

Summation of the Calculated Potential Chronic Exposure to Pyriproxyfen in Food and Drinking Water and Percent Occupancy of the RfD for Two U.S. Populations—Continued

Medium(mg/kg body-wt/day)	General Popu- lation(adult)	Non-Nursing Infant (1)
Total	0.000053	0.000287
%RfD(0.35 mg/kg body-wt/day)	0.015	0.082

If the occupancy of the RfD is less than 100%, the Agency usually has little cause for concern. From the table above, it can be seen that the total potential chronic exposure to pyriproxyfen is truly insignificant, and should not be cause for concern.

D. Cumulative Effects

Valent has considered the potential for cumulative exposure to substances with a common mechanism of toxicity to pyriproxyfen. However, a cumulative exposure assessment is not appropriate at this time because there is no available information to indicate that the effects of pyriproxyfen would be cumulative with those of any other chemical compound. Therefore, Valent is considering only the potential risk of pyriproxyfen in its aggregate exposure assessment.

E. Safety Determination

1. *U.S. population.* Based on a complete and reliable toxicity database, EPA has established an RfD value of 0.35 mg/kg bwt./day using the NOEL from the chronic rat feeding study and a 100-fold uncertainty factor. The aggregate chronic exposure to pyriproxyfen will utilize less than 0.1% of the RfD for the U.S. population. Because estimated exposures are far below 100 percent of the RfD, Valent concludes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to pyriproxyfen residues.

2. *Infants and children.* Using the same conservative exposure assumptions as for the general population, the percent of the RfD utilized by aggregate chronic exposure to residues of pyriproxyfen is 0.082% for non-nursing infants, the most highly exposed population subgroup. Valent concludes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from aggregate exposure to residues of pyriproxyfen.

F. International Tolerances

There are presently no Codex maximum residue levels established for residues of pyriproxyfen on any crop. [FR Doc. 98-8065 Filed 3-26-98; 8:45 am]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181058; FRL-5780-4]

Triazamate; 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 Washington Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide triazamate (CAS 112143-82-5) to treat up to 5,000 acres of true fir Christmas trees to control root aphids.

The Applicant proposes the use of a new (unregistered) chemical. 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 April 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-18058," should be submitted by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Division (7502), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instruction 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 submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential

may be included in the public record by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Stephen Schaible, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Floor 2, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703-308-9362); e-mail: schaible.stephen@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 triazamate on true fir Christmas trees to control root aphids. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

According to the Applicant, the root aphid is not new to the Northwest, but has only recently been identified as posing a serious economic threat to true fir Christmas tree plantations. Root aphids feed on the roots of true fir trees, causing stunting and color loss in the foliage, and increasing susceptibility to disease. Losses extend from the first year through the life of the plantation. Attempts to chemically control the aphids during the winged stage during migration to and from fir trees have not been successful. Foliar and soil drench applications of several insecticides have also been tested, with none being adequately successful.

Under the proposed exemption, a maximum of two applications, at least 30 days apart and when aphids are present, at a rate of 0.5 lb/acre of formulated product (0.25 lb/acre active ingredient) would be applied by ground or air. A maximum of 5,000 acres in Kitsap, Lewis, Mason and Thurston counties would be treated. Do not apply

through any type of irrigation system. No application will be permitted within 50 yards of any body of water. Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

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 new chemical (i.e., an active ingredient not contained in any currently registered pesticide), -OR- if an emergency exemption for a use has been requested in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration of the use and/or a tolerance petition has not been submitted to the Agency 40 CFR 166.24. 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-181058] (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 record is the paper record maintained 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. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-181058]. 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 Washington Department of Agriculture.

List of Subject

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 19, 1998

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5988-1]

Proposed CERCLA, RCRA, Clean Water Act, and Oil Pollution Act Prospective Purchaser Agreement for the American Western Refining, L.P. Refinery Site

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

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement ("PPA") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), Pub. L. 99-499, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. Sections 6901 *et seq.*, the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. Sections 1251, *et seq.*, the Oil Pollution Act ("OPA"), 33 U.S.C. Sections 2701 *et seq.*, and Section 22.2b of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/22.2b, applying to the purchase of equipment to be dismantled and removed from the AWR refinery site ("the Site") located in Lawrenceville, Illinois, has been signed by AWR Acquisition, LC; Clark Oil Trading Company and Blastco Services Company ("settling parties").

Under the PPA, the settling parties agree to dismantle and remove all structures, tanks, units, drums and other equipment above the refinery's ground surface, and drain, remove, and legally dispose, recycle, or sell the contents. The settling parties will also perform asbestos abatement work on each piece of equipment containing asbestos and dispose of the asbestos in accordance with law. U.S. EPA and the United States Coast Guard are currently conducting an oil seep removal action at the Site pursuant to Section 1012 of the Oil Pollution Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 2712. Under the PPA the settling parties will fund certain environmentally beneficial work relating to this oil seep. In particular, the settling parties will provide funding for monitoring,

operating, and maintaining oil/water separator and wastewater treatment systems, site security, electrical power, utility, and fire protection at the Property. In total, the PPA obtains environmentally beneficial work that is estimated to be worth more than \$3.9 million.

Opportunity for Public Meeting

Commentors may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6973(d).

DATES: Comments on the proposed PPA and any request for public meeting must be received by U.S. EPA on or before April 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the proposed PPA is available for review at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (Mail Code C-14J), Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please contact Thomas J. Martin at (312) 886-4273, prior to visiting the Region 5 office. Comments on the proposed PPA should be addressed to Mr. Martin and sent to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Martin at (312) 886-4273, of the U.S. EPA Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel, or Kevin Turner, at (312) 886-4444, of the U.S. EPA Superfund Division.

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

Dated: March 13, 1998.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5.
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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) invites comments on the following information collection for which Ex-Im Bank intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) is