

II. Background

What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of carbofuran on rice to control rice water weevil. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the Applicant asserts that the rice water weevil is the most important early-season insect pest of rice in Louisiana. Five insecticides are currently registered for control of rice water weevil. However, one of the five, fipronil has been voluntarily removed from the U.S. rice market by the manufacturer and will be in limited supply in 2005. The other four registered alternatives are lambda-cyhalothrin, zeta-cypermethrin, gamma-cyhalothrin, and diflubenzuron. The current emergency situation with respect to weevil management has arisen primarily from the continuing practice of cultivating crawfish in ponds in close proximity to rice fields in southern Louisiana. Crawfish were cultivated on over 100,000 acres in southern Louisiana in 2004. The remaining four insecticides currently registered for use against the rice water weevil in Louisiana are toxic to crawfish. Weather conditions in the spring, when aerial applications of pyrethroid insecticides for weevil control are made, are often conducive to drift of liquid formulations of pesticides. As a result, there were at least 15 reports of crawfish mortality due to drift of pyrethroids into crawfish ponds in southern Louisiana. The recent decision to remove fipronil from the U.S. rice market exacerbates the emergency situation.

Carbofuran is an effective insecticide against rice water weevil and was used successfully for weevil control for over 30 years in southern Louisiana. Because it targets the damaging stage of the pest, and because larval thresholds are well-established, carbofuran can be used only when larval densities are high enough to cause economic losses. Further, the state claims that since carbofuran will be applied as a granular formulation there is less potential for drift and carbofuran is less toxic to crawfish. According to the state, approximately 300,000 acres

of rice have the potential for needing carbofuran. An estimated 5–20% yield loss from these 300,000 acres is expected if left untreated for weevils. As a result farmers would experience losses of approximately 6.1 to 24.4 million dollars.

The Applicant proposes to make no more than one application of the formulated product Furadan 3G, (0.6 lb carbofuran per acre). Up to 300,000 acres of rice in Louisiana could be treated and up to 180,000 lb of carbofuran (6,000,000 lb of Furadan 3G) could be applied.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing the use of an active ingredient which has been subject of a Special Review and is intended for a use that has been the subject of the Special Review. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: February 2, 2005.

Betty Shackelford,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

January 28, 2005.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with

a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a valid control number.

Comments are requested concerning (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before April 12, 2005. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Les Smith at (202) 418–0217 or via the Internet at Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0065.

Title: Application for New or Modified Radio Stations Authorization Under part 5 of the FCC Rules—Experimental Radio Service, FCC Form 442.

Form Number: FCC 442.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 2,800 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: Applicants that require an FCC license to operate a new or modified experimental radio station must file FCC Form 442, as required by 47 CFR sections 5.55 (a), (b), and (c) and 5.59 of FCC Rules. The FCC's clerks, legal instruments examiners, and engineers used the data supplied by

applicants in FCC Form 442 to determine: if the applicant is eligible for an experimental license; the purpose of the experiment; compliance with the requirements of part 5 of the FCC Rules; and if the proposed operation will cause interference to existing operations. Thus, the FCC cannot grant an experimental license without the information contained on this form. Applicants now file FCC Form 442 electronically.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0068.

Title: Application for Consent to Assign an Experimental Authorization, FCC Form 702.

Form Number: FCC 702.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.6 hour. (36 mins.).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 6 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$550.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: The FCC Rules, 47 CFR Section 5.59, require that applicants for Experimental Radio Service file FCC Form 702 when the legal right to control the use and operation of a station is to be transferred, as a result of a voluntary act (contract or other agreement); of an involuntary act (death or legal disability) of the grantee of a station authorization; by involuntary assignment of the physical property constituting the station under a court decree in bankruptcy proceedings or other court order; or by operation of law in any other manner. Applicants now file FCC Form 702 electronically.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

February 3, 2005.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the

following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number.

Comments are requested concerning (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before March 14, 2005. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments regarding this Paperwork Reduction Act submission to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., DC 20554 or via the Internet to *Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at *Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0715.

Title: Telecommunications Carrier's Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) and Other Customer Information, CC Docket No. 96-115.

Form No: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 4,832.

Estimated Time per Response: .50-100 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual, biennial and other one-time reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirement and third party disclosure requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 669,808 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$229,520,000.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Needs and Uses: In a Memorandum Opinion and Order, (FCC 04-206), the Commission modified paragraph (c) and added two new paragraphs (d) and (e) to Section 64.2341. Section 64.2341(c) requires that a carrier shall make the contracts and records available, upon request, to the Commission, and to any directory publisher that requests those contracts and records for the purpose of publishing a directory. New section 64.2341(d) states that a carrier need not disclose to a directory publisher pursuant to paragraph (c) portions of requested contracts that are wholly unrelated to the rates, terms, or conditions under which the carrier provides subscriber list information to itself, an affiliate, or any entity that publishes directories on the carrier's behalf. Section 64.2341(e) states that a carrier may subject its disclosure of subscriber list information contracts or records to a directory publisher pursuant to paragraph (c) to a confidentiality agreement that limits access to and use of the information to the purpose of determining the rates, terms, and conditions under which the carrier provides subscriber information to itself, an affiliate, or an entity that publishes directories on the carrier's behalf. All of the information collection requirements under this OMB control number are used to ensure that telecommunications carriers comply with the requirements to implement Section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

OMB Control No.: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Petitions for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs), CC Docket No. 96-45.

Form No: N/A.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 22.

Estimated Time per Response: 2-3 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time and annual reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 176 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Needs and Uses: Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, provides that "only an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designated under section 214(e) shall be eligible to receive specific Federal universal service support." Pursuant to section 214(e)(1), a common carrier designated as an ETC must offer and advertise the services supported by