

forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: There are 23 sources currently subject to this standard, and no additional sources are anticipated during the next three years. Since most of the reporting requirements are one-time-only activities for new sources, these will not apply to the 23 existing facilities and consequently, have not been included in estimating the respondent burden for this ICR. The total annual burden for all recordkeeping and monitoring requirements plus the preparation of semi-annual reports is estimated to be 5,686 hours technical, 285 hours managerial, and 568 hours clerical. The total annual cost associated with this ICR is \$231,561 or approximately \$10,000 per facility per year. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Elaine G. Stanley,

Director, Office of Compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5960-6]

Proposed Settlement Agreement, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance, with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (Act), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed partial consent decree, which was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia by the United States Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) on November 19, 1997, to address a lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club. This lawsuit, which was filed pursuant to section 304(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7604(a), concerns, among other things, EPA's alleged failure to meet a mandatory deadline under section 112(f)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7412(f)(1). Section 112(f)(1) of the Act relates to a report to Congress on the risk to public health remaining, or likely to remain, from sources subject to hazardous air pollutant regulation under section 112 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7412, after the application of technology-based standards under section 112(d) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7412(d). The proposed partial consent decree provides that no later than March 24, 1998, the Administrator shall sign a notice of availability of the proposed report, and that no later than February 1, 1999, the Administrator shall sign the letter transmitting the final report to Congress.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed partial consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed partial consent decree if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines, following the comment period, that consent is inappropriate, the final partial consent decree will establish the deadlines listed above for specific actions under section 112(f)(1) of the Act.

A copy of the proposed partial consent decree was lodged with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on November 19, 1997. Copies are also available from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Diane E. McConkey at the address above and must be submitted on or before January 2, 1998.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00514; FRL-5759-4]

Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Regional Workshops; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is a voluntary partnership between the pesticide user community and EPA. EPA, in conjunction with the National Foundation for IPM Education, will hold two meetings in December to allow PESP members to discuss pesticide risk reduction issues of common interest and to exchange ideas on risk reduction techniques. Further, the meetings will serve as an introduction to PESP for organizations considering membership and for other parties interested in pesticide risk reduction. Both meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 4, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and December 8, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting on December 4 will be held at Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA. The meeting on December 8 will be held at the University Club, University of California, Davis, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Frank W. Ellis, Jr., Office of Pesticide Programs (7501W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 5th floor, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, 703-308-8107; e-mail: ellis.frank@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Begun in 1994 with 23 charter partners, PESP has grown to include 77 partners encompassing interests as diverse as almond growers in California, villages in the Northeast and utility rights-of-way managers throughout the country and 15 supporters encompassing interests as diverse as major food processors and stormwater management agencies. Partner organizations

represent pesticide users. Supporter organizations influence pesticide use or have an interest in pesticide issues.

In 1996, a National PESP Workshop was held in the Washington, DC area. At that workshop, many participants suggested that regional workshops be held to provide for more one-on-one contact between members in smaller groups. These workshops are in response to that request. The Agency anticipates holding additional regional workshops in the future.

Topics to be discussed at the workshops include: The development and implementation of risk reduction strategies; results from funded PESP projects; and the PESP grant process. There will be time for open discussion among the participants. A separate session will be held immediately following the general session for any organizations interested in joining the program.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.
Dated: November 25, 1997.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5930-7]

Notice Of Public Meeting on Drinking Water Analytical Methods

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public meeting on December 16, 1997, for the purpose of summarizing the findings and other information discussed during the Protozoan Method Development Workshop held on October 20-22 in Arlington, VA. EPA will present its programmatic and regulatory needs for improved protozoan methods, describe a possible approach for defining method performance criteria, present current status on the development of an improved near-term *Cryptosporidium* analytical method, and discuss possible methods that may be available for future regulations.

EPA is inviting all interested members of the public to attend the meeting, which will be held at RESOLVE, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, D.C. For further information regarding agenda or other aspects of the meeting, members of the public are requested to

contact Crystal Rodgers of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-0676 or by e-mail at rodgers.crystal@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5931-1]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Teleconference Meeting

December 18, 1997.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee, will conduct a public teleconference meeting on Thursday, December 18, 1997, between the hours of 12:00 and 2:00 pm, Eastern Time. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 2103 of the Mall at the Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The public is welcome to attend the meeting physically or through a telephonic link. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson at (202) 260-8414 by December 12, 1997.

In this meeting the Executive Committee plans to review reports from several of its Committees. Expected reports include: (1) *Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC)—a Review of the Toxic Release Inventory; and b) Review of the Waste Research Strategy*; (2) *Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)—Review of the Ecological Research Strategy*. Please contact Ms. Tillery-Gadson a week prior to the meeting to confirm that a given report will be reviewed.

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or wishing to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Official for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-4126; FAX (202) 260-9232; and via the INTERNET at barnes.don@epamail.epa.gov. Copies of the relevant documents are available from the same source.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50836; FRL-5758-9]

Receipt of an Application for an Experimental Use Permit; Genetically Engineered Microbial Pesticide

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application (EUP No. 524-EUP-II) from Monsanto Company requesting an experimental use permit for a genetically engineered microbial plant-pesticide CryIA(c) expressed in tomato plant cells. The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting public comments on this application.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) 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 CBI. Information so marked 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 will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.