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Chitin/Chitosan and Farnesol/Nerolidol Registration Review Proposed Final Decision; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's proposed registration review decisions for the pesticides cases Chitin/Chitosan and Farnesol/Nerolidol and opens a public comment period on the proposed registration review decisions. Registration review is EPA's periodic review of pesticide registrations to ensure that each pesticide continues to satisfy the statutory standard for registration, that is, that the pesticide can perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that each pesticide's registration is based on current scientific and other knowledge, including its effects on human health and the environment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 6, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) numbers EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0566 for Chitin and Chitosan, and EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0569 for Farnesol and Nerolidol, by one of the following methods:

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

- *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The

Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID numbers and the regulatory contacts listed under Table 1 for each of the cases to which you are submitting a comment. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow the instructions on the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although, listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The

hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the biopesticides included in this document, contact the specific Regulatory contact, as identified in the Table in Unit II.A. for the biopesticide of interest. The mailing address and additional contact information is Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, (7511P); Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8712; fax number: (703) 308-7026.

For general questions on the registration review program, contact Peter Caulkins, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6550; fax number: (703) 308-8090; e-mail address: caulkins.peter@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may 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. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, 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 claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).

ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. Background

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This notice opens a 60-day public comment period on the subject proposed registration review decisions. The Agency is proposing registration review decisions for the pesticide cases shown in the following Table.

Table 1.—Registration Review Dockets - Proposed final decisions

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Pesticide Docket ID Number	Regulatory Contact name, Phone Number, E-mail Address
Chitin and Chitosan; Case 6063	EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0566	Chris Pfeifer (703) 308-0031 pfeifer.chris@epa.gov
Case 6061; Farnesol and Nerolidol; Case 6061	EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0569	Russell Jones (703) 308-5071 jones.russell@epa.gov

The dockets for registration review of these pesticide cases include earlier documents related to the registration review of the subject cases. For example, the review opened with the posting of a Summary Document, containing a Preliminary Work Plan (PWP), for public comment. A Final Work Plan (FWP) was posted to the docket following public comment on the initial docket. The documents in the initial docket described the Agency's rationales for not conducting new risk assessments for the registration review of Chitin/Chitosan (Case 6063) or Farnesol/Nerolidol (Case 6061). These proposed registration review decisions now included in the dockets continue to be supported by those rationales included in documents in the initial dockets. Following public comment, the Agency will issue a final registration review decision for each case.

The registration review program is being conducted under congressionally mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes the need both to make timely decisions and to involve the public. Section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended in 1996 required EPA to establish by regulation procedures for reviewing pesticide registrations, originally with a goal of reviewing each pesticide's registration every 15 years to ensure that a pesticide continues to meet the FIFRA standard for registration. The Agency's final rule to implement this program was issued in

August 2006 and became effective in October 2006 and appears at 40 CFR 155.40 et seq. The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 ("PRIA") was amended and extended in September 2007. FIFRA as amended by PRIA in 2007 requires EPA to complete registration review decisions by October 1, 2022 for all pesticides registered as of October 1, 2007. The registration review final rule provides for a minimum 60-day public comment period for all proposed registration review decisions.

This comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary amendments to the proposed decision(s). All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. These comments will become part of the Agency Dockets for Chitin/Chitosan and Farnesol/Nerolidol. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. The Agency will carefully consider all comments received by the closing date and will provide a Response to Comments Memorandum in the Dockets and www.regulations.gov. The final registration review decisions will explain the effect that any comments have had on the decisions. Background on the registration review program is provided at: http://www.epa.gov/oppsrd1/registration_review/. Quick links to

earlier documents related to the registration review of this pesticide are provided at: http://www.epa.gov/oppsrd1/registration_review/reg_review_status.htm. Additional information about biopesticides can be obtained by an alphabetical search of the Biopesticide Active Ingredient Fact Sheets on <http://www.epa.gov/opbppd1/biopesticides/ingredients/index.htm>.

B. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

FIFRA Section 3(g) and 40 CFR 155.40 provide authority for this action.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, registration review, pesticides, and pests.

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