

[www.epa.gov/sab/panels/SAB3MRAmspanel.html](http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/SAB3MRAmspanel.html).

The CASAC, comprised of seven members appointed by the Administrator, was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA or "Act") (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee, in part to provide advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC, which is administratively located under the EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office, is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The CASAC PM Review Panel consists of the CASAC, supplemented by expert consultants. The CASAC PM Review Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The CASAC PM Review Panel is charged in part with providing advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and NAAQS for particulate matter. The February 3, 2004 teleconference is a follow-on to the CASAC PM Review Panel's review of the EPA Air Quality Criteria Document for Particulate Matter (Fourth External Review Draft), which took place in a public meeting held in Research Triangle Park on August 25–26, 2003 (68 FR 47060, August 7, 2003); and which was continued during a public teleconference held on October 3, 2003 (68 FR 53734, September 12, 2003); and a public meeting which took place in Research Triangle Park on November 12–13, 2003 (68 FR 60363, October 22, 2003). More information regarding this review can be found at the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/casac104002.pdf>.

#### Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the SAB Staff Office to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that public statements presented at its teleconferences and meetings will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, for teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Requests to provide oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and

received by the DFO no later than noon Eastern Time five business days prior to each teleconference in order to reserve time on the teleconference agenda.

*Written Comments:* Although the SAB Staff Office accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least seven business days prior to the teleconference date so that the comments may be made available to the committee or panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format)).

#### Meeting Accommodations

Individuals requiring special accommodation to access these teleconferences, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the teleconference so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: December 30, 2003.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

*Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–2003–0318; FRL–7328–5]

#### Issuance of Experimental Use Permits

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has granted experimental use permits (EUPs) to the following pesticide applicants. An EUP permits use of a pesticide for experimental or research purposes only in accordance with the limitations in the permit.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 308–8715; e-mail address: [mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov](mailto:mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

##### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, 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 information in this action, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP–2003–0318. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the “**Federal Register**” listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

#### II. EUP

EPA has issued the following EUPs:  
68467–EUP–7. Issuance. Mycogen Seeds c/o Dow AgroSciences LLC, 9330 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, IN

46268–1054. This EUP allows the use of the plant-incorporated protectant *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry34/35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production (from the insert of plasmid PHP17662) in corn on 624 acres of field corn to conduct insect resistance management, maize agronomic observation, maize breeding and observation nursery, maize demonstration, maize efficacy, maize hybrid production plots, maize regulatory field studies, non-target organism, and herbicide tolerance trials. The program is authorized only in the States of California, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The EUP is effective from June 24, 2003 to May 1, 2004.

29964–EUP–5. Issuance. Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., P.O. Box 552, Johnston, Iowa 50131–0552. This EUP allows the use of the plant-incorporated protectant *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry34/35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production (from the insert of plasmid PHP17662) in corn on 624 acres of field corn to conduct insect resistance management, maize agronomic observation, maize breeding and observation nursery, maize demonstration, maize efficacy, maize hybrid production plots, maize regulatory field studies, non-target organism, and herbicide tolerance trials. The program is authorized only in the States of California, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The EUP is effective from June 24, 2003 to May 1, 2004.

A tolerance has been established for residues of *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production in corn when used as plant-incorporated protectants in the food and feed commodities of field corn, sweet corn, and popcorn.

The **Federal Register** document announcing receipt of these and other Cry34/35Ab1 EUPs (68 FR 12073) (FRL–7286–3) received 42 comments, with 4 of these being received after the comment due date. Thirty commentors were in favor of EPA granting the EUPs. Twelve commentors urged the Agency not to approve them. Commentors included farmers and other private citizens, medium to smaller seed

companies, the American Soybean Association, and the environmental groups Hawaii Genetic Engineering Action Network and Earthjustice.

Commentors in favor of EPA granting the EUPs cited the reduced use of conventional insecticides, insect resistant management benefits, a lack of antibiotic resistance marker proteins in the Cry34/35Ab1 corn products, the need for competition in the marketplace for rootworm resistant corn, and the need to test the products this season. Commentors against EPA's granting of the permits cited that there was no tolerance exemption for Cry34/35Ab1, allergen and toxin concerns, concerns regarding adequate containment, and concerns regarding EPA enforcement.

First, EPA has, in fact, granted a temporary exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production in corn, 40 CFR 180.1242 (68 FR 40178) (FRL–7310–1). In doing so, EPA concluded that there was a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to the U.S. population, including infants and children, to the Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production. In addition, although the subject EUPs have a temporary tolerance exemption associated with them and under this condition EPA would not normally require such containment, both Dow and Pioneer's experimental programs require containment consisting of border rows; (distance isolation of 660 ft., or reproductive isolation, or temporal isolation); as well as having seed produced reserved for experimental work or future plantings. Finally, EPA's regional offices currently cooperate with State agencies in the enforcement of plant-incorporated protectant EUPs.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136c.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection,  
Experimental use permits.

Dated: December 19, 2003.

**Janet L. Andersen,**

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

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on January 8, 2004, from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanette C. Brinkley, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883–4009, TTY (703) 883–4056.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

#### Open Session

##### A. Approval of Minutes

—December 11, 2003 (Open and Closed)

##### B. Reports

- Corporate/Non-corporate Report;
- Farm Credit System Bank Board Compensation;
- Financial Audit.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

**Jeanette C. Brinkley,**

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.  
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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2640]

### Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

December 23, 2003.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this public notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR section 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY–A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased