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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.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- 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. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of diflubenzuron on alfalfa to control grasshoppers and Mormon crickets. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the Applicant asserts that use of diflubenzuron is requested to protect pollinators of Spalding's catchfly, a threatened plant species endemic to the proposed treatment area in Montana. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's recovery plan for Spalding's catchfly recommends that grasshopper control programs avoid the use of broad spectrum insecticides (such as carbaryl and malathion) that will affect native bee species. Since diflubenzuron is not registered for use on alfalfa, current USDA/APHIS policy is to include a 500-foot buffer around these fields during application to insure no residues occur on alfalfa. Since the alfalfa fields are interspersed within the rangeland spray block, the resulting treatments will create several untreated areas that will allow grasshoppers to disperse from untreated alfalfa fields and buffer strips into previously treated areas and also damage untreated alfalfa hay.

The Applicant proposes the use of diflubenzuron on 3,000 acres alfalfa in Montana to control grasshoppers and Mormon crickets. The proposed areas for treatment are alfalfa fields that are contained within larger application blocks of rangeland on, or adjacent to, the Flathead Reservation. The Flathead Reservation is located in Sanders, Lake, Flathead and Missoula Counties in Montana. Applications will occur primarily on the Flathead Nation near Irvine Flats in Sanders county Montana. The area is primarily rangeland with some production of alfalfa grown under irrigation. Aerial applications will be made using fixed wing aircraft making broadcast applications or by using Reduced Area Agent Treatments (RAAT). This method uses alternating swath applications to the spray block providing effective control while reducing environmental loading. The rate of application is 0.016 lb active ingredient (ai) per acre at the full rate and 0.012 lb active ingredient per acre using the RAAT. One application of a 22% ai product will be made between May and September 2008. A maximum of a 48 lb. ai will be applied.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing a use which is supported by the IR-4 program and has been requested in 5 or more previous years, and a petition for tolerance has not yet been submitted to the Agency.

The Agency, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining

whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the USDA/APHIS.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 28, 2008.

Lois A. Rossi,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8578-3]

EPA Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education Staff Office; Notice of Public Meetings for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education Office hereby gives notice that the National Environmental Education Advisory Council will hold public meetings by conference call on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, beginning with July 9, 2008 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. All times noted are Eastern time. The purpose of these meetings is to provide the Council with the opportunity to advise the Environmental Education Division on its implementation of the National Environmental Protection Act of 1990. Requests for the draft agenda will be accepted up to 1 business day before the meeting.

DATES: This notice is applicable for the following dates:

- July 9, 2008
- August 13, 2008
- September 10, 2008
- October 8, 2008
- November 12, 2008
- December 10, 2008

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Participation in the conference calls will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public may obtain the call-in number and access code for the call from Ginger Potter, the Designated Federal Officer, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft meeting agenda may

contact Ginger Potter via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Ms. Ginger Potter, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA National Environmental Education Advisory Council, at potter.ginger@epa.gov or (202) 564-0453. General information concerning NEEAC can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed>. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Ginger Potter as directed above. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Ginger Potter, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: June 5, 2008.

Ginger Potter,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0203; FRL-8366-1]

Pesticide Emergency Exemptions; Agency Decisions and State and Federal Agency Crisis Declarations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted emergency exemptions under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) for use of pesticides as listed in this notice. The exemptions were granted during the period January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008, to control unforeseen pest outbreaks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See each emergency exemption for the name of a contact person. The following information applies to all contact persons: Team Leader, Emergency Response Team, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-9366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or

pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions listed in this unit. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed at the end of the emergency exemption of interest.

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

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0203. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically 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 Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility 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>.

II. Background

EPA has granted emergency exemptions to the following State and Federal agencies. The emergency exemptions may take the following form: Crisis, public health, quarantine, or specific.

Under FIFRA section 18, EPA can authorize the use of a pesticide when emergency conditions exist. Authorizations (commonly called emergency exemptions) are granted to State and Federal agencies and are of four types:

1. A “specific exemption” authorizes use of a pesticide against specific pests on a limited acreage in a particular State. Most emergency exemptions are specific exemptions.

2. “Quarantine” and “public health” exemptions are a particular form of specific exemption issued for quarantine or public health purposes. These are rarely requested.

3. A “crisis exemption” is initiated by a State or Federal agency (and is confirmed by EPA) when there is insufficient time to request and obtain EPA permission for use of a pesticide in an emergency.

EPA may deny an emergency exemption: If the State or Federal agency cannot demonstrate that an emergency exists, if the use poses unacceptable risks to the environment, or if EPA cannot reach a conclusion that the proposed pesticide use is likely to result in “a reasonable certainty of no harm” to human health, including exposure of residues of the pesticide to infants and children.

If the emergency use of the pesticide on a food or feed commodity would result in pesticide chemical residues, EPA establishes a time-limited tolerance meeting the “reasonable certainty of no harm standard” of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA).

In this document: EPA identifies the State or Federal agency that granted the exemption, the type of exemption, the pesticide authorized and the pests, the crop or use for which authorized, number of acres (if applicable), and the duration of the exemption. EPA also gives the **Federal Register** citation for the time-limited tolerance, if any.

III. Emergency Exemptions: U.S. States and Territories

Arkansas

State Plant Board

Specific exemption: EPA authorized the use of chlorantraniliprole on rice, seed to control rice water weevil; March 21, 2008 to July 31, 2008. Contact: Marcel Howard.

California

Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation

Specific exemption: EPA authorized the use of maneb on walnuts to control bacterial blight (*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *Juglandis*); February 27, 2008 to June 15, 2008. Contact: Libby Pemberton.

EPA authorized the use of tebuconazole on garlic to control garlic rust (*Puccinia porri* - *P. allii*); March 5, 2008 to July 3, 2008. Contact: Libby Pemberton.