

ammonium thiosulfate would be associated with endocrine effects.

C. Aggregate Exposure

1. *Dietary exposure*—i *Food*. There will be no residues of ammonium thiosulfate that will reach any portion of the U.S. population as a result of using ammonium thiosulfate as a blossom thinner on apples. The ammonium and sulfate ions that will arise will not be different from the naturally occurring forms of the ions, which exceed by far the amount that will be applied as a result of the use of the ammonium thiosulfate.

ii. *Drinking water*. Ammonium and sulfate ions that arise from ammonium thiosulfate use will add no additional burden to the drinking water. The end points of the two ions formed as a result of ammonium thiosulfate use will both be used in plant nutrition. The ammonium form of nitrogen resists leaching by binding to the colloid fraction in the soil to resist ground water contamination. The amount of sulfate added as a result of the described use will add an imperceptible amount to the sulfate level already in existence in the soil.

There is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from dietary exposure to ammonium thiosulfate, because dietary exposures to residues on food cannot be differentiated from those that will occur naturally in food, and exposure through drinking water is expected to be insignificant.

2. *Non-dietary exposure*. There is no non-dietary exposure expected, since any ammonium thiosulfate finding its way onto the plants or around any plants will be absorbed and metabolized into naturally occurring plant constituents.

D. Cumulative Effects

There are no cumulative effects expected since the ammonium thiosulfate metabolites are all incorporated into naturally occurring constituents found in all plant systems.

E. Safety Determination

1. *U.S. population*. The natural occurrence of the metabolites of the ammonium and sulfate ions in all plants and in humans is the basis for the Generally Recognized As Safe characterization of the thiosulfate ion and the use of the ammonium ion as a component in nearly all fertilizers, supports the conclusion that there is a "reasonable certainty of no harm" from aggregate exposure to ammonium thiosulfate.

2. *Infants and children*. No developmental, reproductive or

fetotoxic effects have been associated with ammonium thiosulfate and its use as a fertilizer. The calculation of safety margins with respect to ammonium thiosulfate is unnecessary since the ammonium and sulfate ions that will arise from the use of ammonium thiosulfate will add only slightly to the already naturally occurring nitrogen and sulfur pools in existence in various plants. Since there will be no residues of toxicological significance resulting from ammonium thiosulfate, calculations of safety margins are not necessary based on the lack of any unnatural residues.

F. International Tolerances

There is no codex maximum residue level established for ammonium thiosulfate on apple. However, ammonium thiosulfate is widely used as a nutrient in many parts of the world.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticides; Final Guidance for Pesticide Registrants on Labeling of Pesticide Products Under the National Organic Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Agency is announcing the availability of a pesticide registration notice (PR Notice) titled "Labeling of Pesticide Products Under the National Organic Program." This PR Notice was issued by the Agency on January 31, 2003 and is identified as PR Notice 2003-1. PR Notices are issued by the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to inform pesticide registrants and other interested persons about important policies, procedures, and registration related decisions, and serve to provide guidance to pesticide registrants and OPP personnel. This particular final PR Notice provides guidance to the registrant concerning obtaining EPA approval of pesticide product label language indicating that all ingredients (active and inert) in a pesticide product and all uses of that pesticide product meet the criteria defined in the National Organic Program Rule. This notice is being issued because of registrant requests to be able to identify, on pesticide product labels, pesticide products that are allowable under the National Organic Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Torla, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8098; fax number: (703) 308-7026; e-mail address: torla.robert@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. 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 wish to consider including language on their pesticide labeling identifying their pesticide product as allowable under the National Organic Program. 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 information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. What Guidance Does this PR Notice Provide?

This PR Notice provides guidance to the registrant concerning how registrants may obtain EPA approval of label language indicating that all ingredients (active and inert) in a pesticide product and all uses of that product meet the criteria defined in the National Organic Program Rule (7 CFR part 205). This notice provides information on:

1. The conditions which must be met for approval of the label language.
2. An example of acceptable label language.
3. Guidance on materials to be submitted for Agency review.
4. Guidance for inserting label language on pesticide products exempted from FIFRA regulation under 40 CFR 152.25.

III. Do PR Notices Contain Binding Requirements?

The PR Notice discussed in this notice is intended to provide guidance to EPA personnel and decision makers and to pesticide registrants. While the requirements in the statutes and Agency regulations are binding on EPA and the applicants, this PR Notice is not binding on either EPA or pesticide registrants, and EPA may depart from the guidance where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. Likewise, pesticide registrants may assert that the guidance is not appropriate generally or not applicable to a specific pesticide or situation.

IV. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

A. Docket

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2002-0305. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This Docket Facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

B. Electronic Access

You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. You may obtain an electronic copy of other PR Notices, both final and draft, at http://www.epa.gov/oppmsd1/PR_Notices.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the

document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit IV.A. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the Docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: January 31, 2003.

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Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 92-237; DA 03-510]

Next Meeting of the North American Numbering Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On February 28, 2003, the Commission released a public notice announcing the March 19, 2003 meeting and agenda of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of the NANC's next meeting and its agenda.

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2003 9 am.

ADDRESSES: Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, The Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Suite 5-A420, Washington, DC 20554. Requests to make an oral statement or provide written comments to the NANC should be sent to Deborah Blue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Blue, Special Assistant to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (202) 418-1466 or dblue@fcc.gov. The fax number is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Released: February 28, 2003.

The North American Numbering Council (NANC) has scheduled a meeting to be held Wednesday, March 19, 2003, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC. This meeting is open to members of the general public. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many participants as possible. The public may submit written statements to the NANC, which must be received two business days before the meeting. In addition, oral statements at the meeting by parties or entities not represented on the NANC will be permitted to the extent time permits. Such statements will be limited to five minutes in length by any one party or entity, and requests to make an oral statement must be received two business days before the meeting.

Proposed Agenda—Wednesday, March 19, 2003, 9 am

1. Announcements and Recent News
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Meeting of January 22, 2003
3. Report of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA)
 - CO Code activity
 - NRUF Update
 - Publishing NPA and NANP exhaust projections
 - Other NANPA activity
4. Report of National Thousands Block Pooling Administrator
 - Activity report
 - Trend of problems caused by intra-Service Provider porting on