

cyclanilide undergoes negligible metabolism in mature cotton. Following application to mature cotton, foliage contained approximately 27 ppm cyclanilide equivalents, while the concentration in the lint ranged from 1.0 to 4.0 ppm, depending on whether the boll was open at the time of foliar application. The seed, in contrast, did not contain any detectable residue. Greater than 97% of the extractable radioactive residues in the foliage was identified as ^{14}C -cyclanilide. The radioactive residues present in the lint were identified solely as the parent material, ^{14}C -cyclanilide.

^{14}C -cyclanilide has been shown to be rapidly absorbed and metabolized to a limited extent by methylation or conjugation reactions in the rat, but is apparently unchanged in the goat and hen. The main product eliminated in both urine and feces in the rat and goat and in the excreta of the chicken was ^{14}C -cyclanilide. Elimination was observed to be rapid in all three species with very low levels of radioactive residues being found in the tissues at the time of sacrifice. The blood/plasma half-life ($t_{1/2}$) was approximately 90 hours in the rat. No significant sex differences were observed in the behavior of cyclanilide in the rat.

There are no Codex tolerances for cyclanilide. There are no minor crop uses for cyclanilide.

E. Conclusion

The request of a tolerance for cyclanilide on cotton meets the criteria in the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 that "there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to the chemical residue including all anticipated dietary exposures and all other exposures for which there is reliable information." The toxicology data base clearly indicates that: cyclanilide does not pose any acute dietary risks; cyclanilide is not genotoxic; cyclanilide's metabolism does not result in metabolites that present any chronic dietary risk; cyclanilide is neither an oncogen, neurotoxicant, developmental or reproductive toxicant.

An RfD of 0.005 mg/kg/day is proposed based on the LOEL in the 2 generation reproduction study. The percent of the RfD that will be utilized by aggregate exposure to residues is extremely low under the reasonably conservative analysis (0.4% for adults and 1.4% for children under 6 years of age). No additional uncertainty factor for infants and children is warranted based on the completeness and reliability of the database, the demonstrated lack of increased risk to

developing organisms, and the lack of endocrine-modulating effects.

II. Administrative Matters

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the this notice of filing. Comments must bear a notation indicating the document control number, [PF-683]. All written comments filed in response to this petition will be available in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, at the address given above from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [PF-683] 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 public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp=Docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental Protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

Peter Caulkins,
Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection and Change in Filing Requirements

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, the Commission announces that it intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to extend the existing collection of information, State and Local Government Information Report (EEO-4), with the following change in reporting requirements. Government jurisdictions with fewer than 1,000 full-time employees will report their employment on a summary report. Separate functional reports will be required only for those functions, with 100 or more full-time employees. Employment in functions with fewer than 100 full-time employees will be combined in one report. Previously all jurisdictions with 250 or more employees had to file separate reports for all functions regardless of employment size. The reporting requirements for all other jurisdictions with more than 1,000 employees remain unchanged. This proposed change will reduce the number of forms filed by state and local governments by 50%.

The Commission is seeking public comments on the proposed extension and change in reporting requirements.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before February 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10th Floor, 1801 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20507. As a convenience to commentators, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments transmitted by facsimile ("FAX") machine. The telephone number of the FAX receiver is (202) 663-4114. (This is not a toll free number). Only comments of six or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX transmittal. This limitation is necessary

to assure access to the equipment. Receipt of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat Staff at (202) 663-4078 (voice) or (202) 663-4077 (TDD). (These are not toll free numbers). Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Commission's library, Room 6502, 1801 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20507 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joachim Neckere, Director, Program Research and Surveys Division, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1801 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20507, at (202) 663-4958 (voice) or (202) 663-7063 (TDD). A copy of EEOC Form 164, with instructions, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Neckere.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Collection Title: State and Local Government Information Report EEO-4.

OMB Control Number: 3046-0008.

Form Number: EEOC Form 164.

Frequency of Report: Biennial.

Type of Respondent: State and local government jurisdictions with 100 or more full-time employees and a rotating probability sample of jurisdictions with from 15 to 99 full-time employees.

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes: 911-965.

Description of Affected Public: State and local governments.

Responses: 10,000.

Reporting Hours: 40,000.

Federal Cost: \$47,150.

Number of forms: 1.

Abstract: Section 709(c) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-8(c), requires employers to make and keep records relevant to a determination of whether unlawful employment practices have been or are being committed and to make reports therefrom as required by the Commission. Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1602.32, state and local governments have been required to submit EEO-4 reports to the Commission since 1973 (biennially in odd-numbered years since 1993). Currently all state and local governments with 250 or more full-time employees submit a separate report for each function, up to a maximum of 15 functions, which the government performs. All other governments in the EEO-4 survey file one report, covering all functional activities. On October 5, 1995, the Commission voted to require governments with from 250 to 999 full-time employees to submit a separate EEO-4 report only for those functions

with 100 or more full-time employees and one summary report that includes all the remaining functions with fewer than 100 full-time employees. All other state and local governments will continue to file their EEO-4 reports as they have in the past. This change does not affect subparts I, J, and K of 29 C.F.R. § 1602 which pertain to the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for state and local governments but do not address the issue of records or reports by functional activity.

This change is being taken in the interest of streamlining the EEO-4 survey process and reducing the burden on state and local governments, while maintaining sufficient data to meet the program needs of the Commission and other agencies that use these data. The change will become effective beginning with the 1997 EEO-4 survey.

EEO-4 data are used by the Commission to investigate charges of employment discrimination against state and local governments and in Commission systemic program decisions. The data are shared with several Federal government agencies. Pursuant to Section 709(d) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, EEO-4 data are also shared with approximately 83 State and Local Fair Employment Practices agencies. Aggregate data are used by researchers and the general public.

Burden Statement: The estimated burden hours will be reduced to approximately 40,000 hours. The estimated number of respondents included in the EEO-4 survey will remain at about 5,000 state and local governments. It is estimated that on an annual basis the total number of responses in this data collection will be 10,000 responses. This change will result in a reduced expense and reporting burden for state and local governments as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. § 3502(i).

The reporting burden for this collection is based upon an average estimate per response and takes into consideration the large number of state and local governments that submit their reports on diskettes or magnetic tapes. Burden hours for any particular government may differ from this average estimate depending on the accessibility of information and the degree of automation. The burden estimate includes the time needed for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Public

comments on the accuracy of the burden estimates as well as suggestions for further reducing the burden are welcome. The Commission has encouraged and will continue to encourage the use of magnetic media (diskettes, computer tapes, etc.) as a means of submitting information on the EEO-4 report.

Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 1320.8(d)(1), the Commission solicits public comment to enable it to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: The Commission certifies pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 605(b), enacted by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Pub. L. No. 96-354, that this change will not result in significant impact on small employers or other entities because the change involves elimination of reporting requirements, and that a regulatory flexibility analysis therefore is not required.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

For the Commission,
Maria Borrero,
Executive Director.
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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 7, 1997, at 2:00 P.M. (Eastern Time).

PLACE: Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20507.

STATUS: The meeting will be closed to the public.