

WAPA is the Federal agency responsible for marketing and selling the electricity generated at these facilities. WAPA markets the power generated at Falcon and Amistad as a combined product to only one customer—the South Texas Electric Cooperative. The cost of the power is determined by a power rate formula. This power rate formula was initially approved by the Federal Power Commission (FPC), the predecessor to FERC, in FPC Docket No. E-9566 on August 12, 1977 (59 FPC 1653), for a 5-year period effective on the date of initial operation of Amistad Power Plant, June 8, 1983.¹

The power rate formula calculates the revenue WAPA must annually repay to the Department of the Treasury for the United States' investment in the Falcon and Amistad hydroelectric facilities with interest, as well as associated operation, maintenance, and administrative costs. This annual installment is collected in 12 monthly payments and is independent of the amount of available generation. The existing rate formula provides sufficient revenue to recover annual expenses, interest, and capital replacements, within the cost recovery criteria set forth in Department of Energy (DOE) Order RA 6120.2; therefore, WAPA proposes to extend the current rate formula schedule for 5 years.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to WAPA's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve on a final basis, remand, or disapprove such rates to FERC. This extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR 903.23(a).

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), WAPA determined that it is not necessary to hold a public information or public comment forum, but WAPA is providing a 30-day comment period on the proposed formula rate extension to allow for public participation. Comments must be received by the end of the comment period. WAPA will post comments received to its website: [https://](https://www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/rates/Pages/rates.aspx)

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Mark A. Gabriel,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0671; FRL-9987-10]

Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of application 73049-EUP-RN from Valent BioSciences LLC, requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for aminoethoxyvinylglycine. EPA has determined that the permit may be of regional or national significance. Therefore, because of the potential significance, EPA is seeking comments on this application.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket Identification (ID) Number EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0671, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- **Mail:** OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert McNally, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs,

Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, EPA has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

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](https://www.regulations.gov) or email. 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 preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

3. **Environmental justice.** EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, EPA seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the agency taking?

Under section 5 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136c, EPA can

¹ A 5-year rate extension of this same power formula rate through June 7, 1993, was approved by FERC on June 20, 1988, at 44 FERC ¶ 62,058. Subsequent 5-year extensions of the formula rate have been approved by FERC; the most recent approval was on April 9, 2015, in Docket No. EF14-9-000, which approved the same formula rate through June 7, 2019.

allow manufacturers to field test pesticides under development. Manufacturers are required to obtain an EUP before testing new pesticides or new uses of pesticides if they conduct experimental field tests on more than 10 acres of land or more than one surface acre of water.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 172.11(a), EPA has determined that the following EUP application may be of regional or national significance, and therefore is seeking public comment on the EUP application:

Submitter: Valent BioSciences LLC, (73049-EUP-RN).

Pesticide Chemical:
Aminoethoxyvinylglycine.

Summary of Request: Valent BioSciences LLC (Valent) submitted a request for an experimental use permit (EUP) that will involve application of an end-use product (EP) (ReTain OL Plant Growth Regulator Liquid Concentrate) that contains the active ingredient aminoethoxyvinylglycine (AVG). Concurrently, Valent also petitioned EPA to establish temporary tolerances (*i.e.*, 0.065 parts per million (ppm) of AVG in or on apple and 0.065 ppm of AVG in or on pear) for 3 years for harvest management in commercial apple and pear production. The EP is to be applied via spray to apples and pears across a total of 5,500 acres per year for 3 years in the following states: Washington (5,000 acres), Michigan (100 acres), Pennsylvania (100 acres), Connecticut (75 acres), Massachusetts (75 acres), Vermont (75 acres), and Virginia (75 acres). The EP will be applied at a maximum amount per year of 112,000 fluid ounces and at a maximum rate per acre of 20 fluid ounces.

Following the review of the application and any comments and data received in response to this solicitation, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: December 4, 2018.

Delores Barber,

Director, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0578; FRL-9987-06]

Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received applications to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any currently registered pesticide products. Pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA is hereby providing notice of receipt and opportunity to comment on these applications.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by the Docket Identification (ID)

Number and the File Symbol of interest as shown in the body of this document, by one of the following methods:

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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. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

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2. **Tips for preparing your comments.** When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

II. Registration Applications

EPA has received applications to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any currently registered pesticide products. Pursuant to the provisions of FIFRA section 3(c)(4) (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(4)), EPA is hereby providing notice of receipt and opportunity to comment on these applications. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on these applications.

III. New Active Ingredients

File Symbol: 71771-RE. **Docket ID number:** EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0687. **Applicant:** Plant Health Care, Inc., 2626 Glenwood Ave., Suite 350, Raleigh, NC 27608. **Product name:** PHC-91398. **Active ingredient:** Plant regulator-Ea Peptide 91398 at 1%. **Proposed use:** To stimulate growth and defense systems in agricultural plants. **Contact:** BPPD.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*