Screening; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the availability of and solicits public comment on EPA's draft policies and procedures for initial screening under the Agency's Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP). The EDSP is established under section 408(p) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), which requires endocrine screening of all pesticide chemicals and was established in response to growing scientific evidence that humans, domestic animals, and fish and wildlife species have exhibited adverse health consequences from exposure to environmental chemicals that interact with their endocrine systems. This document provides specific details on the policies and the related procedures that EPA is considering adopting for initial screening under the EDSP. In general, the Agency has tried to develop policies that could be used in subsequent data collection efforts. However, EPA expects that these policies may be modified as a result of the Agency's experience applying them to the first chemicals to undergo testing. This document also discusses the statutory requirements associated with and format of the test orders, as well as EPA's procedures for fair and equitable sharing of test costs and data confidentiality. EPA will also be holding a public meeting to discuss these policies and procedures. A separate **Federal Register** document announced the details of the public meeting.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 11, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2007-1080, by one of the following methods:

• *Federal e-Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.