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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Does this Notice Apply to Me?**

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all parties interested in FOSTTA and hearing more about the perspectives of the Tribes on EPA programs and the information exchange regarding important issues related to human health and environmental exposure to toxics. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. However, in the interest of time and efficiency, the meetings are structured to provide maximum opportunity for State and EPA participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical people listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### **II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?**

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the NCSL Web site at <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/esnr/fostta/fostta.htm>. To access this document on the EPA Internet Home Page go to <http://www.epa.gov> and select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/FOSTTA>.

2. *Facsimile.* Notify the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** if you would like any of the documents sent to you via fax.

#### **III. Purpose of Meeting**

The tentative agenda items identified by the Tribes follow:

1. OPPTS tribal strategy.
2. Tribal subsistence summit.
3. Lead-TAS determinations.
4. Other topics as appropriate.

#### **IV. How Can I Request To Participate in this Meeting?**

You may submit a request to participate in this meeting in the mail or electronically to the names under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered Confidential Business Information. Your request must be received by EPA on or before June 7, 2001.

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.

Dated: May 22, 2001.

**Clarence O. Lewis, III,**

*Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-00721; FRL-6785-7]

#### **State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on June 25, 2001 and ending June 26, 2001. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, June 26, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington--Crystal City, VA.

Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00721 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Philip H. Gray, SFIREG Executive

Secretary, P.O. Box 1249, Hardwick, VT 05843-1249; telephone number: (802) 472-6956; fax (802) 472-6957; e-mail address: [aapco@plainfield.bypass.com](mailto:aapco@plainfield.bypass.com).

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. General Information**

##### *A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all parties interested in SFIREG's information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA's decision-making process are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate. Since other entities may also 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. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?*

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00721. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in

those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

#### *C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00721 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-00721. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

#### *D. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?*

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or

all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any 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 version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

#### *E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.

To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

## **II. Purpose of Meetings**

The tentative agenda items identified by the SFIREG follows:

1. Overview pesticide product re-registration for the rest of 2001.
2. NPDES permits—implications of recent court ruling on aquatic pesticide applications.
3. Endangered species: Update on Albuquerque, NM workshop and future direction for state programs.
4. Meeting State's FIFRA training needs—applicability of Eduneering, Inc.'s food safety on-line training model.
5. Regional reports.
6. Committee reports and introduction of issue papers.
7. Update on current OPP activities.
8. SFIREG issue paper status report.
9. Update on current OECA activities.

10. Other topics, as appropriate.
11. Status of mosquito control label review project.

12. FIFRA implications of biosecurity/foot and mouth disease.

## **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.

Dated: May 22, 2001.

**Jay S. Ellenberger,**

*Acting Division Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*  
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-00719; FRL-6783-2]

### **Receipt of a Notification to Conduct Small-Scale Field Testing of a Genetically-Engineered Microbial Pesticide; Notice of Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt from Dr. Brian A. Federick, of the Department of Entomology of the University of California, Riverside, of a notification (57109-NMP-R) of intent to conduct small-scale field testing involving four modified strains of a microorganism, *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *israelensis* H-14, ONR 60A (Bti). These modified strains of Bti have been genetically-engineered to express various combinations of mosquitocidal delta endotoxin proteins from Bti and the mosquitocidal binary protein toxin from *Bacillus sphaericus*. The proposed testing for control of various species of mosquitos will be in tanks and small enclosed artificial ponds. The Agency has determined that this notification may be of regional and national significance. Therefore in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting public comments on this notification.

**DATE:** Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-00719, must be received on or before July 6, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00719 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William R. Schneider, Biopesticides and