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**70515-EUP-2.** Amendment. J.P. BioRegulators, Inc., IR-4 Project Rutgers University, Cook College, P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0231. This experimental use permit allows the use of 72 kilograms each year of the biochemical phospholipid plant growth regulator Lyso-PE (lysophosphatidylethanolamine) on 570 acres of apples, citrus, cranberries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, strawberries, and tomatoes to evaluate ripening and extended storage shelf life. The program is authorized only in the States of Arizona, California, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The experimental use permit is effective from August 18, 1998 to June 1, 2001. (Sheila A. Moats; Rm. 910W17, Crystal Mall #2; telephone number: (703) 308-1259; e-mail address: moats.sheila@epa.gov).

**34704-EUP-13.** Issuance. Platte Chemical Company, 419 18th Street, Greeley, CO 80632. This experimental use permit allows the use of 5,000 pounds of the plant growth regulator 2,6-diisopropyl naphthalene on 300 million pounds of stored potatoes to inhibit sprouting. The program is authorized only in the States of Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin. The experimental use permit is effective from September 28, 1999 to September 28, 2000. A temporary tolerance has been established for residues of the active ingredient in or on stored potatoes. (Driss Benmhend; Rm. 937, Crystal Mall #2; telephone number: (703) 308-9525; e-mail address: benmhend.driss@epa.gov).

Persons wishing to review these EUPs are referred to the designated contact person. Inquiries concerning these permits should be directed to the persons cited above. It is suggested that interested persons call before visiting the EPA office, so that the appropriate file may be made available for inspection purposes from 8 a.m. to 4

p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection,  
Experimental use permits.

Dated: February 8, 2000.

**Janet L. Andersen,**

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

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## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under review; state and local government information (EEO-4).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) announces that it intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for an extension of the existing information collection listed below.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before May 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10th Floor, 1801 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20507. As a convenience to commentators, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments transmitted by facsimile ("FAX") machine. The telephone number of the FAX receiver is (202) 663-4114. (This is not a toll-free number.) Only comments of six or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX transmittal. This limitation is necessary to assure access to the equipment. Receipt of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4078 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TDD). (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.) Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available to review at the Commission's library, Room 6502, 1801 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20507

between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joachim Neckere, Director, Program Research and Surveys Division, 1801 L Street, NW, Room 9222, Washington, DC 20507, (202) 663-4958 (voice) or (202) 663-7063 (TTD).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission solicits public comment to enable it to:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

### Overview of This Information Collection

**Collection Title:** State and Local Government Information (ERO-4).

**OMB Number:** 3046-0008.

**Frequency of Report:** Biennial.

**Type of Respondent:** State and local government jurisdictions with 100 or more full-time employees.

**Description of Affected Public:** State and local governments excluding elementary and secondary public school districts.

**Responses:** 10,000.

**Reporting Hours:** 40,000.

**Number of Forms:** 1.

**Federal Cost:** \$47,000.

**Abstract:** Section 709(c) of Title VII of the civil rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e-8(c), requires employers to make and keep records relevant to a determination of whether unlawful employment practices have or are being committed and to make reports therefrom as required by the EEOC. Accordingly, the EEOC has issued regulations which set forth the reporting requirement for various kinds of employers. State and local governments with 100 or more full-time employees have been required to submit EEO-4 reports to the EEOC since 1973 (biennially in odd-numbered years since 1993). The individual reports are confidential.

EEO-4 data are used by the EEOC to investigate charges of discrimination against state and local governments. In addition, the data are used to support EEOC decisions and conciliations, and for research. The data are shared with several other Federal government agencies. Pursuant to section 709(d) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, EEO-4 data are also shared with 86 State and Local Fair Employment Practices Agencies (FEPAs). Aggregated data are used by researchers and the general public.

**Burden Statement:** The estimated number of respondents included in the EEO-4 survey is 5,000 state and local governments. The estimated number of responses per respondent is approximately 2 EEO-4 reports and the reporting burden averages between 1 and 5 hours per response, including the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data, and complete and review the collection of information. The total number of responses is thus 10,000 reports while the total burden is estimated to be 40,000 hours, including recordkeeping burden. In order to help reduce burden, respondents are encouraged to report data on electronic media such as magnetic tapes and interactive diskettes.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

For the Commission.

**Ida L. Castro,**  
*Chairwoman.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 98-146; FCC 00-57]

### **Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps To Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission begins its second inquiry into whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before March 20, 2000. Reply Comments are due on or before April 4, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *Information:* John Berresford, Senior Antitrust Attorney, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1886.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Inquiry released February 18, 2000 (FCC 00-57). The full text of the Inquiry is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037. Additionally, the complete item is available on the Commission's website at <[http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/2000](http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/2000)>.

### **Synopsis of the Inquiry**

1. In the document summarized here, the Federal Communications Commission begins its second inquiry into whether advanced telecommunications capability, commonly known as "broadband," is being deployed to all Americans. Congress charged the FCC with monitoring the deployment advanced telecommunications capability and gave the FCC authority, if necessary, to accelerate deployment if the FCC determined that deployment was not occurring in a reasonable and timely fashion. In order to make an informed judgment about whether deployment is reasonable and timely, the Inquiry seeks from various groups objective, empirical data about the current state of broadband deployment.

2. Specifically, the Inquiry seeks comment on four areas: (1) Definitional issues of "advanced telecommunications capability" (2) information about the present deployment of advanced telecommunications capability to various groups; (3) long-term economic analysis of the market forces bringing advanced telecommunications capability to the residential market and other historically underserved areas; (4) actions available to the FCC and state authorities if it is determined that advanced telecommunications capability is not being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion. Once the FCC has gathered this information, it will release a Report within 180 days detailing its findings.

### **Ordering Clauses**

Accordingly, It is ordered that, pursuant to sections 706 of the

Telecommunications Act of 1996, this Notice of Inquiry is adopted.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Peyton Wynns,**

*Chief, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FCC 00-60]

### **Federal Communications Commission Announces Change to the Election Date for 218-219 MHz Service**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is changing the election date for 218-219 MHz service in order to address the issues raised in the various petitions for reconsideration received sufficiently in advance of the deadline for mailing. A Public Notice announcing the new election date will be issued after the Order addressing the petitions is released.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ben Freeman or Nicole Oden, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of a Public Notice released February 18, 2000 (Notice). The complete text of the Notice is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20035, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions>.

1. On September 7, 1999, the Commission adopted the *218-219 MHz Order*, 64 FR 59656 (November 3, 1999), which, among other things, modified service and technical rules for the band and extended the license term from five to ten years. The Commission also adopted a restructuring plan for existing licensees that:

(i) Were current on installment payments as of March 16, 1998;