This rule is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it is not economically significant and EPA has no reason to believe the environmental health or safety risks addressed by this action present a disproportionate risk to children.

H. Executive Order 12311 (Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use)

This rule is not subject to Executive Order 12311, “Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use” (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001), because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

I. National Technology Transfer Advancement Act

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA), Public Law 104–113, 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies. The NTTAA directs EPA to provide Congress, through OMB, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

This rulemaking does not involve technical standards. Therefore, EPA is not considering the use of any voluntary consensus standards.

J. Executive Order 12898—Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations

Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994) establishes Federal executive policy on environmental justice. Its main provision directs Federal agencies, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, to make environmental justice part of their mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States.

EPA has determined that this rule will not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations because (1) since Wisconsin’s criteria apply to all marine waters in the State, EPA does not believe that this action would disproportionately affect any one group over another, and (2) EPA has previously determined, based on the most current science and EPA’s CWA Section 304(a) recommended criteria, that Wisconsin’s adopted and EPA-approved criteria are protective of human health and aquatic life.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 132

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Great Lakes, Indian lands, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water pollution control.

Dated: March 7, 2011.

Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 40 CFR Part 132 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 132—WATER QUALITY GUIDANCE FOR THE GREAT LAKES SYSTEM

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

Section 132.6 is amended by revising paragraphs (f) and (g) to read as follows:

§ 132.6 Application of part 132 requirements in Great Lakes States and Tribes.

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(f) Effective [insert date to be determined in final rule], the chronic aquatic life criterion for endrin in Table 2 of this part shall apply to the waters of the Great Lakes System in the State of Wisconsin, designated as Warm Water Sportfish and Warm Water Forage Fish aquatic life use. Effective [insert date], the criterion for acute and chronic copper and nickel in Tables 1 and 2 of this part may be removed and reserved.

(g) Effective [insert date to be determined in final rule], the chronic aquatic life criterion for selenium in Table 2 of this part shall apply to the waters of the Great Lakes System in the State of Wisconsin, designated by Wisconsin as Limited Forage Fish aquatic life use.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 152, 158, and 174


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Pesticides; Data Requirements for Plant-Incorporated Protectants (PIPs) and Certain Exemptions for PIPs; Notification to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

SUMMARY: This document notifies the public that the Administrator of EPA has forwarded to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services a draft proposed rule under sections 21 and 25(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The draft proposed rule will propose codifying data requirements that specifically address the registration data needs of plant-incorporated protectants (PIPs). These data requirements are intended to provide EPA with data and other information necessary for the registration of a PIP or the issuance of an experimental use permit for a PIP. Also, EPA will propose to exempt cisgenic PIPs from registration to encourage research and development of useful biotechnology and reduce the number of PIPs seeking registration. Cisgenic PIPs are formed when genetic material is transferred, using bioengineering technology, between plants that could transfer the genetic material naturally.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2009–0499. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in http://www.regulations.gov. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (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 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 Docket Facility is open 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: Rose Kyprianou, Field and External Affairs Division (7506P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–5354; e-mail address: kyprianou.rose@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. It simply announces the submission of a draft proposed rule to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and does not otherwise affect any specific entities. This action may, however, be of particular interest to those persons who produce or register plant-incorporated protectants (PIPs) under FIFRA or may seek a tolerance or tolerance exemption for a PIP under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). This action may also be of interest to those persons involved in biotechnology research or development of PIPs. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be interested in this action. If you have any questions regarding this action, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

II. What action is EPA taking?

Section 25(a)(2) of FIFRA provides that the Administrator must provide the Secretary of Agriculture with a copy of any draft proposed rule at least 60 days before signing it for publication in the Federal Register. Similarly, section 21(b) of FIFRA provides that the Administrator must provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with a copy of any draft proposed rule pertaining to a public health pesticide at least 60 days before signing it for publication in the Federal Register. The draft proposed rule is not available to the public until after it has been signed by EPA. If either Secretary comments in writing regarding the draft proposed rule within 30 days after receiving it, the Administrator shall include in the proposed rule when published in the Federal Register the comments of the Secretary and the Administrator’s response to those comments. If neither Secretary comments in writing within 30 days after receiving the draft proposed rule, the Administrator may sign the proposed regulation for publication in the Federal Register anytime after the 30-day period.

III. Do any Statutory and Executive Order reviews apply to this notification?

No. This document is not a proposed rule, it is merely a notification of submission to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. As such, none of the regulatory assessment requirements apply to this document.

List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 152

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Pesticides and pesticides, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 158

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pesticides, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 174

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pesticides, Plant-incorporated protectants, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 4, 2011.

Steven Bradbury,
Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67


Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On October 5, 2010, FEMA published in the Federal Register a proposed rule that included erroneous Base Flood Elevation (BFE) location descriptions for Pollard Creek Tributary No. 5 in Palo Pinto County, Texas. The location description for the proposed BFE of 1,032 feet, referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, should have located the proposed BFE as being just upstream of Northeast 23rd Street; and the location description for the proposed BFE of 1,049 feet, referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, should have located the proposed BFE as being approximately 850 feet upstream of Northeast 23rd Street.

DATES: Comments pertaining to the location descriptions for the Pollard Creek Tributary No. 5 BFEs are to be submitted on or before June 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA–B–1147, to Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–4064 or (e-mail) luis.rodriguez1@dhs.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes proposed determinations of Base (1% annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and modified BFEs for communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed BFEs and modified BFEs, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are minimum requirements. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in those buildings.