

Institute of Biological Sciences, contractor to the EPA for this external scientific peer consultation. The document was prepared by the EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office (NCEA-W) of the Office of Research and Development. EPA will use comments and recommendations from the meeting to assist in revising the document.

**DATES:** The peer-review panel meeting will begin on Wednesday, October 28, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers, and there will be a limited time for comments from the public in the afternoon. The 45-day public comment period begins October 9, and ends November 24, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The external peer-review panel meeting will be held at the American Society of Association Executives, 1575 I Street, NW, Washington, DC. The American Institute of Biological Sciences, an EPA contractor, is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer-review panel meeting. To attend the meeting, register by October 23, 1998, by calling the American Institute of Biological Sciences, 107 Carpenter Drive, Suite 100, Sterling, Virginia 20164, at 703-834-0812, ext. 100, or fax to 703-834-1160. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time for comments from the public in the afternoon of the meeting. Please let the American Institute of Biological Sciences know if you wish to make a brief statement.

The document is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> under the What's New and Publications menus. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title and number, Draft Toxicological Review of Benzene (Noncancer Effects): (NCEA-S-0455). Copies are not available from the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

Comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20074; telephone number: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. Comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by November 15, 1998. Please submit one unbound

original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may be sent to [benzene.new@epa.gov](mailto:benzene.new@epa.gov).

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be placed in a public record. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For workshop information, registration, and logistics, contact Kevin Rowan, American Institute of Biological Sciences, 107 Carpenter Drive, Suite 100, Sterling, Virginia 20164; telephone: 703-834-0812, ext. 100; facsimile: 703-834-1160.

For information on the public comment period, contact Bob Sonawane (202-564-3292) or David Bayliss, (202-564-3294); mailing address: NCEA-W (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; facsimile: 202-565-0078; e-mail: [benzene.new@epa.gov](mailto:benzene.new@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This draft report provides the scientific basis for deriving an oral reference dose (RfD) and inhalation reference concentration (RfC) for the noncancer health risk from exposure to benzene.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

**William H. Farland,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6172-6]

### National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology, Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gives notification of a three-day meeting of the Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

(NACEPT). The Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities.

The Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee will provide advice to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator of EPA on techniques that may be used by EPA funding recipients to operate environmental permitting programs in compliance with Title VI.

This meeting is being held to provide the EPA with perspectives from representatives of state and local governments, industry, the academic community, tribal and indigenous organizations, and grassroots environmental and other non-governmental organizations.

**DATES:** The three-day public meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel at Reid Park, 445 South Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona. The meeting will take place on Sunday, October 18, 1998 from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday, October 19, 1998 from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm, and Tuesday, October 20, 1998 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The public comment session will be held on October 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Members of the public who wish to make brief oral presentations should contact Jannell Young at 202-260-1888 by October 14, 1998 to reserve time during the public comment session. The Committee is particularly interested in receiving public comments on the elements of an ideal or optimal Title VI program, especially as it concerns how the program should function in response to Title VI complaints. Individuals or groups making presentations will be limited to a total time of five minutes. Those who have not reserved time in advance may make comments during the public comment session as time allows.

**ADDRESSES:** Materials or written comments may be sent to Melanie Medina-Ortiz, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA (1601-F), Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melanie Medina-Ortiz, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, telephone 202-260-2695.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

**Gordan Schisler,**

*Acting Designated Federal Officer, NACEPT  
Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30434A; FRL-6026-2]

### Kemira Agro Oy; Approval of a Pesticide Product Registration

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces Agency approval of an application to register the pesticide product Primastop Biofungicide Powder, containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Susanne Cerrelli, Regulatory Action Leader, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 902 W48, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, 22202, (703) 308-8077, e-mail: cerrelli.susanne@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 **Federal Register**-Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of May 23, 1997 (62 FR 28478)(FRL-5714-9), which announced that Kemira Agro Oy, had submitted an application to register the pesticide product Primastop Biofungicide (EPA File Symbol 64137-I), containing the active ingredient *Gliocladium catenulatum* strain J1446, an active ingredient not included in any previously registered product. The current address for Kemira Agro Oy is Porkkalankatu 3, P.O. Box 330, 00101 Helsinki, Finland. The current address of their U.S. agent is c/o E. Butts International, Inc., P.O. Box 764, Fairfield CT 06430.

This application was approved on July 2, 1998, as Primastop Biofungicide

Powder, for greenhouse and indoor use only (EPA Registration Number 64137-8).

Primastop contains living *Gliocladium catenulatum* strain J1446 as the active ingredient a naturally-occurring saprophytic fungus, which is widespread in the environment.

The Agency has considered all required data on risks associated with the proposed use of *Gliocladium catenulatum* strain J1446, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature of the chemical 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 safety determinations which show that use of *Gliocladium catenulatum* strain J1446 when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

More detailed information on this registration is contained in the EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on *Gliocladium catenulatum* strain J1446.

A copy of the fact sheet, which provides a summary description of the pesticides, 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 (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, 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, DC 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: September 28, 1998.

**Janet L. Andersen,**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-837; FRL-6033-8]

### 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-837, must be received on or before November 5, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, 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 "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: