

action are those which manufacture, sell, distribute and/or use oil spill dispersants, other chemicals, and other spill mitigating devices and substances that may be used in carrying out the NCP, as listed in 40 CFR 300.900 on land or waters of the United States.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 14.

**Frequency of Response:** Respondents must submit information only when they apply to list a new product on the Schedule, or when the composition, formulation, application, or contact information of a product currently listed on the Schedule is changed.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 390.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$95,558, includes \$82,800 annualized capital, \$0 O&M costs, and \$12,758 labor costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** There is a decrease of 436 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease is due to the following three adjustments to the estimates: (1) Manufacturers will apply to list 14 new oil spill mitigating agents on the Schedule per year over a three-year period versus an estimated 28 per year during the three-year period of the current ICR; (2) a decrease in the number of sorbent manufacturer certification requests per year (from 20 to 10); and (3) a decrease in the burden estimate per sorbent manufacturer respondent (from 5 to 3 hours).

Dated: January 7, 2004.

**Doreen Sterling,**  
*Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7612-3]

### National Dialogue on EPA's Draft Report on the Environment, 2004

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Environmental Information, the Office of Research and Development and EPA's Regional Offices are conducting national dialogue sessions with a broad spectrum of stakeholders to solicit feedback on the Draft Report on the Environment issued June 26, 2003. EPA conducted 5 sessions in November and December 2003 and invited representatives from

State governments, tribes, academia, non-governmental organizations, local agencies and business and industry. The meetings were announced in the October 15, 2003 **Federal Register** and were held in Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco, Seattle and Dallas. EPA plans to conduct an additional session in Philadelphia on February 12, 2004. Interested members of the general public may attend the meeting and will have an opportunity to provide comment at an appointed time during the session. Because space is limited, those planning to attend must RSVP to the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than one week before the meeting. The information contact will also provide the specific meeting location as well as directions.

**DATES:** The date for the dialogue session is February 12, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dawn Banks-Waller, Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Analysis and Access, Environmental Analysis Division, (2842T), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW., Washington DC 20460. Telephone (202) 566-0625, fax (202) 566-1066 or e-mail [banks-waller.dawn@epa.gov](mailto:banks-waller.dawn@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 26, 2003, EPA released the Draft Report on the Environment (RoE) and its accompanying Technical Document. The report presents its first-ever national picture of the U.S. environment. The report describes what EPA knows—and doesn't know—about the current state of the environment at the national level, and how the environment is changing. The report highlights the progress our nation has made in protecting its air, water, and land resources and describes the measure that can be used to track the status of the environment and human health.

EPA has issued the report as a draft to stimulate dialogue and invite input into developing and improving environmental indicators in the future. The national dialogue sessions are a first step in soliciting feedback on the report and will focus on:

- Assessing the quality, structure, relevance, appropriateness of, and needed improvements to the reports,
- Identifying additional or new questions/indicators, changes in indicators, gaps, indicator improvements, etc., and
- Assessing the use of the report for planning and decision making.

Feedback obtained from these sessions will be used to shape the next and future editions of the Report.

To view, download, or order hardcopies of the RoE and the Technical Document or to provide comments on the documents, please visit the EPA Environmental Indicators Initiative Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/indicators/roe/>.

Dated: January 12, 2004.

**Mike Flynn,**

*Director, Office of Information Analysis and Access.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0400; FRL-7340-2]

### Pesticide Products; 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-2003-0400, must be received on or before February 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions 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-2003-0400

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adam Heyward, Product Manager 34, or the Product Reviewer, Bonaventure Akinlosotu, Antimicrobials Division (7510C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-6422; e-mail address: [heyward.adam@epa.gov](mailto:heyward.adam@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

##### A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. You may be potentially affected by this action if you

manufacture, sell, distribute, or use wood preservatives and other pesticides, and/or treated wood products. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any 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 Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?*

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0400. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the “**Federal Register**” listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA’s electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA’s electronic public docket. EPA’s policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA’s electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public

docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA’s electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA’s electronic public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA’s electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA’s policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA’s electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA’s electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA’s electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the Docket will be scanned and placed in EPA’s electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA’s electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

*C. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked “late.” EPA is not required to consider these late comments. If you wish to submit CBI or information that is otherwise protected by statute, please follow the instructions in Unit I.D. Do not use EPA Dockets or e-mail to submit CBI or information protected by statute.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed in this unit, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA’s policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA’s electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets.* Your use of EPA’s electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA’s preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once in the system, select “search,” and then key in docket ID number –OPP–2003–0400. The system is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by e-mail to [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov), Attention: Docket ID Number OPP–2003–0400. In contrast to EPA’s electronic public docket, EPA’s e-mail system is not an “anonymous access” system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the docket without going through EPA’s electronic public docket, EPA’s e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA’s e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA’s electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail.* Send your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2003-0400.

3. *By hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2003-0400. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit I.B.1.

*D. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?*

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then

identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is 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 docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket 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 ID 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.

**TABLE—PRODUCTS CONTAINING ACTIVE INGREDIENTS NOT INCLUDED IN ANY PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED PRODUCTS**

File Symbol	Applicant/Address	Chemical/Product Name	Active Ingredient	Proposed Classification/Uses
43813-GG	Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc./ 1125 Trenton-Harbourton Rd., Titusville, NJ 08560	Bethoguard Technical	Bethoxazin: 3- (Benzo[b]thiophen-2yl)-5,6- dihydro-1,4,2-oxathiazine, 4-oxide @ 96.6%	Manufacturing use product/ For formulating material preservative end use prod- ucts.
43813-GU	Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc./ 1125 Trenton-Harbourton Rd., Titusville, NJ 08560	Bethoguard	Bethoxazin: 3- (Benzo[b]thiophen-2yl)-5,6- dihydro-1,4,2-oxathiazine, 4-oxide @ 96.6%	End use product/For use as materials preservative
43813-GL	Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc./ 1125 Trenton-Harbourton Rd., Titusville, NJ 08560	Bethoguard 300 SC	Bethoxazin: 3- (Benzo[b]thiophen-2yl)-5,6- dihydro-1,4,2-oxathiazine, 4-oxide @ 31.1%	End use product/For use as materials preservative
75799-R	Akzo Nobel Functional Chemicals, LLC/5555 Spalding Drive, Suite 100, Norcross, Georgia 30092	PXTS	Polyxylenol tetrasulfide @ 80.5%	Manufacturing use product/ For use in the formulation of wood protection end use products (railroad ties, util- ity poles and marine lum- ber).
75799-E	Akzo Nobel Functional Chemicals, LLC/5555 Spalding Drive, Suite 100, Norcross, Georgia 30092	PXTS Blend D	Polyxylenol tetrasulfide @ 67.0%	End use product/ For use in the preservation of wood products (railroad ties, util- ity poles and marine lum- ber).

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides, pest, Bethoxazin, Polyxylenol teterasulfide.

Dated: January 12, 2004.

**Frank Sanders,**

*Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-2003-0409; FRL-7339-3]

**Amicarbazone; 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-2003-0409, must be received on or before February 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joanne I. Miller, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6224; e-mail address: [Miller.Joanne@epa.gov](mailto:Miller.Joanne@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 an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS 111)
- Animal production (NAICS 112)
- Food manufacturing (NAICS 311)
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS 28532)

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 unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any 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 Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?**

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