

*Comment date:* August 19, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1494-094]

##### Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 6, 1997.

A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA is for an application for non-project use of project lands. The proposed application involves excavation of a boat channel for a private residence. The proposed action further involves expanding a previously approved excavation area. The FEA finds that with the inclusion of specific recommendations, approval of the proposed action would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The proposed excavation site is located on the shore of the Pensacola Project reservoir, Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, near Horse Creek, in Delaware County, Oklahoma.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling

the project manager, Patti Pakkala at (202) 219-0025.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

Acting Secretary.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5873-2]

##### National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Notice of Open Meeting

Under section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on August 27, 1997, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Headquarters, Room 1209 East Tower, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Members of the Council will be participating by conference call. The meeting is open to the public, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Council with the recommendations from the Small Systems Working Group. The Council encourages the hearing of outside statements and will allocate one-half hour at each meeting for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes, and it is preferred that only one person present the statement. Any outside parties interested in presenting an oral statement should petition the Council by telephone at (202) 260-2285 before August 22, 1997.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received prior to the meeting will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Ms. Charlene Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council or Mr. Peter Shanaghan, Designated Federal Officer, Small Systems Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The telephone

number is Area Code (202) 260-2285 or (202) 260-5813. Response through E-Mail, should be to either address, shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov or shanaghan.peter@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

**Elizabeth Fellows,**

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30407B; FRL-5730-1]

##### Monsanto Company; Approval of a Pesticide Product Conditional Registration

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces Agency approval of an application to conditionally register the pesticide product CryIA(b) Form of the B.t.k. Insect Control Protein, containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(7)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Michael Mendelsohn, Regulatory Action Leader, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. CS51B6, Westfield Building North Tower, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8715; e-mail: mendelsohn.mike@epamail.epa.gov.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Electronic Availability:** Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of April 17, 1996 (61 FR 16781; FRL-5362-2), which announced that Monsanto Company, 700 Chesterfield Parkway North, St. Louis, MO 63198, had submitted an application to register the pesticide product CryIA(b) Form of the *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *kurstaki* Insect Control Protein (EPA File Symbol 524-UOE), containing the new active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis* delta-endotoxin as produced in corn by a CryIA(b) gene and its controlling

sequences, an active ingredient not included in any previously registered product.

The application was approved on May 29, 1996, as CryIA(b) Form of the B.t.k. Insect Control Protein for seed propagation (EPA Registration Number 524-492). The chemical was amended to read "*Bacillus thuringiensis* delta-endotoxin as produced by the CryIA(b) gene and the genetic material necessary for its production (PV-ZMCT01) in corn."

A conditional registration may be granted under section 3(c)(7)(C) of FIFRA for a new active ingredient where certain data are lacking, on condition that such data are received by the end of the conditional registration period and do not meet or exceed the risk criteria set forth in 40 CFR 154.7; that use of the pesticide during the conditional registration period will not cause unreasonable adverse effects; and that use of the pesticide is in the public interest.

The Agency has considered the available data on the risks associated with the proposed use of *Bacillus thuringiensis* delta-endotoxin as produced by the CryIA(b) gene and the genetic material necessary for its production (PV-ZMCT01) in corn, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from such use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health and safety determinations which show that use of *Bacillus thuringiensis* delta-endotoxin as produced by the CryIA(b) gene and the genetic material necessary for its production (PV-ZMCT01) in corn during the period of conditional registration will not cause any unreasonable adverse effect on the environment, and that use of the pesticide is in the public interest.

This product is conditionally registered in accordance with FIFRA section 3(c)(7)(C). If the conditions are not complied with the registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6(e).

Consistent with section 3(c)(7)(C), the Agency has determined that this conditional registration is in the public

interest. Use of the pesticides are of significance to the user community, and appropriate labeling, use directions, and other measures have been taken to ensure that use of the pesticides will not result in unreasonable adverse effects to man and the environment.

More detailed information on this conditional registration is contained in an EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on *Bacillus thuringiensis* CryIA(b) delta-endotoxin and the genetic material necessary for its production in corn.

A copy of the fact sheet, which provides a summary description of the chemical, use patterns and formulations, science findings, and the Agency's regulatory position and rationale, may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are available for public inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, CM #2, Arlington, VA 22202 (703-305-5805). Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office (A-101), 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Such requests should: (1) Identify the product name and registration number and (2) specify the data or information desired.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registration.

Dated: July 30, 1997.

**Janet L. Andersen,**

*Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-755; FRL-5736-1]

### Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-755, must be received on or before September 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (7506C), Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The product manager listed in the table below:

Product Manager	Office location/telephone number	Address
George LaRocca (PM 13).	Rm. 204, CM #2, 703-305-6100, e-mail: larocca.george@epamail.epa.gov.	1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA Do.
Mary Waller, Acting (PM 21).	Rm. 265, CM #2, 703-308-9354, e-mail: waller.mary@epamail.epa.gov.	