of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may 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. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

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2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).

ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

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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

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is making available the proposed risk mitigation decision document and related supporting documents for the following nine rodenticides: brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difethialone, chlorophacinone, diphacinone, warfarin, zinc phosphide, bromethalin, and cholecalciferol.

Based on an evaluation of the ecological risks associated with the use of these nine rodenticides, and consideration of the public health and other important benefits of the use of rodenticides, EPA anticipates classifying all products containing the active ingredients brodifacoum, bromadiolone, and difethialone as restricted use products. To decrease the incidence of childrens' exposure to rodenticide products used in homes, EPA also anticipates requiring that all products available for sale to consumers and labeled for indoor residential use be sold only in refillable tamper-resistant bait stations. Furthermore, EPA is proposing certain additional restrictions and labeling improvements to mitigate the risks associated with these nine rodenticides.

The proposed decision document, including the Agency's supporting rationale for the proposed decision, can be found in docket identification number EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0955 at *http://www.regulations.gov*. Older documents and previous public comments can be found in docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2004–0033 or docket EPA–HQ–OPP–2002–0049 at *http://www.regulations.gov*.

EPA is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide comments and input on the Agency's proposed decision for rodenticides. Comments should be limited to issues raised by the proposed decision and associated documents.

All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES**, and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. These comments will become part of the Agency Docket for rodenticides. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked ''late.'' EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

The Agency will carefully consider all comments received by the closing date and will provide a Response to Comments Memorandum in the Docket and regulations.gov. After consideration of the comments, the Agency will publish its final mitigation decision for these nine rodenticides.

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

EPA is reevaluating the use of these nine rodenticides pursuant to section 4 of FIFRA. The Agency's authority for implementing the risk mitigation measures identified in the proposed risk management decision would derive from various sections of FIFRA, including, but not limited to, sections 3, 4 and 6.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: January 8, 2007.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0349; FRL–8105–7]

Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 264–EUP–140 from Bayer CropScience LP (BCS) requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in Events T303–3 and T304–40 cotton plants. 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 February 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0349, 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.
- *Delivery*: OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The

Docket telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0349. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through regulations.gov or e-mail. The Federal regulations.gov website is an ''anonymous access'' system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. 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 OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, 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 telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharlene R. Matten, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 605–0514; e-mail address: *matten.sharlene@epa.gov*.

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 those persons who are interested in agricultural biotechnology or may be required to conduct testing of pesticidal substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). 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**.

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II. Background

BCS has requested an extension of EUP 264–EUP–140 granted by EPA on February 7, 2006 (71 FR 41020, July 19, 2006) (FRL–8060–6). This EUP will expire January 31, 2007. BCS is proposing to test 84 acres of the plant-incorporated protectant *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab protein (a total of 0.91g to 7.31g or 0.002 to 0.016 pounds of Cry1Ab protein) and the genetic material necessary for its production in Events T303–3 and T304–40 cotton plants in an experimental program of 285 total acres from February 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008. The Cry1Ab protein is effective in controlling lepidopteran larvae such as bollworm (*Helicoverpa zea*) and tobacco budworm (*Heliothis virescens*) larvae, which are common pests of cotton. In total, the proposed program will be carried out in Arizona, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. The planned experimental program includes the following: Insect efficacy trials, agronomic performance evaluation, breeding, herbicide efficacy evaluations, and dissemination studies, as well as the production of sample material for regulatory feeding and analytical studies. In addition to these experimental plans, seed may be produced for future plantings of experimental field trials.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Following the review of the BCS 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 specific legal authority for EPA to take this action is under FIFRA section 5.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Experimental use permits.

Dated: January 4, 2007.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8270–1;Docket ID No. ORD–2005–0001]

Draft of Part 1 of the 2007 Release of the Causal Analysis/Diagnosis Decision Information System (CADDIS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of External Review Draft for Public Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 30-day public review and comment period for the external review draft of Part 1 of the 2007 release of the EPA Web site titled, ''Causal Analysis/Diagnosis Decision Information System (CADDIS).'' The CADDIS Web site was developed and prepared by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) in the Office of Research and Development (ORD). NCEA will consider public comments received in accordance with this notice when revising the CADDIS Web site. Review of Part 2 of CADDIS 2007 will be announced in the Spring of 2007.

EPA is releasing the draft CADDIS 2007 Web site solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. The draft CADDIS 2007 Web site has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The 30-day public comment period begins January 17, 2007, and ends February 16, 2007. Technical comments should be in writing and must be submitted electronically or postmarked by February 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The draft CADDIS 2007 Web site can be accessed via the Internet at *http://caddis.tetratech-ffx.com.* Enter the username ''public'' and the password ''public.'' Additional instructions for submitting comments are provided at the top of the home page of the CADDIS Web site. Comments may be submitted electronically to the EPA's e-docket, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions as provided in the section of this notice entitled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202–566–1752; facsimile: 202–566–1753; or e-mail: *ORD.Docket@epa.gov.* For technical information, contact Vic Serveiss, NCEA, via phone 202–564–3251, facsimile: 202–564–2018, or e-mail: *serveiss.victor@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Project/Document

Over a thousand water bodies in the United States are listed by states as biologically impaired. For many of these sites, the cause of impairment is reported as ''unknown.'' To formulate appropriate management actions for impaired water bodies, it is important to identify the causes of biological impairment (*e.g.*, excess fine sediments, nutrients, or toxic substances). Effective causal analyses call for knowledge of the mechanisms, symptoms, and stressor-response relationships for various stressors, as well as the ability to use that knowledge to draw appropriate, defensible conclusions. To aid in these causal analyses, NCEA developed CADDIS. CADDIS is a Web-based decision support system that will help regional, state, and tribal scientists find, access, organize, and share information useful for causal evaluations of impairment in aquatic systems. It is based on EPA's Stressor Identification process, which is an EPA-recommended method for identifying causes of impairments in aquatic environments. EPA released the first version of CADDIS earlier in 2006, after addressing comments from the public and independently selected peer reviewers. Current features of CADDIS include a step-by-step guide to conducting causal analysis, downloadable worksheets and examples, a library of conceptual models, and links to useful information sources. Additional information is being added to the CADDIS Web site in preparation for release of a major revision in September 2007. The review announced here is the first of two sets of modules added to the CADDIS Web site. Specifically, comment is invited on information on six candidate causes: metals, sediments, nutrients, dissolved oxygen, thermal alteration, and ionic strength. Since its release, CADDIS has become a valuable resource for EPA, state, tribal, and local risk assessors. CADDIS 2007 will add more capabilities to this already important diagnostic tool.

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at *www.regulations.gov*

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2005–0001 by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov*
- *Fax:* 202–566–1753
- *Mail:* Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202–566–1752.
- *Hand Delivery:* The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202–566–1744. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2005–0001. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked ''late,'' and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at *www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through *www.regulations.gov* or e-mail. The *www.regulations.gov* Web site is an ''anonymous access'' system,