

a complaint against ISO New England, Inc.

Comment date: February 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Northern Maine Independent System Administrator, Inc.

[Docket No. ES00-17-000]

Take notice that on January 28, 2000, the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator, Inc. (NMISA) submitted an application under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act, requesting authorization to enter into a \$1,000,000 revolving line of credit with an effective date of no later than March 1, 2000. NMISA also requests that the Commission waive its competitive bidding or negotiated placement requirements of 18 CFR 34.2.

Comment date: February 23, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30451B; FRL-6487-3]

Burkholderia cepacia Strain Ral-3; Withdrawal of an Application to Register a Pesticide Product Containing a New Active Ingredient

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Agrium U.S., Inc., has withdrawn its application to register a pesticide product containing the active ingredient *Burkholderia cepacia* strain Ral-3 (EPA File Symbol 70724-R). The application is withdrawn without prejudice to future filing for registration of products containing *Burkholderia cepacia* strain Ral-3.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise L. Greenway, c/o Product Manager 91, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone number (703) 308-8263, e-mail address: greenway.denise@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

Although this action only applies to the registrant in question, it is directed to the public in general. Since various individuals or entities may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be interested in this action. If you have any questions regarding this action, please consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-30451B. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes

printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

III. Background Information

EPA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 1998 (63 FR 14114) (FRL-5780-3), which announced the Agrium U.S., Inc. submission of an application to register a pesticide product (EPA File Symbol 70724-R) containing an active ingredient, the microbial pesticide *Burkholderia cepacia* strain Ral-3, an active ingredient not included in any previously registered pesticide product. Subsequently, EPA issued a correction notice in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 1998 (63 FR 18410) (FRL-5783-3) for the microbial pesticide *Burkholderia cepacia* strain Ral-3.

The application was the subject of a joint review with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada, where the application was also withdrawn from further consideration by the applicant.

EPA received comments from the Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, the University of Edinburgh Medical School, Children's Hospital of Oklahoma, the University of British Columbia, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. EPA co-chaired and participated in a symposium entitled, "*Burkholderia cepacia*—Friend or Foe?," at a joint meeting of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) and the Entomological Society of America (ESA). EPA held and participated in an inter-Agency meeting entitled, "Risk Assessment for Intentional Use of Opportunistic Pathogens," with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and Health Canada. EPA also participated in several meetings of the International *Burkholderia cepacia* Working Group (IBCWG) and held and participated in a Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting entitled, "*Burkholderia cepacia*: Risk Assessment of a Biopesticide with Affinities to a Human Opportunistic Pathogen," a record of which is

available at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap/1999/index.htm#july>.

IV. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is announcing that Agrium U.S., Inc., South Ulster St., Suite 1400, Denver, CO 80237, has withdrawn its application to register a microbial pesticide containing *Burkholderia cepacia* strain Ral-3, as provided for in section 3(c)(7)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). *Burkholderia cepacia* strain Ral-3 is an active ingredient not included in any previously registered pesticide product. *Burkholderia cepacia* strain Ral-3 had been proposed as a microbial pesticide for commercial indoor application to seed and/or seedlings of conifers and deciduous trees.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: January 21, 2000.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50865; FRL-6488-4]

Plant-Pesticide Insect-Protected Soybean Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of application 524-EUP-OR from Monsanto Company, 700 Chesterfield Parkway North, St. Louis, Missouri 63198, requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the Cry1Ac protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (Vector PV-GMBT01) in soybean. The Agency has determined that this application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-50865, must be received on or before March 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and data may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as

provided in Unit I.C. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-50865 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Alan Reynolds, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 605-0515; and e-mail address: reynolds.alan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of plant-pesticides under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

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C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-50865 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-50865. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI That I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI.