

01, 1997 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 04, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L61214-OR
Kalmiopsis Wilderness, Approval for Motorized Vehicular Access to the Private Property within the Chetco River, Illinois Valley Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest, Curry County, OR.

Summary: Based upon our abbreviated review, EPA does not foresee having any environmental concerns to the proposed project.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65286-OR Rating EC2, Summit Fire Recovery Forest Restoration Project, Implementation, Malheur National Forest, Long Creek Ranger District, Grant County, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts do not exacerbate existing conditions nor cause additional environmental impacts.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65290-ID Rating EC2, North Lochsa Face Landscape and Watershed Assessment Project, Implementation, Clearwater National Forest, Lochsa Ranger District, Idaho County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to air quality concerns from burning, potential water quality impacts to riparian areas and the Wild and Scenic River Corridor.

ERP No. D-BLM-L65273-ID Rating EC2, Owyhee Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Lower Snake River District, Owyhee County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts on water and air quality.

ERP No. D-NAS-A12041-00 Rating EC2, X-33 Advanced Technology Demonstrator Vehicle Program, Final Design, Construction and Testing, Implementation, Approvals and Permits Issuance, CA, UT and WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential noise, water and air impacts. Specifically, EPA would like more information regarding compliance with section 404 of the Clean Water Act, analysis of impacts to global warming

and additional information regarding NASA's noise analysis.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65183-CA Whale Rock Analysis Area Multi-Resource Improvement and Management Plan, Implementation, Eldorado National Forest, Pacific Southwest Region, Eldorado County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental continuing concern with the project's ratio of new road construction to road closure/obliterations, and requested that the Forest Service conduct an analysis of additional road closure/obliteration opportunities prior to initiation of project activities.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65100-WA
Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area Plan, Implementation, Wenatchee and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests, Cle Elum and North Bend Ranger Districts, Kittitas and King Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns based on the potential adverse impacts on surface water, aquatic resources, and habitat connectivity for wildlife mitigation.

ERP No. F-NRC-A09822-00 10 CFR part 20: Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for Decommissioning of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities (NUREG-1496), Implementation, Generic EIS.

Summary: EPA remains in fundamental disagreement with NRC's choice of appropriate levels for clean-up of decommissioned NRC licensed facilities. EPA believes that clean-ups of radioactivity should ensure both that no member of the public receive greater than 15 millirem per year and that groundwater that is a current or potential future source of drinking water be protected to the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) found at 40 CFR part 141.

ERP No. FS-NAS-A12040-00 Cassini Spacecraft Exploration Mission to Explore the Planet Saturn and its Moons, Implementation, Updated Information concerning Potential Accidents during the Launch and Cruise Phase of the Mission.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns related to the documents use of out-dated EPA guidance. EPA requested that the new guidance be used to assess remediating contaminated areas.

Dated: August 19, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5879-8]

Underground Injection Control Program Hazardous Waste Injection Restrictions; Petition for Exemption—Class I Hazardous Waste Injection; Monsanto Chemical Company, (Monsanto)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final decision on petition reissuance.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that reissuance of an exemption to the land disposal restrictions under the 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act has been granted to Monsanto, for the Class I injection wells located at Chocolate Bayou, Alvin, Texas. As required by 40 CFR part 148, the company has adequately demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Agency by petition and supporting documentation that, to a reasonable degree of certainty, there will be no migration of hazardous constituents from the injection zone for as long as the waste remains hazardous. This final decision allows the underground injection by Monsanto, of the specific restricted hazardous waste identified in the exemption reissuance, into the Class I hazardous waste injection wells at the Chocolate Bayou, Alvin, Texas facility specifically identified in the modified exemption, for as long as the basis for granting an approval of this exemption remains valid, under provisions of 40 CFR 148.24. As required by 40 CFR 124.10, a public notice was issued June 10, 1997, and closed on July 25, 1997. All comments have been addressed and have been considered in the final decision. This decision constitutes final Agency action and there is no Administrative appeal.

DATES: This action is effective as of August 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the reissued petition and all pertinent information relating thereto are on file at the following location: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Water

Quality Protection Division, Source Water Protection Branch (6WQ-S), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Dellinger, Chief, Ground Water/UIC Section, EPA—Region 6, telephone (214) 665-7165.

Oscar Ramirez, Jr.,

Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5880-1]

Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Subcommittee Review of the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) subcommittee to review the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App.2), notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Subcommittee will meet to review the National Center for Environmental Assessment on Monday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 9, 1997. The meeting will be held in the Wilson/Glebe Room of the Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia and will begin at 8:00 a.m. and recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8. On Tuesday, September 9, a Subcommittee writing session will begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Following the writing session, a wrap-up discussion summarizing the preliminary findings and conclusions of the Subcommittee will be held from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The BOSC Subcommittee Review meeting will adjourn at 3:00 p.m. All times are Eastern time. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make comments at the meeting should contact Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Official, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general, each individual making an oral presentation

will be limited to three minutes. Anyone desiring a draft BOSC meeting agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton at (202) 565-2444.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 8 and 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Wilson/Glebe Room of the Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Official, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-6853.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-757; FRL-5737-8]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition (PP 7F4827), submitted by Abbott Laboratories, proposing the establishment of a regulation for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the microbial pesticide, active ingredient, *Bacillus sphaericus*, when used in or on all food and feed crops.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-757, must be received on or before September 22, 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: By mail: Willie Nelson, (PM) 90, 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. 5th floor, CS1, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. 22202, (703) 308-8682; e-mail: nelson.willie@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received pesticide petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that these petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice of filing, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice of filing under docket control number [PF-757] (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 official record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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

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