

will occur naturally in food, and exposure through drinking water is expected to be insignificant.

2. *Non-dietary exposure.* There is no non-dietary exposure expected, since any ammonium thiosulfate finding its way onto the plants or around any plants will be absorbed and metabolized into naturally occurring plant constituents.

D. Cumulative Effects

There are no cumulative effects expected since the ammonium thiosulfate metabolites are all incorporated into naturally occurring constituents found in all plant systems.

E. Safety Determination

1. *U.S. population.* The natural occurrence of the metabolites of the ammonium and sulfate ions in all plants and in humans is the basis for the Generally Recognized As Safe characterization of the thiosulfate ion and the use of the ammonium ion as a component in nearly all fertilizers, supports the conclusion that there is a "reasonable certainty of no harm" from aggregate exposure to ammonium thiosulfate.

2. *Infants and children.* No developmental, reproductive or fetotoxic effects have been associated with ammonium thiosulfate and its use as a fertilizer. The calculation of safety margins with respect to ammonium thiosulfate is unnecessary since the ammonium and sulfate ions that will arise from the use of ammonium thiosulfate will add only slightly to the already naturally occurring nitrogen and sulfur pools in existence in various plants. Since there will be no residues of toxicological significance resulting from ammonium thiosulfate, calculations of safety margins are not necessary based on the lack of any unnatural residues.

F. International Tolerances

There is no Codex maximum residue level established for ammonium thiosulfate on apple. However, ammonium thiosulfate is widely used as a nutrient in many parts of the world.

[FR Doc. 97-12472 Filed 5-12-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-F

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181046; FRL 5717-1]

Carbofuran; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Arkansas State Plant Board (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide flowable Carbofuran (Furadan 4F Insecticide/Nematicide) (EPA Reg. No. 279-2876) to treat up to 1 million acres of cotton to control cotton aphids. The Applicant proposes the use of a chemical which has been the subject of a Special Review within EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. The granular formulation of carbofuran was the subject of a Special Review between the years of 1986 - 1991, which resulted in a negotiated settlement whereby most of the registered uses of granular carbofuran were phased out. While the flowable formulation of carbofuran is not the subject of a Special Review, EPA believes that the proposed use of flowable carbofuran on cotton could pose a risk similar to the risk assessed by EPA under the Special Review of granular carbofuran. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181046," should be submitted by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be

disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: David Deegan, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number and e-mail: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8327; e-mail: deegan.dave@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of carbofuran on cotton to control aphids. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the Applicant asserts that the state of Arkansas is likely to experience a non-routine infestation of aphids during the 1997 cotton growing season. The applicant further claims that, without a specific exemption of FIFRA for the use of flowable carbofuran on cotton to control cotton aphids, cotton growers in much of the state will suffer significant economic losses. The applicant also details a use program designed to minimize risks to pesticide handlers and applicators, non-target organisms (both Federally-listed endangered species, and non-listed species), and to reduce the possibility of drift and runoff.

The applicant proposes to make no more than two applications at the rate of 0.25 lb. active ingredient [(a.i.)], (8 fluid oz.) in a minimum of 2 gallons of finished spray per acre by air, or 10 gallons of finished spray per acre by ground application. The total maximum proposed use during the 1996 growing season (June 1, 1997 until September 30, 1997) would be 0.5 lb. a.i. (16 fluid oz.) per acre. The applicant proposes that

the maximum acreage which could be treated under the requested exemption would be 1 million acres, and states that one-half of the total requested acreage may require the second application of carbofuran. Therefore, the total amount of active ingredient that the applicant may use, should this exemption be granted, would be 375,000 lbs. during the 1997 use season.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a chemical (i.e., an active ingredient) which has been the subject of a Special Review within EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs, and the proposed use could pose a risk similar to the risk assessed by EPA under the previous Special Review. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181046] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official notice record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-181046]. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the Arkansas State Plant Board.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

James Jones,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

[FR Doc. 97-12473 Filed 5-12-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-F

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FR-5824-8]

Proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement, Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act for the Autodeposition Site in Chicago, Illinois

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA").

ACTION: Proposal of prospective purchaser agreement pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act for the Autodeposition Site in Chicago, Illinois.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9601, *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that a proposed prospective purchaser agreement for the Autodeposition Site in Chicago, Illinois has been executed by Greenfield Partners, Ltd. ("Greenfield"). The agreement has been submitted to the Attorney General for approval. The proposed prospective purchaser agreement would resolve certain potential claims of the United States under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, and Section 7003 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, against Greenfield. The proposed settlement would require Greenfield to perform work at the Site valued at approximately \$140,000.

DATES: Comments on the proposed prospective purchaser agreement must be received by U.S. EPA on or before June 12, 1997. If requested prior to the expiration of this public comment period, U.S. EPA will provide an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the proposed prospective purchaser agreement is available for review at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please contact Andrew Warren at (312) 353-5485, prior to visiting the Region 5 office.

Comments on the proposed prospective purchaser agreement should be addressed to Andrew Warren, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (Mail Code C-29A), Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Warren at (312) 353-5485, of the U.S. EPA Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel.

A 30-day period, commencing on the date of publication of this notice, is open for comments on the proposed prospective purchaser agreement. Comments should be sent to the addressee identified in this notice.

Michelle D. Jordan,

Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5.

[FR Doc. 97-12478 Filed 5-12-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-M

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than May 27, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Reich Family Limited Partnership*, Kansas City, Missouri, and general partners Carolyn Reich Weir, Independence, Missouri, and Nancy Reich Esry, Sarasota, Florida; to acquire an additional 12 percent, for a total of 34 percent, of the voting shares of Blue Ridge Bancshares, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co., Kansas City, Missouri.