

OPP, and access to this information will enable ASRC Aerospace to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: ASRC Aerospace will be given access to this information on or before January 29, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Erik R. Johnson, FIFRA Security Officer, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-7248; e-mail address: johnson.erik@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, 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?

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II. Contractor Requirements

Under contract number 68-W0-0102, work assignment 003, the contractor will perform the following:

With the passage of the Food Quality Protection Act and reorganization initiatives, the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) created the Antimicrobials Division (AD) and gave it responsibility for a range of science and regulatory functions including issuing Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for antimicrobial pesticides.

REDs are the mechanisms through which EPA announces a pesticide's eligibility for reregistration. All pesticides sold or distributed in the United States must be initially registered by the EPA prior to sale or distribution. The reregistration process

is necessary to ensure that older pesticides meet today's standards for ensuring human and environmental health.

The purpose of the contract is to provide information and records management assistance to Chemical Review Managers (CRMs) and the Reregistration Team. The scope of work includes activities related to the preparation and issuance of REDs and Product Specific Reregistration.

This contract involves no subcontractors.

OPP has determined that the contract described in this document involves work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, in that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under this contract. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3), the contract with ASRC Aerospace, prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in the contract; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release and to handle it in accordance with the FIFRA Information Security Manual. In addition, ASRC Aerospace is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to ASRC Aerospace until the requirements in this document have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to ASRC Aerospace will be maintained by EPA Project Officers for the contract. All information supplied to ASRC Aerospace by EPA for use in connection with the contract will be returned to EPA when ASRC Aerospace has completed its work.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Business and industry, Government contracts, Government property, Security measures.

Dated: January 2, 2001.

Joanne Martin,

Acting Director, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6936-7]

Peer Review of Agency Draft Strategy for Global Change Research Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a workshop organized by Eastern Research Group, Inc., a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contractor, to obtain scientific peer-review of an EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) draft Research Strategy entitled: Research Strategy—Global Change Research Program.

DATES: The peer review workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2001, and begin at 8 a.m. and end no earlier than 3 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2001. Members of the public may attend as observers. Due to limited space, seating at the meetings will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

ADDRESSES: The peer review will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. To attend the workshop as an observer, contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Telephone: (781) 674-7374. Space is limited so please register early.

Availability of Review Materials: An electronic version of the draft Research Strategy is accessible on EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) home page via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/glbchng.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The EPA has contracted with Eastern Research Group, Inc., (ERG, Inc., 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts 02421). To attend the meeting as an observer, please preregister by calling ERG at 781-674-7374 or fax a registration request to 781-674-2906. Upon registration, you will be sent an agenda and a logistical fact sheet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ERG is convening the peer review panel to review the draft Research Strategy—Global Change Research Program. The peer review panel is requested to comment on the extent to which the

Research Strategy clearly identifies the appropriate strategic directions for a core research program that will develop the methods, models, and measurements to strengthen the scientific foundation for assessing the potential consequences of global change on human health, ecosystems, and social well-being in the United States.

The emphasis of the Program's research and assessment strategy is on understanding the risks and opportunities presented by global change, the interdependent and interactive effects of multiple stresses, the human dimensions of global change (*i.e.*, human activities that catalyze, as well as those that respond to global change), and adaptation options.

After considering recommendations from extramural advisory groups, as well as from senior scientists from across EPA's Program and Regional Offices, ORD has identified, in the Research Strategy, the strategic directions for its Global Change Research Program. While the Research Strategy delineates the research areas comprising the framework for the Global Change Research Program, the details of the research areas, including the scientific approach at the individual project level, and the anticipated products, performance measures, and schedules, will be included in subsequent research plans and are not a part of this Research Strategy. ERG is undertaking the establishment of a peer review panel to review the Research Strategy.

Dated: January 17, 2001.

William H. Farland,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science, Office of Research and Development.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-993; FRL-6758-9]

Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number PF-993, must be

received on or before *[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]*.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF-993 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Joanne I. Miller, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-6224; e-mail address: miller.joanne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

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 the table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this

action under docket control number PF-993. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, 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 Highway, 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 control number PF-993 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 Highway, 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 control