

of sources covered by an amendment, section or paragraph of this rule, only that amendment, section, or paragraph for that source or subset of sources will be withdrawn.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by September 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources Bureau of Air Quality Control, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melik Spain at (215) 814-2299, the EPA Region III address above or by e-mail at spain.melik@epa.gov. Please note that while questions may be posed via telephone and e-mail, formal comments must be submitted, in writing, as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: August 10, 2001

Judith Katz,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[PA118-4120b; FRL-7038-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Pennsylvania; Conversion of the Conditional Approval of the Pennsylvania Large Municipal Waste Combustor (MWC) Plan to Full Approval

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to convert its conditional approval of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's large municipal waste combustor (MWC) plan submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to a full approval. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is converting its conditional approval of the Commonwealth's MWC plan as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James B. Topsale (215) 814-2190 at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at topsale.jim@epa.gov. Please note that while questions may be posed via telephone and e-mail, formal comments must be submitted, in writing, as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 174

[OPP-300370C; FRL-6799-4]

RIN 2070-AC02

Plant-Incorporated Protectants (Formerly Plant-Pesticides), Supplemental Proposal; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Supplemental proposal; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA in response to request from the public is extending an existing comment period for a supplemental proposal appearing in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2001. EPA issued the July 19, 2001 supplemental proposal to solicit additional comment on the exemptions it proposed in 1994 for plant-incorporated protectants. Specifically, EPA solicits comment on two alternative regulatory approaches to plant-incorporated protectants derived from plants sexually compatible with the recipient plant and on proposed exemptions for plant-incorporated protectants that act by primarily affecting the plant or are based on viral coat proteins. EPA is also providing notice that it has placed the report issued by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) entitled *Genetically Modified Plants: Science and Regulation* in the dockets for the rulemakings relating to certain proposals on plant-incorporated protectants under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). The Agency anticipates this extension will result in more in-depth, detailed and thus more constructive comment.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-300370C, must be received on or before September 19, 2001.

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

OPP-300370C in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phillip Hutton, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703)

308-8260; fax number: (703) 308-7026; e-mail address: hutton.phil@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a person or

company involved with agricultural biotechnology that may develop and market plant-incorporated protectants. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide manufacturers	32532	Establishments primarily engaged in the formulation and preparation of agricultural and household pest control chemicals
Seed companies	111	Establishments primarily engaged in growing crops, plants, vines, or trees and their seeds
Colleges, universities, and professional schools	611310	Establishment of higher learning which are engaged in development and marketing of plant-incorporated protectants
Establishments involved in research and development in the life sciences	54171	Establishments primarily engaged in conducting research in the physical, engineering, or life sciences, such as agriculture and biotechnology

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 this table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes are provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine the provisions in 40 CFR part 174. If you have 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?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register—Environmental Documents**." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access information about plant-incorporated protectants and the supplemental proposal, go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Science Policy and Coordination at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/> and select "What's New."

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-300370C. 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 Hwy., 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?

As described in Unit I. of the supplemental proposal published in the **Federal Register** of July 19, 2001 (66 FR 37855) (FRL-6760-4), you may submit your comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. Please follow the instructions that are provided in the supplemental proposal. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify docket control number OPP-300370C in

the subject line on the first page of your response.

II. Background

A. What Action is EPA Taking?

EPA in response to public comment is extending the comment period for a supplemental proposal appearing in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2001. EPA issued the July 19, 2001 supplemental proposal to solicit additional comment on the exemptions it proposed in 1994 for plant-incorporated protectants. EPA solicits comment on two alternative regulatory approaches to plant-incorporated protectants derived from plants sexually compatible with the recipient plant and on proposed exemptions for plant-incorporated protectants that act by primarily affecting the plant or are based on viral coat proteins. EPA is also providing notice that it has placed the NAS report in the dockets for the rulemakings relating to certain proposals on plant-incorporated protectants under FIFRA and FFDCA. With the July 19, 2001 supplemental proposal, EPA reopened the comment period for these particular 1994 proposals to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the information, analyses, and conclusions in the NAS report.

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

EPA takes this action under the authority of FIFRA section 3 and section 25(a) and (b) (7 U.S.C. 136a and 136w(a) and (b)) and FFDCA section 346a and 371.

III. Do Any Regulatory Assessment Requirements Apply to this Action?

No. This action is not a rulemaking, it merely extends the date by which public comments must be submitted to EPA on a supplemental proposal that previously published in the **Federal Register** of July 19, 2001 (66 FR 37855) (FRL-6760-4). For information about the applicability of the regulatory assessment requirements to that supplemental proposal, which published in the **Federal Register**, please refer to the discussion in Unit VIII. of that document.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 174

Environmental protection,
Agricultural commodities, Pesticides
and pests, Plants.

Dated: August 13, 2001.

Stephen L. Johnson,

*Assistant Administrator for Prevention,
Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 14

RIN 1018-AH75

Conferring Designated Port Status on Anchorage, AK

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, propose to make Anchorage, Alaska, a designated port under section 9(f) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. This action would allow the direct importation and exportation of wildlife through this growing international port. We are proposing to amend the regulations in 50 CFR Part 14 to reflect this designation. We will hold a public hearing to collect comments on this change. We also seek written comments from the public.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 19, 2001. A public hearing will be held at 6 PM, September 17, 2001. Submit requests to present oral testimony at this hearing on or before August 30, 2001. See Supplementary Information section for more information on the public hearing.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent

to: SAC-Branch of Investigations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 500, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Comments and materials may be hand-delivered to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 500, Arlington, Virginia, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M., Monday through Friday. For public hearing comments or testimony, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Special Agent Steve Oberholtzer (703) 358-1949, or Special Agent Stanley Pruszenski, Assistant Regional Director for Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska (907) 786-3311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Endangered Species Act requires that all fish and wildlife, with only limited exceptions, be imported and exported through designated ports. Designated ports facilitate U.S. efforts to monitor wildlife trade and enforce wildlife protection laws and regulations by funneling wildlife shipments through a limited number of locations. The Secretary of the Interior, with approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, designates ports for wildlife trade by regulation after holding a public hearing and collecting and considering public comments. The Service presently has 13 designated ports of entry for the importation and exportation of wildlife: Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; Miami, Florida; Honolulu, Hawaii; Chicago, Illinois; New Orleans, Louisiana; New York, New York; Seattle, Washington; Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Portland, Oregon; Baltimore, Maryland; Boston, Massachusetts; and Atlanta, Georgia. The Service maintains a staff of wildlife inspectors at each designated port to inspect and clear wildlife shipments.

Regulatory exceptions allow certain types of wildlife shipments to enter or leave the country through ports which are not designated. Under certain conditions, importers and exporters can obtain a permit from the Service authorizing their use of non-designated ports. The importer or exporter will accrue additional fees associated with the inspection and permit authorizing use of a non-designated port.

Need for Proposed Rulemaking

The proximity of Anchorage to the Asian continent has prompted the State of Alaska, the City of Anchorage, and private groups such as international express carriers, the Alaskan tourism

industry, and the outdoor recreational industry to target foreign trade markets as a way to bring increased economic growth to Anchorage. Stevens International Airport is expanding and a 100,000 sq. ft. warehouse is being constructed to accommodate both the growth in airline passengers and the 20 million tons of air freight that already pass through Anchorage each year. This volume is one of the highest for any airport in the United States, and future increases of 11.1 percent per year are projected. International cargo off loaded in Anchorage has been estimated at 341 million pounds for the year 2000.

Two large Anchorage international express carriers have regional hubs in Anchorage. The volume of international shipments handled by these facilities has increased from 18 to 22 percent each year over the last five years. Parallel growth has occurred in the number of wildlife shipments. Since the Service charges higher fees for inspecting and clearing shipments at Anchorage and other non-designated ports, wildlife importers using these facilities have asked that over 70 percent of their shipments be cleared at designated ports of entry in the lower 48 states. Making Anchorage a designated port will facilitate clearance of these shipments and reduce costs for all importers and exporters bringing wildlife through this city.

Increases in international visitors to Alaska have also affected the number of wildlife shipments requiring clearance. The number of U.S. and foreign hunters requesting clearance of wildlife trophies in Anchorage has increased by nearly 300 percent in the last five years. The number of foreign hunters exporting Alaskan big game trophies has jumped by 73 percent, adding substantially to the total number of wildlife shipments cleared in Anchorage.

The Service's data for fiscal year 2000 show that the port of Anchorage handled a total of 3,555 wildlife shipments with a declared value of \$9.3 million. Anchorage has the highest number of declared wildlife shipments per wildlife inspector of any port in the Nation. The Service projects that the number of wildlife shipments will triple over the next three to five years following the establishment of Anchorage as a designated port. This projection is based on trends associated with the designation of the ports of Dallas-Fort Worth, Portland, and Atlanta.

Existing and projected increases in air and express cargo along with substantial growth in the number of airline passengers, international visitors, and hunters seeking clearance of wildlife