

trees, also intended for indoor use only. (D. Greenway)

2. File Symbol: 4822-UOO.

Applicant: S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc., 5125 Howe St., Racine, WI 53403-2236. Product Name: Granola 97. Manufacturing Use Product. Active ingredient: p-Methane-3,8-diol at 99.0 percent. Proposed classification/Use: General. For manufacturing of insect repellent products. (J. Tice)

Notice of approval or denial of an application to register a pesticide product will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The procedure for requesting data will be given in the **Federal Register** if an application is approved.

Comments received within the specified time period will be considered before a final decision is made; comments received after the time specified will be considered only to the extent possible without delaying processing of the application.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-30451] (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 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-30451]. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest, Product registration.

Dated: March 16, 1998

Janet L. Andersen

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5985-7]

Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Volume I—Human Health Evaluation Manual (Part D, Standardized Planning, Reporting, and Review of Superfund Risk Assessments) (RAGS Part D)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection.

ACTION: Notice of availability of RAGS Part D.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Volume I—Human Health Evaluation Manual (Part D, Standardized Planning, Reporting, and Review of Superfund Risk Assessments) (RAGS Part D), which is now available. This guidance is intended to assist remedial project managers (RPMs), risk assessors, site engineers, and others in standardizing risk assessment planning, reporting, and review at Comprehensive, Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) sites.

This guidance is the fourth part (Part D) in the series Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Volume I—Human Health Evaluation Manual (RAGS/HHEM). *Part A* describes how to conduct a site-specific baseline risk assessment and provides the necessary background for Part D. *Part B* provides guidance for calculating risk-based concentrations that may be used, along with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) and other information, to develop preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) during project scoping. The analyses in *Part C* utilize PRGs (and final remediation levels set in the Record of Decision [ROD]) to assist in evaluating the human health risks of remedial alternative. *Part D* complements the guidance provided in Parts A, B, and C, and presents approaches to standardize risk assessment planning, reporting, and review. Part D guidance spans the CERCLA remedial process from project scoping to periodic review of the implemented remedial action.

DATES: RAGS Part D was conveyed to EPA Superfund National Managers by memorandum from Stephen D. Luftig (Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response) and Barry Breen (Director, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement) on December 17, 1997, and is now being published by National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

ADDRESSES: Copies of RAGS Part D can be downloaded from the Internet immediately by going to the RAGS Part D website, located at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/oerr/techres/ragsd/ragsd.html>. In approximately three weeks, a hard copy of the document can be obtained by contacting NTIS at (703) 487-4650. Members of the public are invited to inspect the docket developed to support the RAGS Part D guidance at the Superfund Docket, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. [Docket Number RAGS Part D]. The docket is available for inspection between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Appointments to review the docket can be made by calling (703) 603-9232. The public may copy a maximum of 266 pages from the docket at no charge; each page thereafter will cost 15 cents, plus a \$25 administrative fee.

In addition to the guidance document, the Part D guidance and corresponding information may be accessed electronically on the RAGS Part D website. Updates to Part D will also appear on the website along with an index of the current version of each Chapter or Appendix.

Questions or comments regarding Part D usage should be directed to an EPA regional risk assessor or to the EPA RAGS Part D Workgroup through the RAGS Part D website. Questions or comments received through the website will be considered by the Workgroup and a response will be developed and forwarded via telephone or E-mail as appropriate. Frequently asked questions will be assembled and displayed on the website with corresponding responses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the RCRA/Superfund Hotline at (800) 424-9346; from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area call (703) 412-9810. The Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) Hotline number is (800) 553-7672; from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area the number is (703) 412-3323. You may also contact the Senior Process Manager for Risk, RAGS Part D, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (5202G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The March 21, 1995 memorandum on Risk Characterization Policy and Guidance from Administrator Browner directed improvement in the transparency, clarity, consistency, and reasonableness of risk assessments at EPA. EPA, over the years, has identified opportunities for improvement in presentation of Superfund risk assessments. Furthermore, the General Accounting Office (GAO), members of Congress, and others have called for betterment of Superfund risk assessments. The October 1995 Superfund Administrative Reform #6A directed EPA to: Establish National Criteria to Plan, Report, and Review Superfund Risk Assessments. EPA has developed an approach to respond to these challenges, which is presented in RAGS Part D.

An Agency workgroup of regional and headquarters risk assessors (the RAGS Part D Workgroup) has been active since the second quarter of FY 96 developing Standard Tools and other approaches to support standardization. Preliminary draft Standard Tools developed by the Workgroup in 1996 were tested and subjected to regional and state review in the fourth quarter of FY 96. Additional developing and testing were performed by the Workgroup in FY 97, and a second regional review occurred in fourth quarter FY 97. The Workgroup also coordinated extensively with the development team for the National Superfund Database (CERCLIS 3) during FY 97, concurrent with CERCLIS 3 development and testing efforts. The Standard Tools in RAGS Part D (Technical Approach for Risk Assessment, Standard Tables, and Instructions for the Standard Tables) reflect the results of continued development, testing, and CERCLIS 3 interaction, and are now available for use immediately.

Elements for Part D Approach

Today's **Federal Register** notice announces the availability of Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Volume I—Human Health Evaluation Manual (Part D, Standardized Planning, Reporting, and Review of Superfund Risk Assessments) (RAGS Part D). The RAGS Part D approach consists of three elements: Use of Standard Tools, Continuous Involvement of EPA Risk Assessors, and Electronic Data Transfer to a National Superfund Database:

- Use of Standard Tools—The Standard Tools developed by the EPA RAGS Part D Workgroup and refined through regional review include a

Technical Approach for Risk Assessment (TARA), Standard Tables, and Instructions for the Standard Tables.

- TARA is a road map for incorporating continuous involvement of the EPA risk assessor throughout the CERCLA remedial process for a particular site. Addressed are risk-related activities starting with project scoping and problem formulation, extending through collection and analysis of risk-related data, and supporting risk management decision making and remedial design/remedial action issues.

- The Standard Tables have been developed to clearly and consistently document important parameters, data, calculations, and conclusions from all stages of human health risk assessment development. Electronic templates for the Standard Tables are available in LOTUS® and EXCEL®.

- Instructions for the Standard Tables have been prepared to ensure standardization in the preparation and/or review of Standard Tables for each site-specific human health risk assessment.

- Continuous Involvement of EPA Risk Assessors—Early and continuous involvement by the EPA risk assessor is critical in the CERCLA remedial process, from scoping through completion of remedial activities. EPA risk assessors support reasonable and consistent risk analysis and risk-based decision making. Their up-front involvement should include scoping, work plan review, and customization of the TARA for each site to identify all risk-related requirements. The EPA risk assessors will review Interim Deliverables and identify corrections needed prior to preparation of the Draft and Final Baseline Risk Assessment Reports. Participation of the EPA risk assessors in all other phases of the CERCLA remedial process will ensure human health risk issues are appropriately incorporated in the remedy selection and implementation processes.

- Electronic Data Transfer to a National Superfund Database—Summary-level site-specific risk information will be stored in a National Superfund database (CERCLIS 3) to provide data access and data management capabilities to all EPA staff. The CERCLIS 3 risk-related data represent a subset of the data presented in the Standard Tables.

RAGS Part D is organized into five chapters and three appendices as follows:

- Chapter 1: Introduction;

- Chapter 2: Risk Considerations During Project Scoping;
- Chapter 3: Risk Assessment Data Needs and Tasks During the Remedial Investigation;
- Chapter 4: Risk Evaluations During the Feasibility Study;
- Chapter 5: Risk Evaluations After the Feasibility Study;
- Appendix A: Standard Tables;
- Appendix B: Instructions for Completion of the Standard Tables; and
- Appendix C: Data Useability Worksheet.

In addition, other useful information is presented in highlight boxes placed throughout the document.

This guidance will be updated periodically in response to user comments and suggestions and to address new human health risk assessment guidance, as appropriate. A RAGS Part D mailing list will be compiled. By using the card found at the back of the Part D package, interested parties can add their names to the list for automatic notification regarding future updates.

Goals

The RAGS Part D approach provides numerous advantages over current risk assessment practices in the Superfund program at both the site level and the overall program level.

The use of Standard Tools will facilitate planning with TARA, reporting with Standard Table formats, and reviewing of Interim Deliverables. The Standard Tools will provide consistent content and clarity of data, parameters, and assumptions. Transparency will be improved by the Standard Tables, making it easier for the public and other interested parties to understand the risk assessment, and review will be facilitated because the basis for conclusions will be clear. Because Interim Deliverables are integral parts of the baseline risk assessment, their early review and resolution by EPA risk assessors will minimize rework and may reduce project schedules and budgets while improving quality of the final product.

Continuous involvement of the EPA risk assessor throughout the CERCLA remedial process will result in holistic consideration of risk issues during scoping and will ensure that appropriate and adequate data are collected. At later stages of the project, continuous involvement of the EPA risk assessor will promote reasonableness and consistency in risk management decision making by clearly providing risk managers with the information they need.

Through submission of electronic Standard Tables, CERCLIS 3 risk data reporting requirements will be met electronically. Submission of the risk data to CERCLIS 3 will also fulfill the review objectives of Superfund Administrative Reform #6A by providing the public and other interested parties access to risk data. Use of the data by EPA risk assessors will improve consistency in future risk assessments.

Dated: March 17, 1998.

Timothy Fields, Jr.,

Acting Assistant Administrator,

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1208-DR]

Alabama; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Alabama, (FEMA-1208-DR), dated March 9, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Alabama, is hereby amended to include Public Assistance in the following areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of March 9, 1998:

Barbour, Butler, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Henry, and Randolph Counties for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance. Coffee, Covington, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, and Houston Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public

Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Dennis H. Kwiatkowski,

Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1195-DR]

Florida; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, (FEMA-1195-DR), dated January 6, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 6, 1998:

Calhoun and Gulf Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance)

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Dennis H. Kwiatkowski,

Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1195-DR]

Florida; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, (FEMA-1195-DR), dated January 6, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 6, 1998:

Jackson County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Dennis H. Kwiatkowski,

Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1209-DR]

Georgia; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Georgia, (FEMA-1209-DR), dated March 11, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.