

Section IV: Review and Selection Process

A. Proposal Review

Proposals submitted to EPA will be evaluated using the criteria defined in section III and IV of this solicitation. Proposals will be reviewed in two phases—the screening phase and the evaluation phase. During the screening phase, proposals will be reviewed to determine whether they meet the basic requirements of the solicitation. Only those proposals which meet all of the basic requirements will enter the full evaluation phase of the review process. During the evaluation phase, proposals will be evaluated based upon the quality of their work plans. At the conclusion of the evaluation phase, the reviewers will score work plans on a scale from 0–100 as follows: Project Summary—10 Points; Project Implementation Description—40 Points (up to 10 points for partnerships); Project Evaluation—10 Points; Budget—15 Points; Appendices—15 Points; Bonus Points—10 Points (reviewers grant these for outstanding proposals, or special circumstances).

B. Final Selections

After individual proposals are evaluated and scored by reviewers, as described under section III and IV, EPA officials in Region VI and at Headquarters will select a diverse range of finalists from the highest ranking proposals. In making the final selections, EPA will take into account the following:

- Effectiveness of collaborative activities and partnerships, as needed to successfully develop or implement the project;
- Demonstrated leadership in the field of environmental education in the US/Mexico Border Region;
- Cost effectiveness of the proposal; and
- Organizational and administrative capacity to manage federal funds

C. Notification to Applicants

Applicants will receive a confirmation that EPA has received their proposal. EPA will notify applicants about the outcome of their proposal when the award is made in September, 2000.

Section VI: Award Recipient Responsibilities

A. Responsible Officials

The project must be performed by the applicant or by a person satisfactory to the applicant and EPA. The proposal must identify any person other than the applicant who will assist in carrying out

the project. These individuals are responsible for receiving the cooperative agreement award agreement from EPA and ensuring that all cooperative agreement conditions are satisfied.

B. Incurring Costs

The recipient may begin incurring costs on the start date identified in the EPA award agreement. Activities must be completed and funds spent within the time frames specified in the agreement.

C. Reports and Work Products

Specific reporting requirements will be identified in the EPA award agreement. The recipient will be required to submit formal semi-annual progress reports as well as a final report and copies of all work products within 90 days after the expiration of the budget period. This report will be accepted as the final report unless the EPA project officer notifies you that changes must be made.

Dated: August 15, 2000.

Gregg A. Cooke,

Regional Administrator, Region VI.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–34236; FRL–6741–8]

Pesticides; Availability of Risk Assessments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of risk assessments that were developed as part of the EPA's process for making Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for pesticides and for tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). These risk assessments are the human health and ecological risk assessments and related documents for diclofop methyl. These risk assessments are being released to the public as part of the joint initiative between EPA and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure decisions made under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information. The tolerance reassessment process will ensure that the United States continues to have the safest and most abundant food supply.

DATES: The risk assessments and related documents are available in the OPP Docket. While there is no formal public comment period, the Agency will accept comments on the risk assessment documents. Comments submitted within the first 30 days are most likely to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit II. of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number of the chemical of specific interest in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Overstreet, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308–8068; e-mail address: overstreet.anne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, nevertheless, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in obtaining the risk assessments for diclofop methyl, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. Since other entities 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. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select “Laws and Regulations,” “Regulations and Proposed Rules,” and then look up the entry for this document under the **Federal Register—Environmental Documents**. You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. In addition, copies of the pesticide risk assessments

released to the public may also be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control numbers OPP-34236. 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.

II. How Can I Respond to this Action?

A. 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 control number for the specific chemical of interest in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, 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.* Submit electronic comments by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described in this unit. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be

submitted as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number of the chemical of specific interest. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

B. How Should I Handle CBI Information 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**.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is making available to the public the risk assessments that have been developed as part of EPA's process for tolerance reassessment and reregistration. While there is no formal public comment period, the Agency will accept comments on the risk assessment documents. Comments submitted within the first 30 days are most likely to be considered. REDs for pesticides developed under the interim process will be made available for public comment.

EPA and USDA have been using a pilot public participation process for the assessment of organophosphate pesticides since August 1998. In considering how to accomplish the movement from the current pilot being used for the organophosphate pesticides to the public participation process that will be used in the future for non-organophosphates, such as diclofop methyl, EPA and USDA have adopted an interim public participation process for the non-organophosphate pesticides scheduled for tolerance reassessment

and reregistration in 2000. The interim public participation process ensures public access to the Agency's risk assessments while also allowing EPA to meet its reregistration commitments. The interim public participation process for the non-organophosphate pesticides scheduled for tolerance reassessment and reregistration in 2000 and 2001 takes into account that the risk assessment development work on these pesticides is substantially complete. The interim public participation process involves: A registrant error correction period; a period for the Agency to respond to the registrant's error comments; the release of the refined risk assessments and risk characterizations to the public via the docket and EPA's internet website; a significant effort on stakeholder consultations, such as meetings and conference calls; and the issuance of the risk management document (i.e., RED) after the consideration of issues and discussions with stakeholders. USDA plans to hold meetings and conference calls with the public (i.e., interested stakeholders such as growers, USDA Cooperative Extension Offices, commodity groups, and other Federal government agencies) to discuss any identified risks and solicit input on risk management strategies. EPA will participate in USDA's meetings and conference calls with the public. This feedback will be used to complete the risk management decisions and the RED. EPA plans to conduct a close-out conference call with interested stakeholders to describe the regulatory decisions presented in the RED. REDs for pesticides developed under the interim process will be made available for public comment.

Included in the public version of the official record is the Agency's risk assessments and related documents for diclofop methyl. As additional comments, reviews, and risk assessment modifications become available, these will also be docketed for the pesticides listed in this notice. These risk assessments reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: August 23, 2000.

Lois A. Rossi,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment and Opportunity to Comment Regarding Rego Trucking Limited, Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Clean Water Act Class I Administrative Penalty and Opportunity to Comment.

SUMMARY: EPA is providing notice of a proposed administrative penalty assessment for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act ("Act"). EPA is also providing notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed assessment.

EPA is authorized under section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1319(g), to assess a civil penalty after providing the person subject to the penalty notice of the proposed penalty and the opportunity for a hearing, and after providing interested persons notice of the proposed penalty and a reasonable opportunity to comment on its issuance. Under section 309(g), any person who without authorization discharges a pollutant to a navigable water, as those terms are defined in section 502 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1362, may be assessed a penalty in a "Class I" administrative penalty proceeding. Class I proceedings under section 309(g) are conducted in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits," 40 CFR Part 22 ("Consolidated Rules"), published at 64 FR 40138, 40177 (July 23, 1999).

On February 10, 2000, EPA commenced a Class I penalty proceeding for the assessment of penalties by filing the following Complaint with Danielle Carr, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, (415) 744-1391:

In the matter of Rego Trucking Limited, Inc., Docket No. CWA-9-2000-0004, proposed penalty, up to \$25,000;

for the unauthorized discharge from Rego Trucking Limited, Inc., Kauai, Hawaii, during February, 1995, into a wetland identified as the "jailhouse swamp" on Kauai, Hawaii.

Procedures through which the public may submit written comment on a proposed Class I order or participate in a Class I proceeding, and the procedures by which a respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in the Consolidated Rules. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed Class I order is thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. The Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 9 may issue an order upon default if the respondent in the proceeding fails to file a response within the time period specified in the proposed Consolidated Rules.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of the proposed Consolidated Rules, review the complaint, proposed consent order, or other documents filed in the proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty, or participate in any hearing that may be held, should contact Danielle Carr, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-1391. All information submitted by Rego Trucking Limited, Inc., is available as part of the administrative record, subject to provisions of law restricting public disclosure of confidential information. The file is available for inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Hearing Clerk. In order for the opportunity to comment, EPA will not take final action in the proceeding prior to thirty days after issuance of this notice.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

Alexis Strauss,

Director, Water Division.

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Notice of Meeting of Drug Free Communities Advisory Commission

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Drug-Free Communities Act, a meeting of the Drug Free Communities Advisory Commission will be held on October 4-5, 2000 at the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the 5TH Floor Conference Room, 750 17th Street NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC. The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 4th and adjourn for

the evening at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will resume at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday October 5th and conclude at 12:00 noon. The agenda will include: a report by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention regarding the FY2000 Drug Free Communities grant selection process; a report by the ONDCP Administrator of the Drug Free Communities Support Program; and a legislative update regarding the Drug Free Communities 2001 Budget. There will be an opportunity for public comment from 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 on Thursday October 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please direct any questions to Linda V. Priebe, Attorney-Advisor, (202) 395-6622, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 16, 2000.

Linda V. Priebe,

Attorney-Advisor.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Privacy Act of 1974: Cerro Grande Fire Assistance Claim Files

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), we (FEMA) give notice that we are establishing a new system of records under the authority of the Cerro Grande Fire Assistance Act, Public Law 106-246. This system of records will enable us to register claims, verify information provided by claimants, make determinations for compensation, and process and evaluate appeals as required by the Cerro Grande Fire Assistance Act.

DATES: This new system of records takes effect August 28, 2000. We will accept public comments until September 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: We invite your comments on this system of records. Please address them to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, room 840, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (telefax) (202) 646-4536, or (email) rules@fema.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Jackson, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist, Federal Emergency