listed species and designated critical habitats under the jurisdiction of FWS;
(12) Notes in Part 1.1.2.4 that aerial image of the pest management area(s) may not be needed if EPA’s geospatial mapping tool is available to provide supporting documentation when selecting ESA eligibility Criterion A;
(13) Directs Decision-makers who are required to submit an NOI to include activities resulting in a discharge to waters of the United States containing FWS Listed Resources of Concern on the NOI (Part 1.2.2), and updates the NOI form to reflect this change (Appendix D);
(14) Updates Appendix I, Endangered Species Procedures, to clarify the procedures with a worksheet format to guide Operators through the ESA eligibility criteria.

IV. Cost Impacts of the Draft 2026 PGP

Based on the cost analyses performed for EPA’s previously issued PGPs, EPA expects the costs that covered entities, including small businesses, will bear to comply with this permit will be minimal. Since the draft 2026 PGP is largely similar to the 2021 PGP, EPA projects that the proposed changes will have minimal incremental cost impacts on regulated entities. Copies of EPA’s economic analyses and cost impact analyses for EPA’s previously issued PGPs are available in the docket for this permit. See Appendix D of the draft 2026 PGP Fact Sheet for further discussion of the potential incremental costs of the draft 2026 PGP.

V. Statutory and Executive Orders Reviews

A. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review and Executive Order 13563: Improving Regulations and Regulatory Review

The draft 2026 PGP is not a significant regulatory action and was therefore not submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

B. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations and Executive Order 14096: Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All

EPA believes that the human health and environmental conditions that exist prior to this action is not likely to result in disproportionate and adverse effects on communities with EJ concerns. As part of the general permit development process, EPA reviews available information to evaluate whether issuance of a permit could affect overburdened communities. The information supporting this Executive Order review is contained in Appendix E of the draft 2026 PGP Fact Sheet.

C. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

This action does not have tribal implications as specified in Executive Order 13175. It will neither impose substantial direct compliance costs on federally recognized tribal governments, nor preempt tribal law. EPA directly implements the NPDES Program, including the 2026 PGP when it is finalized, in Indian Country; therefore, in compliance with EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes, EPA consulted with tribal officials early in the process to provide tribes an opportunity to have meaningful and timely input into the renewal of the PGP. To gain an understanding of, and where necessary, to address tribal implications of the draft 2026 PGP, EPA conducted the following activities:

- August 22, 2023—EPA emailed notification letters to tribal leaders initiating consultation and coordination on the renewal of the PGP. The initiation letter was also posted on EPA’s Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) at https://tcots.epa.gov/.
- September 19 and 21, 2023—EPA held two informational webinars open to all tribal representatives and reserved the last part of each webinar for official consultation comments. Eighteen tribal representatives participated in the webinar. No official comments were received during the webinar. The presentation was posted on the tribal portal website at http://tcots.epa.gov.

EPA received one comment from tribes and tribal organizations during the consultation and coordination period. Records of the tribal informational webinar and a consultation summary are included in the docket for this proposed action (Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2023–0268). EPA has considered the comment received in the proposal. The Agency specifically solicits additional comment on this proposed permit during the public comment period. EPA also notes that as part of the finalization of this proposed permit, the Agency will complete the Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures with all authorized tribes where this permit will apply.


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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Pesticide Product Registration;
Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients October 2023

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 December 28, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2023–0070, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting
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).

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 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 https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets.

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. For actions being evaluated under EPA’s public participation process for registration actions, there will be an additional opportunity for public comment on the proposed decisions. Please see EPA’s public participation website for additional information on this process (https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/public-participation-process-registration-actions).

New Active Ingredients

File Symbols: 70506–AGN and 70506–AGR. Docket ID number: EPA–HQ–OPP–2023–0459. Applicant: UPL NA, Inc., 630 Freedom Business Center, Suite 402, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Product names: UPL Glufosinate-P-ammonium Technical and KFD–581–01 Herbicide Product. Active ingredient: Herbicide—L-Glufosinate Ammonium at 92.46% (UPL Glufosinate-P-ammonium Technical) and 23.86% (KFD–581–01 Herbicide Product). Proposed uses: Almond, hulls; beet, sugar, molasses; beet, sugar, roots; bushberry subgroup 13B; canola, meal; canola, seed; cattle, fat; cattle, meat; cattle, meat byproducts; corn, field forage; corn, field, grain; corn, field, stover; corn, sweet, forage; corn, sweet, kernels plus cob with husks removed; corn, sweet, stover; cotton, gin byproducts; cotton, undelinted seed; egg; citrus fruit, crop group 10–10; pome fruit, crop group 11–10; stone fruit, crop group 12–12; goat, fat; goat, meat; goat, meat byproducts; grain aspirated fractions; grape; hog, fat; hog, meat; hog, meat byproducts; horse, fat; horse, meat; horse, meat byproducts; milk; tree nut, crop group 14–12; olive; potato, potato chips; potato granules/ flakes; poultry, fat; poultry, meat; poultry, meat byproducts; sheep, fat; sheep, meat; sheep, meat byproducts; soybean, cotton, and soybean, hulls. Contact: RD.
