

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

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, the Agency 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 pesticides discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. Authority

Section 408(b)(2)(D)(v) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) directs the Agency to consider available information on the cumulative risk from substances sharing a common mechanism of toxicity. On June 30, 2011, the Agency determined that the naturally occurring pyrethrins and synthetic pyrethroid pesticides share a common mechanism of toxicity. This determination can be found in the document entitled “Draft Science Policy Paper for the Proposed Common Mechanism Grouping for the Pyrethrins and Synthetic Pyrethroids,” which is available in the docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0746.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Cumulative Risk Assessment, Pesticides and pests, Pyrethrins and Pyrethroids.

Dated: October 28, 2011.

Richard P. Keigwin, Jr.

Director, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0001; FRL-9325-7]

SFIREG Full Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO)/State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG), Full Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on December 5, 2011, and ending December 6, 2011. 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, December 5, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at EPA, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.) 2777 Crystal Dr., Arlington VA. First Floor, South Conference Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Kendall, Field External Affairs Division (7506P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; *telephone number:* (703) 305-5561; *fax number:* (703) 305-1850; *email address:* kendall.ron@epa.gov or Grier Stayton, SFIREG Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 466, Milford, DE 19963; *telephone number:* (302) 422-8152; *fax:* (302) 422-2435; *email address:* Stayton, Grier at aapco-sfireg@comcast.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are interested in pesticide regulation issues affecting states and any discussion between EPA and SFIREG on FIFRA field implementation issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA’s decision-making process. You are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

Those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and those who sell, distribute or use pesticides, as well as any non government organization.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be

affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. 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 copies of this document and other related information?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0001. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. Tentative Agenda Topics

1. Bed Bug IP—letter sent to Agency.
2. Endangered Species Act Consultation—letter sent to Agency.
3. Supplemental labeling—status of Office of General Counsel determination of regulatory status of documents associated with supplemental labeling.
4. Chemigation Issue Paper—letter to Agency.
5. Drift recommendation from Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee (POM/WC).
6. POM aluminum phosphide label letter.
7. Self-contained breathing apparatus recommendation from POM/WC.
8. Distributor label recommendation—letter sent in September.
9. Agency response to the SFIREG/Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee letter in support of the aquatic benchmark database.
10. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System update/response to the POM letter on Stay.
11. Performance measures development initiative.
12. Discussion of non-cropland sites definition.
13. September 21, 2011, Label Workshop Report.
14. Imprelis update.
15. Bed bug efforts update.
16. Regional issues.
17. Status of Worker Protection Standard Revision.

III. How can I request to participate in this meeting?

This meeting is open for the public to attend. You may attend the meeting without further notification.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: October 20, 2011.

Jay S. Ellenberger,

Acting Director, Field External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0700; FRL-8892-3]

Pesticide Emergency Exemptions; Agency Decisions and State and Federal Agency Crisis Declarations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted or denied emergency exemptions under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) for use of pesticides as listed in this notice. The exemptions or denials were granted during the period July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011, to control unforeseen pest outbreaks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See each emergency exemption or denial for the name of a contact person. The following information applies to all contact persons: Team Leader, Emergency Response Team, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 306-0309.

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. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

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

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide

for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed at the end of the emergency exemption or denial of interest.

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

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0700. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. Background

EPA has granted or denied emergency exemptions to the following State and Federal agencies. The emergency exemptions may take the following form: Crisis, public health, quarantine, or specific. EPA has also listed denied emergency exemption requests in this notice.

Under FIFRA section 18, EPA can authorize the use of a pesticide when emergency conditions exist. Authorizations (commonly called emergency exemptions) are granted to State and Federal agencies and are of four types:

1. A “specific exemption” authorizes use of a pesticide against specific pests on a limited acreage in a particular State. Most emergency exemptions are specific exemptions.

2. “Quarantine” and “public health” exemptions are emergency exemptions issued for quarantine or public health purposes. These are rarely requested.

3. A “crisis exemption” is initiated by a State or Federal agency (and is confirmed by EPA) when there is insufficient time to request and obtain EPA permission for use of a pesticide in an emergency.

EPA may deny an emergency exemption: If the State or Federal agency cannot demonstrate that an emergency exists, if the use poses unacceptable risks to the environment,

or if EPA cannot reach a conclusion that the proposed pesticide use is likely to result in “a reasonable certainty of no harm” to human health, including exposure of residues of the pesticide to infants and children.

If the emergency use of the pesticide on a food or feed commodity would result in pesticide chemical residues, EPA establishes a time-limited tolerance meeting the “reasonable certainty of no harm standard” of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA).

In this document: EPA identifies the State or Federal agency granted the exemption or denial, the type of exemption, the pesticide authorized and the pests, the crop or use for which authorized, number of acres (if applicable), and the duration of the exemption. EPA also gives the **Federal Register** citation for the time-limited tolerance, if any.

III. Emergency Exemptions and Denials

A. U.S. States and Territories

California

Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation

Crisis: On August 9, 2011, for the post harvest use of sulfur dioxide on figs to control gray mold caused by *Botrytis cinerea* (*B. cinerea*); this program will end on December 31, 2011. *Contact:* Libby Pemberton.

Specific Exemption: EPA authorized the use of lambda-cyhalothrin on asparagus to control aphids; July 12, 2011 to October 31, 2011. *Contact:* Libby Pemberton.

EPA authorized the use of abamectin on bean, lima, dry to control spider mites; July 6, 2011 to March 31, 2012. *Contact:* Keri Grinstead.

Florida

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Specific Exemption: EPA authorized the use of hop beta acids in beehives to control varroa mite; August 17, 2011 to December 31, 2011. *Contact:* Stacey Groce.

Kentucky

Department of Agriculture

Specific Exemption: EPA authorized the use of hop beta acids in beehives to control varroa mite; July 12, 2011 to December 31, 2011. *Contact:* Stacey Groce.

Louisiana

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Specific Exemption: EPA authorized the use of dinotefuran on rice to control