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2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPP–2002–0206. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, 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 ID number OPP–2002–0206 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 ID number OPP–2002–0206. 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.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID 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. Background

IR–4, Technology Center of New Jersey, Rutgers University, 681 U.S. Highway #1 South, New Brunswick, NJ 08902–3390, has requested an EUP for the biochemical pesticide sodium metasilicate for a 2 year period, commencing January 1, 2002 to January 1, 2004. The objective of this EUP is to evaluate the use of TRIAD to control insects and diseases of selected fruits and vegetables in a large geographical area on many important minor crops. A total of 3,800 acres per year were proposed to be treated with 15,390 pounds of the active ingredient per year. IR–4 proposed testing in the State of California. Proposed crop treatment sites include almond, citrus, cole crops, fruit, stone, grape, and vegetable, leafy.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Following the review of the IR–4 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 40 CFR part 172, subpart A.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Experimental use permits.

Dated: August 16, 2002.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Submission of a Substantial Program Revision to Its Authorized National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of revision, public comment period, and opportunity to request a public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has submitted

amendments to its Water Quality Regulations (adopted by the Environmental Quality Board on June 20, 2000) (hereinafter the Pennsylvania Regulation Revisions) to EPA for review as a revision to the Commonwealth's authorized National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The Commonwealth has made significant revisions to 25 PA Code Chapters 92 and 97 of the Water Quality Regulations and EPA has determined that the Pennsylvania Regulation Revision constitutes a substantial revision to Pennsylvania's authorized NPDES program. Accordingly, EPA requests public comment and is providing notice of an opportunity to request a public hearing on the submitted regulation. EPA seeks public comments on whether to approve or disapprove the revisions to Pennsylvania's authorized NPDES program, and a public hearing will be held if there is significant public interest based on the requests received. Copies of the Pennsylvania Regulation Revisions are available for public inspection as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section.

DATES: Comments and/or requests for public hearing must be received before October 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Evelyn MacKnight, U.S. EPA, Region III, 3WP11, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evelyn MacKnight, (215) 814-5717, at the above address. Those who are deaf or hearing-impaired may use the Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 and request that the call be relayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) created the NPDES program under which the Administrator of EPA may issue permits for the discharge of pollutants into the water of the United States under conditions required by the CWA. Section 402(b) allows States to assume NPDES program responsibilities upon approval by EPA. On June 30, 1978, Pennsylvania received approval from EPA to assume the NPDES program; the Commonwealth then received the authority to administer the following NPDES programs on the dates indicated: the Federal Facilities Program on June 30, 1978; and the General Permits program on August 2, 1991.

EPA has issued a regulation in 40 CFR part 123 that establishes the requirements for NPDES State Programs. Section 123.62 establishes procedures for revision of authorized NPDES State

Programs. Under § 123.62(a), a State may initiate a program revision and must keep EPA informed of proposed modifications to its regulatory authority. On 12/20/2000, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania submitted its regulation revisions for formal review by EPA. Under § 123.62(b)(1), a State program submittal is complete whenever the State submits such documents as EPA determines are necessary under the circumstances. In this instance, EPA has determined that the State submission is complete. Section 123.62(b)(2) requires EPA to issue public notice by publication in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers having Statewide coverage, and to provide a period of public comment of at least 30 days whenever the Agency determines that a program revision is substantial. EPA has determined that the Pennsylvania Regulation Revision, which is described below, constitutes a substantial revision to Pennsylvania's NPDES program. Section 123.62(b)(2) also requires EPA to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed revision "if there is significant public interest based on requests received."

The Pennsylvania Regulation Revision includes amendments to 25 PA Code Chapters 92 and 97 of the Water Quality Regulations. These revisions were part of the Commonwealth's Regulatory Basics Initiative (RBI), which was a process to evaluate regulations considering several factors including whether requirements are more stringent than Federal regulations without good reason; impose economic costs disproportionate to the environmental benefit; are prescriptive rather than performance-based; inhibit green technology and pollution prevention strategies; are obsolete or redundant; lack clarity; or are written in a way that causes significant noncompliance.

The revision incorporates by reference portions of Federal regulations found at 40 CFR parts 122, 124 and 125 (relating to EPA administered permit programs; the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; procedures for decision making; and criteria and standards for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System), so that it is now necessary for permittees and others to refer to Chapter 92 and the Federal regulations. Other significant revisions include the addition of regulations addressing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs), which are significant contributors to water quality impairments due to nutrients and excessive erosion and sediment. The Commonwealth also significantly revised applicable

regulations regarding Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) and Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). Pennsylvania also incorporates requirements of erosion and sediment control for stormwater and construction activities into NPDES permits.

At the close of the public comment period (including, if necessary, the public hearing), the EPA Regional Administrator, with the concurrence of the Associate General Counsel for Water and the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, will decide whether to approve or disapprove the Pennsylvania Regulation Revision as a revision to the Pennsylvania NPDES program. The decision to approve or disapprove will be based upon satisfying or meeting the requirements of the CWA and 40 CFR part 123. The Pennsylvania Regulation Revision may be reviewed by the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the EPA office in Philadelphia, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays), at the address appearing earlier in this notice. Copies of the submittal may be obtained for a fee by contacting Evelyn MacKnight as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section.

All comments or objections received by October 15, 2002, as discussed will be considered by EPA before taking final action on the program revision.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know are interested in this matter. All written comments and question on this matter should be addressed to Evelyn MacKnight at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: August 22, 2002.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).