

guidelines to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments as to the impact on health and the environment of regulatory actions under sections 6(b) and 25(a) of FIFRA. The Deputy Administrator appoints seven individuals to serve on the Panel for staggered terms of 4 years, based on recommendations from the National Institute of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Section 104 of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) (Public Law 104-170 established the FQPA Science Review Board (SRB). These scientists shall be available to the SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the Panel.

B. Purpose of the Meeting

The FIFRA SAP will meet to consider and review corn rootworm plant-incorporated protectant insect resistance management and non-target insect issues. Monsanto Company has requested a registration for the plant-incorporated protectant *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry3Bb1 protein and the genetic material (ZMIR13L) necessary for its production in corn. The Cry3Bb1 protein is intended to control corn rootworms (CRW, *Diabrotica* spp.), a coleopteran pest of corn. This registration application is limited to event MON 863 corn and descendant lines and varieties. Studies were submitted to support registration of the transformation event MON 863. CRW, a primary pest of corn in the United States, feeds on corn roots as larvae leading to a reduction in the plant's ability to absorb water and nutrients from soil and lodging. In areas where CRW is a pest (e.g., Corn Belt), significant financial losses are realized from a decrease in production and the cost of chemical insecticides used to control this insect pest. Significant acres of corn are treated annually to control CRW with organophosphate, carbamate and pyrethroid insecticides.

Monsanto has conducted experiments using Cry3Bb1 corn for the last 3 years (2000-2002) under Experimental Use Permits. This has allowed for data to be developed to support the company's application for a commercial registration under FIFRA. EPA has conducted a risk assessment based on the data submitted. The Agency is seeking the FIFRA SAP's review on their assessment of the non-target arthropod studies and the Bt degradation in soil studies.

In addition, Monsanto has submitted an insect resistance management plan (IRM) intended to be used for a 3-year interim period while further scientific studies are conducted to refine the plan based on actual commercial field experience. EPA has cooperated with researchers working with corn rootworm in its evaluation of the Monsanto proposed IRM plan. The Agency will also be seeking the advice of the FIFRA SAP regarding their assessment of the IRM plan. The guidance provided by the FIFRA SAP along with comments provided by the public will be considered by the Agency in making its decision on the application for registration for products containing Cry3Bb1.

C. Request for Nominations to Serve as Ad-Hoc Members of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel for This Meeting

The FIFRA SAP staff routinely solicit the stakeholder community for nominations to serve as ad-hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for each meeting. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to serve on the FIFRA SAP for a specific meeting. No interested person shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal department or agency or their employment by a Federal department or agency (except the EPA). Individuals nominated should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Insect biology, insect resistance management, and non-target effects. Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments on the issues for this meeting. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, and telephone number. Nominations should be provided to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by August 5, 2002.

The criteria for selecting scientists to serve on the Panel are that these persons be recognized scientists--experts in their fields; that they be as impartial and objective as possible; that they represent an array of backgrounds and perspectives (within their disciplines); have no financial conflict of interest; have not previously been involved with the scientific peer review of the issue(s) presented; and that they be available to participate fully in the review, which will be conducted over a relatively short time frame. Nominees will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these

meetings. Finally, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes.

If a Panel nominee is considered to assist in a review by the SAP for a particular session, the nominee is subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634, Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by the EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. As such, the Panel nominee is required to submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the nominee's employment, stocks, and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. The EPA will evaluate the nominee's financial disclosure form to assess that there are no formal conflicts of interest before the nominee is considered to serve on the Panel. Selected Panel members will be hired as a Special Government Employee. The Agency will review all nominations; a decision on Panel members for the meeting will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

D. FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days. The minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: July 17, 2002.

Sherell A. Sterling,
*Acting Director, Office of Science
Coordination and Policy.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0132; FRL-7189-3]

Pesticide Product; Registration Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing new active

ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2002-0132, must be received on or before August 23, 2002.

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 ID number OPP-2002-0132 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Mary Waller, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-9354 and e-mail address: waller.mary@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
Industry	111	Crop production
	112	Animal production
	311	Food manufacturing
	32532	Pesticide manufacturing

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 the table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. 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/>. To access this document, 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/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0132. 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?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0132 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services

Division (7502C), OPP, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0132. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI 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. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any 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 version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the registration activity.

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.

8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Registration Applications

EPA received applications as follows to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provision of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on the applications.

Products Containing Active Ingredients not Included in any Previously Registered Products

1. *File Symbol:* 66330-UG. *Applicant:* Arvesta Corporation, 100 First Street, Suite 1700, San Francisco, CA 94105. *Product name:* TM-42501. *Active ingredient:* Iodomethane at 98%. *Proposed classification/Use:* Restricted use. For pre-plant fumigation onto fields intended for commercial production of strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, and ornamental flowers, plants, and bushes for the control of soil-borne pests, including nematodes, insects, weed and grass seeds, and diseases.

2. *File Symbol:* 66330-UU. *Applicant:* Arvesta Corporation, *Product name:* Iodomethane Technical. *Active ingredient:* Iodomethane at 100%. *Proposed classification/Use:* None. For formulation or repackaging into end-use products intended for terrestrial non-food uses for the control of soil-borne pests.

3. *File Symbol:* 66330-UE. *Applicant:* Arvesta Corporation. *Product name:* TM-42503. *Active ingredients:* Iodomethane at 25% and chloropicrin at 75%. *Proposed classification/Use:* Restricted use. For pre-plant fumigation onto fields intended for commercial production of strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, and ornamental flowers, plants, and bushes for the control of soil-borne pests, including nematodes, insects, weed and grass seeds, and diseases.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest.

Dated: July 12, 2002.

Richard P. Keigwin, Jr.,
Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0123; FRL-7184-6]

Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0123, must be received on or before August 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0123 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Joanne I. Miller, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-6224 e-mail address: miller.joanne@epa.gov.

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2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0123. 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 Highway, 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.