E. Is the proposed collection consistent with and compatible with the respondent's current reporting and recordkeeping practices to the maximum extent practicable?

The proposed information collection is voluntary. Western proposes to use the information to determine whether an applicant qualifies as a preference entity to receive an allocation of Federal power. As discussed above, there is no mandatory recordkeeping requirement on the applicant if it does not receive an allocation of Federal power. For those entities that receive a Federal power allocation, Western proposes a requirement that they keep the information for 3 years after Western grants the power allocation and the applicant signs a Federal power contract. The proposed 3-year record retention policy for such applicants would allow Western sufficient time to administer the contract and to ensure the applicant provided factual information in its application. Western anticipates that a 3-year record retention policy will have little impact on most businesses in the power industry who will keep the APD as part of their normal business records. The procedure and process for the allocation of power shall be the subject matter of a separate notice and is outside the scope of this process.

F. Does the proposed collection indicate the retention period for any recordkeeping requirements for the respondent?

The APD identifies that there is no recordkeeping requirement for the respondent if it does not receive an allocation of Federal power. It also identifies that applicants who receive an allocation of Federal power must retain the records for 3 years.

G. Does the proposed collection inform the public of the information they need to exercise scrutiny of the agency collecting information (the reasons the proposed information is collected, the way it is used, an estimate of the burden, whether the response is voluntary, required to obtain a benefit, or mandatory and a statement that no person is required to respond unless a valid OMB control number is displayed)?

If an entity desires a Federal power allocation from Western, Western needs certain information to determine whether the entity is eligible to receive power. Western has a limited amount of power available. Western uses its discretion in allocating power. In order to use its discretion in allocating power, Western will use the information collected on the application. Western will not accept incomplete applications. Western will work with Native American Tribes and other entities who may need assistance in filling out the application. No person is required to submit any information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. No person is required to submit any information unless they desire a Federal power allocation.

H. Is the proposed collection developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information collected?

Western's power marketing offices will administer and evaluate the applications. Use and management of the collected information has been factored into these offices functions and resource requirements. Historically, Western has requested the same relative information from applicants in past marketing plan initiatives and effectively utilized Western resources to utilize and manage the information in its determinations. The power marketing offices will make a recommendation to Western's Administrator on which applicant(s) should be awarded a Federal power allocation based on the information contained in the APD. Western's Administrator shall use his discretion in the final power allocations. The procedure and process for the allocation of power shall be the subject matter of a separate notice and is outside the scope of this process.

I. Does the proposed collection use effective and efficient statistical survey methods?

Since the proposed information collected is used to determine whether an applicant receives an allocation of Federal power, this section is inapplicable.

J. Does the proposed collection use information technology to the maximum extent practicable to reduce the burden and to improve data quality, agency efficiency, and responsiveness to the public?

The APD will be accessible for downloading via Western's Web site. Western will accept electronic-mail submission of the APD, as well as submission via fax or regular mail. Applicants cannot enter the information on Western's Web site.

VI. Invitation for Comments

Western invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that Western is developing for submission to OMB pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 3, 2008.

Timothy J. Meeks,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2007–0179; FRL–8348–2]

Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Amendment Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 264–EUP–140 from Bayer CropScience requesting to amend and extend the existing experimental use permit (EUP) for the *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in event T303–3 and T304–40 cotton plants. The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 29, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2007–0179, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail*: Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001.

• *Delivery*: OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2007–0179. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through regulations.gov or e-mail. The regulations.gov website is an ''anonymous access'' system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in regulations.gov. To access the electronic docket, go to *http://www.regulations.gov*, select ''Advanced Search,'' then ''Docket Search.'' Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the ''Submit'' button. Follow the instructions on the regulations.gov website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket 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 are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Greenway, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 308–8263; e-mail address: *greenway.denise@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are interested in agricultural biotechnology or may be required to conduct testing of pesticidal substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also 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. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI*. Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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 docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

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. Background

Bayer CropScience has requested an amendment and extension of EUP 264–EUP–140, which was first granted by EPA on February 7, 2006 and published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2006 (71 FR 41020) (FRL–8060–6). On March 8, 2007 this EUP was amended and published in the **Federal Register** on June 20, 2007 (72 FR 34009) (FRL–8133–5). Under the existing EUP, plantings are permitted through May 1, 2008. Bayer CropScience is now proposing to extend the experimental program until January 31, 2009 and to amend it by conducting testing with up to 0.018 pounds of Cry1Ab protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in events T303–3 and T304–40 on 88.5 acres (out of 297 total acres) planted to Cry1Ab-containing cotton. The Cry1Ab protein is effective in controlling lepidopteran larvae such as bollworm (*Helicoverpa zea*) and tobacco budworm (*Heliothis virescens*), which are common pests of cotton. The proposed program will be carried out in the States of Arizona, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Puerto Rico. The proposed experimental program includes insect efficacy trials, and the evaluation of herbicide efficacy, agronomic performance, and breeding lines. Also proposed is the production of seed blocks to evaluate seed production, dissemination, and

dormancy, and for harvest for future experimental field trial plantings.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Following the review of the Bayer CropScience application and any comments and data received in response to this notice, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP amendment/extension request for this EUP program, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any amendment/extension of this EUP will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

IV. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

The specific legal authority for EPA to take this action is under FIFRA section 5.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Experimental use permits.

Dated: January 17, 2008.

W. Michael McDavit,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8522–7]

Local Government Advisory Committee Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 Section 9(c). The purpose of the LGAC is to provide advice and recommendations to EPA's Administrator on ways to improve its partnership with Local Governments and provide more efficient and effective environmental protection.

It is determined that the LGAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Inquiries may be directed to Frances Eargle, Designated Federal Officer, LGAC, U.S. EPA (mail code 1301A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or *eargle.frances@epa.gov.*

Dated: January 20, 2008

Christopher P. Bliley,

Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8522–8]

Notice of Public Workshop To Discuss Management of Underground Injection of Carbon Dioxide for Geologic Sequestration Under the Safe Drinking Water Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a second public workshop to discuss the development of proposed regulations for the underground injection of carbon dioxide (CO_2) for geologic sequestration under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The SDWA requires EPA to protect underground sources of drinking water from contamination due to underground injection activities. The Underground Injection Control Program works with States and Tribes to oversee underground injection activities and prevent endangerment of drinking water sources. This public workshop will provide an opportunity for dialogue with representatives from industry, government, public interest groups, and the general public on geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide.

DATES: This public workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern time, on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. To register for this workshop, please visit the following site: *https://www.resolv.org/calendar/view_recurring_event.asp?CalendarID=10577.* If you experience difficulties with the registration Web site, you may contact Kate Zimmer at RESOLVE at *kzimmer@resolv.org.* Please register by February 18, 2008. Also note that while this workshop is open to the public, space is limited due to room capacity restrictions. We encourage you to register to ensure participation.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Crystal City Sheraton Hotel. The hotel is located at 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway in Arlington, VA, two blocks from the Crystal City Metro Station. The hotel's telephone number is (703) 486–1111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about these meetings, please contact Mary Rose (Molly) Bayer by phone at (202) 564–1981, by e-mail at *bayer.maryrose@epa.gov,* or by mail at: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 4606M, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington DC 20460. For information about EPA's Underground Injection Control Program & geologic sequestration activities visit the following Web site: *http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/wells_sequestration.html.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this workshop is to continue to advance the dialogue between EPA and stakeholders on geologic sequestration of CO_2 under SDWA and to provide updates on the proposed rule making process. This workshop will also afford EPA an opportunity to seek feedback from stakeholders on a set of specific subjects identified as key areas of concern and interest to stakeholders, which were voiced during the first workshop (December 2007) and other EPA sponsored technical workshops, held from 2005 to present. These subjects may include, but are not limited to public participation, long term liability, site characterization/area of review (AoR), monitoring, and UIC well construction.

Special Accommodations

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mary Rose (Molly) Bayer at (202) 564–1981 or *bayer.maryrose@epa.gov.* To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mary Rose Bayer, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: January 24, 2008.

Cynthia C. Dougherty, Director

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2007–1204; FRL–8348–4]

Notice of Filing of a Pesticide Petition for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.