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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

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.

II. Background

In the **Federal Register** of June 20, 2007 (72 FR 34009) (FRL-8133-5), EPA announced the issuance of EUP 67979-EUP-6 to Syngenta Seeds, Inc., 3054 Cornwallis Road, P.O. Box 12257, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Syngenta has requested to further extend this EUP to October 31, 2009 and to amend it by allowing an additional 4,844 acres to be planted in 2008 and 4,856 acres to be planted in 2009. For 2008, the proposed acreage includes 659 acres of MIR162, 465 acres of Bt11, 465 acres of MIR604, 575 acres of Bt11 x MIR162, 575 acres of Bt11 x MIR604, 132 acres of MIR162 x MIR604, 575 acres of Bt11 x MIR162 x MIR604, and 1,398 acres of non plant-incorporated protectant border areas (4,844 total acres). For 2009, the proposed acreage includes 660 acres of MIR162, 466 acres of Bt11, 466 acres of MIR604, 576 acres of Bt11 x MIR162, 576 acres of Bt11 x MIR604, 135 acres of MIR162 x MIR604, 576 acres of Bt11 x MIR162 x MIR604, and 1,401 acres of non plant-incorporated protectant border areas (4,856 total acres). MIR162 contains the lepidopteran protecting *Bacillus thuringiensis* Vip3Aa20 protein and the genetic material (plasmid vector pNOV1300) necessary for its production. Bt11 contains the lepidopteran protecting *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab protein and the genetic material (plasmid vector pZO1502) necessary for its production. MIR604 contains the coleopteran protecting *Bacillus thuringiensis* mCry3A protein and the genetic material (plasmid vector pZM26) necessary for its production.

Proposed shipment/use dates are November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2009. Five trial protocols have been proposed, including the following:

- Breeding and observation.
- Efficacy evaluation.
- Agronomic observation.
- Inbred and hybrid seed production.
- Regulatory studies.

States involved include: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota,

Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Following the review of the Syngenta Seeds, Inc. application and any comments and data received in response to this notice, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request for this EUP program, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

IV. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

The Agency's authority for taking this action is under FIFRA section 5.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Experimental use permits.

Dated: July 18, 2007.

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Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-516; FRL-8139-8]

Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 67979-EUP-7 from Syngenta Seeds, Inc. requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the plant-incorporated protectants COT102 *Bacillus thuringiensis* Vip3Aa19 protein and the genetic material (plasmid vector pCOT1) necessary for its production in cotton and COT67B *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab protein and the genetic material (plasmid vector pNOV4641) necessary for its production in cotton. The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 31, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID)

number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-516, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

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- Agronomic evaluation.
- Seed production.
- Production characterization and performance.

States involved include: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0632; FRL-8142-7]

Explanatory Document to the September 2005 Draft North American Free Trade Agreement Standard Operating Procedure for Determining Pesticide Maximum Residue Limits; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is seeking public comment on the document entitled *Statistical Basis of the NAFTA Method for Calculating Pesticide Maximum Residue Limits from Field Trial Data* available at http://www.pmra-arla.gc.ca/english/pdf/nafta/docs/nafta_mrls-e.pdf. Although Canada's Management

Regulatory Agency (PMRA) is also accepting comments, EPA and PMRA will be jointly responding to comments submitted to either agency. The document was prepared by the NAFTA MRL Harmonization Working Group (a group comprised of United States and Canadian governments, created to develop a coordinated pesticides regulatory framework among North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners). The document provides additional technical and explanatory material for a standard operating procedure (SOP) previously released by Canada's PMRA for public comment in September 2005. The document currently open for public comment supports the September 2005 draft SOP that is intended for use by residue chemistry reviewers in the United States and Canada to ensure that the same or similar residue chemistry data sets will result in the same or similar recommendation for maximum residue limit (MRL) levels for pesticide residues on food and feed commodities by each agency. The goal for this method is to minimize trade barriers of pesticide treated commodities between the United States and Canada.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 31, 2007.

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