

The Interregional Research Project (IR-4), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 500 College Road East, Suite 201 W, Princeton, NJ 08540. *Active ingredient:* Flupyradifurone. *Product type:* Insecticide. *Proposed Use:* Stalk and stem vegetable subgroup 22A, except prickly pear, pads and prickly pear, Texas pads; sesame, seed; sunflower subgroup 20B; coffee, green bean; tropical and subtropical, palm fruit, edible peel, subgroup 23C; sorghum, sweet; pineapple; grass, forage, fodder and hay, group 17; tropical and subtropical, inedible peel, cactus, subgroup 24D. *Contact:* RD.

3. *EPA Registration Number:* 7969–56. *Docket ID number:* EPA–HQ–OPP–2019–0461. *Applicant:* BASF Corporation, 26 Davis Drive PO Box 13528 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709–3528. *Active ingredient:* Sethoxydim. *Product type:* Herbicide. *Proposed use:* Basil. *Contact:* RD.

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

Dated: September 16, 2019.

**Delores Barber,**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2017–0693; FRL–9996–49]

### Final Test Guideline; Series 810—Product Performance Test Guideline; Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the availability of the final product performance test guideline for premises treatments. This test guideline is part of a series of test guidelines established by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) for use in testing pesticides and chemical substances. The test guidelines serve as a compendium of accepted scientific methodologies and protocols for testing that are intended to provide data to inform regulatory decisions. This test guideline, which is identified as OCSPP Test Guideline 810.3500, provides guidance for conducting a study to determine pesticide product performance against invertebrate pests of premises and is used by EPA, the public, and companies that submit data to EPA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Goodis, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–7090; email address: [RDfRNotices@epa.gov](mailto:RDfRNotices@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Introduction

EPA is announcing the availability of a final test guideline, OCSPP Test Guideline 810.3500: Premises Treatments.

This test guideline is part of a series of test guidelines established by OCSPP for use in testing pesticides and chemical substances to develop data for submission to the Agency under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) section 408 (21 U.S.C. 346a), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*), and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). The test guidelines serve as a compendium of accepted scientific methodologies and protocols that are intended to provide data to inform regulatory decisions under TSCA, FIFRA, and/or FFDCA.

The test guidelines are used by EPA, the public, and companies that are subject to data submission requirements under TSCA, FIFRA, and/or FFDCA. As guidance documents, the test guidelines are not binding on either EPA or any outside parties, and EPA may depart from the test guidelines where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. At places in this guidance, the Agency uses the word “should.” In this guidance, use of “should” with regard to an action means that the action is recommended rather than mandatory. The procedures contained in the test guidelines are recommended for generating the data that are the subject of the test guideline, but EPA recognizes that departures may be appropriate in specific situations. You may propose alternatives to the recommendations described in the test guidelines, and the Agency will assess them for appropriateness on a case-by-case basis.

### II. 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 are or may be required to conduct testing of pesticides and chemical substances for submission to EPA under TSCA, FIFRA, and/or FFDCA, the Agency has not attempted to describe all

the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

#### B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

1. *Docket for this document.* The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2017–0693, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305–5805. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

2. *Electronic access to the OCSPP test guidelines.* To access OCSPP test guidelines electronically, please go to <http://www.epa.gov/ocspp/pubs/frs/home/testmeth.htm>. You may also access the test guidelines in <http://www.regulations.gov>, grouped by series under docket ID numbers: EPA–HQ–OPPT–2009–0150 through EPA–HQ–OPPT–2009–0159 and EPA–HQ–OPPT–2009–0576.

### III. Overview

#### A. What action is EPA taking?

EPA is announcing the availability of a final test guideline under Series 810.3500 entitled “Premises Treatments” and identified as OCSPP Test Guideline 810.3500. This revised guideline replaces the original version published in 1998. The guideline provides recommendations for the design and execution of laboratory studies to evaluate the performance of pesticide products intended to kill, control, flush, and/or knock down invertebrate pests of premises, such as cockroaches, ticks, mosquitoes, flies, and wasps in connection with registration of pesticide products under the FIFRA (7 U.S.C. 136, *et seq.*). It does not apply to efficacy testing for treatment of livestock or pets, wide-area mosquito control, structural protection from termites, or bed bug products.

#### B. How was this final test guideline developed?

EPA-registered pesticide products are an important part of pest management programs for pests of premises. The Agency developed the product

performance test guidelines to standardize the approaches to testing methods to ensure the quality and validity of the efficacy data for these types of products. The Agency attended entomology conferences, consulted with leading academics, and reviewed peer-reviewed scientific journal articles on topics related to the guideline to draft the original document. Further, EPA sought advice and recommendations from the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) and the public. The SAP meeting, held on May 8–10, 2018, was announced in the **Federal Register** issue of January 26, 2018 (83 FR 3704) (FRL–9972–65). This guideline has been revised based on comments from the SAP and the public. The revisions include clarifying bait product testing, offering more flexibility in testing design, updating the replication recommendations based on statistical modeling and ease of obtaining pests, and refining the statistical analyses recommendations. The Agency is also making available in the docket a Response to Comments document that addresses issue raised in the public comment submission.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*; 21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*

Dated: September 24, 2019.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OA–2019–0370; FRL–9047–2]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Final Rule at 40 CFR Part 8: Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Renewal)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), “Final Rule at 40 CFR part 8: Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica” (EPA ICR No. 1808.09, OMB Control No. 2020–0007) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, the EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the

proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through May 31, 2020. 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before Friday, November 29, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OA–2019–0370 online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

The EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Roemele, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities, Mail Code 2203A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202–564–5632; fax number: 202–564–0070; email address: [roemele.julie@epa.gov](mailto:roemele.julie@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202–566–1744. For additional information about EPA’s public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. The EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, the EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** The EPA’s regulations at 40 CFR part 8, Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Rule), were promulgated pursuant to the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (Act), 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2403a, which implements the Protocol on Environmental Protection (Protocol) to the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 (Treaty). The Rule provides for assessment of the environmental impacts of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica, including tourism, for which the United States is required to give advance notice under Paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Treaty, and for coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received from other Parties under the Protocol. The requirements of the Rule apply to operators of nongovernmental expeditions organized or proceeding from the territory of the United States to Antarctica and include commercial and non-commercial expeditions. Expeditions may include ship-based tours; yacht, skiing or mountaineering expeditions; privately funded research expeditions; and other nongovernmental activities. The Rule does not apply to individual U.S. citizens or groups of citizens planning travel to Antarctica on an expedition for which they are not acting as an operator. (Operators, for example, typically acquire use of vessels or aircraft, hire expedition staff, plan itineraries, and undertake other organizational responsibilities.) The rule provides nongovernmental operators with the specific requirements they need to meet in order to comply with the requirements of Article 8 and Annex I to the Protocol. The provisions of the Rule are intended to ensure that potential environmental effects of nongovernmental activities undertaken in Antarctica are appropriately identified and considered by the operator during the planning process and that to the extent practicable