

[OPP-00438; FRL-5376-6]

Worker Protection Standard; Notice of Public Meetings**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: EPA is holding a series of public meetings to solicit information from workers, growers and others regarding regulations designed to protect agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. The first meeting was held in Winter Haven, Florida on February 22, 1996. The meetings are a part of EPA's commitment to monitor and evaluate the impact and performance of the Worker Protection regulations. The public meetings are designed to provide an opportunity for those directly affected by the regulations to relay their experiences after the regulations' first full year of implementation. By reaching out to those on the frontlines and for whom these regulations are intended to provide public health protection, EPA will better understand how the program is working and where meaningful improvements should be made. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The following is the schedule for the remaining public meetings:

June 19, 1996, Pasco, Washington
 June 26, 1996, Biglerville, Pennsylvania
 July 23, 1996, Fresno, California
 July 25, 1996, Salinas, California
 August 7, 1996, Portageville, Missouri
 August 21, 1996, Tipton, Indiana
 The date and location for a public meeting in Puerto Rico will be announced at a later date. There will not be a public meeting scheduled in Washington, DC as was previously noted.

ADDRESSES: The June 19, 1996 meeting will be held at the Red Lion Inn, 2525 North 20th Street, Pasco, Washington.

The June 26, 1996 meeting will be held at the Biglerville High School, North Main Street, Biglerville, Pennsylvania.

The July 23, 1996 meeting will be held at the C.P.D.E.S. Hall, 172 West Jefferson Avenue, Fresno, California.

The July 25, 1996 meeting will be held at the Salinas Community Center, 940 North Main Street, Salinas, California.

The August 7, 1996 meeting will be held at the University of Missouri Delta Research Center, Highway T, Portageville, Missouri.

The August 21, 1996 meeting will be held at the Tipton County Fair Grounds, 1200 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana.

In general, registration begins at 5 p.m., and the public meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please call the contacts listed below to verify the schedule for each meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Jeanne Heying (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Field Operations Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone number: (703) 305-7164, Fax: (703) 308-2962, e-mail: heying.jeanne@epamail.epa.gov., or EPA WPS representatives in regions hosting public meetings.

California meetings: Kay Rudolph, (415) 744-1065 or Mary Grisier, (415) 744-1095.

Indiana meeting: Don Baumgartner, (312) 886-7835.

Missouri meeting: Glen Yager, (913) 551-7296 or Kathleen Fenton, (913) 551-7874.

Pennsylvania meeting: Magda Rodriguez-Hunt, (215) 566-2128.

Puerto Rico meeting: Fred Kozak, (908) 321-6769.

Washington meeting: Allan Welch, (206) 553-1980.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

In 1992, EPA issued final regulations governing the protection of employees on farms, forests and nurseries, and greenhouses from occupational exposures to agricultural pesticides. The WPS covers both workers in areas treated with pesticides and employees who handle (mix, load, apply, etc.) pesticides. More specifically, the provisions of the Standard are intended to:

Inform employees about the hazards of pesticides:

- By requiring provisions for basic safety training, posting and distribution of information about the pesticides.

Eliminate exposure to pesticides:

- By prohibiting against the application of pesticides in a way that would cause exposure to people.

- By requiring time-limited restrictions for workers to return to areas following the application of pesticides.

- By requiring provisions for workers and handlers to wear proper protective clothing/equipment.

Mitigate exposures that occur:

- By requiring arrangements for the supply of soap, water, and towels in the case of pesticide exposure.

- By requiring provisions for emergency assistance.

II. Information Sought by EPA

EPA believes that agricultural workers, handlers, and growers are best

able to provide unique insights on the effects of the WPS requirements. Their input will be supplemented by data generated from other sources during the course of EPA's longer-term evaluation effort. As a follow-up to the public meetings, EPA will develop a summary of information gained. These tools will be used to develop strategies for improving the administration of the WPS. The Agency is specifically interested in hearing public comment, or receiving written comment, on the following topics.

1. Assistance from regulatory partners and others involved with the WPS.
2. Usefulness of available assistance.
3. Understanding the WPS requirements.
4. Success in implementing the requirements.
5. Difficulties in implementing the requirements.
6. Suggestions to improve implementation.

III. Registration to Make Comments

Persons who wish to speak at the public meeting are encouraged to register at the meeting location. The Agency encourages parties to submit data to substantiate comments whenever possible. All comments, as well as information gathered at the public meetings will be available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays) at the Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division, Room 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Information submitted as part of any comment may be claimed as confidential by marking any or all of that information as Confidential Business Information (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with the 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 the Agency without prior notice to the submitter. The Agency anticipates that most of the comments will not be classified as CBI, and prefers that all information submitted be publicly available. Any records or transcripts of the open meetings will be considered public information and cannot be declared CBI.

IV. Structure of the Meeting

EPA will open the meeting with brief introductory comments. EPA will then invite those parties who have registered to present their comments. EPA

anticipates that each speaker will be permitted 5 minutes to make comments. After each speaker, Agency and state representatives may ask the presenter questions of clarification. The Agency reserves the right to adjust the time for presenters depending on the number of speakers.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written documentation to EPA at the meeting to ensure that their entire position goes on record in the event that time does not permit a complete oral presentation. Any information may be mailed to Jeanne Heying at the address stated earlier in this Notice.

Dated: June 4, 1996.

William L. Jordan,

Director, Field Operations Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-30387A; FRL-5375-2]

Rhone-Poulenc AG Co.; Approval of Pesticide Product Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of applications to register the pesticide products Chipco Choice and Fipronil Technical, containing an active ingredient not included in any previously registered products 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: Richard Keigwin, PM 10, Registration Division (750C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 713, CM #2, 1925 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-7618; e-mail: keigwin.richard@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issued a notice, published in the Federal Register of May 31, 1995 (60 FR 28407; FRL-4956-1), which announced that Rhone-Poulenc AG Company, P.O. Box 12014, 2 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, had submitted applications to register the products Chipco Gauntlet 0.1G (now known as Chipco Choice) and Fipronil Technical (File Symbols 264-LLN and 264-LLU), containing the active ingredient fipronil 5-amino-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-((1,R,S)-(trifluoromethyl)sulfinyl)-1-H-

pyrazole-3-carbonitrile at 0.1 and 96.5 percent.

The applications were approved on May 1, 1996, as Chipco Choice (formerly Chipco Gauntlet 0.1G) for use on golf and commercial turf to control mole crickets (EPA Reg. No. 264-550) and Fipronil Technical for formulation into insecticide products (EPA Reg. No. 264-554).

The Agency has considered all required data on risks associated with the proposed use of fipronil 5-amino-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-((1,R,S)-(trifluoromethyl)sulfinyl)-1-H-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile, 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 fipronil 5-amino-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-((1,R,S)-(trifluoromethyl)sulfinyl)-1-H-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

More detailed information on these registrations is contained in an EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on fipronil 5-amino-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-((1,R,S)-(trifluoromethyl)sulfinyl)-1-H-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile.

A copy of this 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 and the list of data references used to support registration are available for public inspection in the office of the Product Manager. 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 Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations 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: May 29, 1996.

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Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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Cyclanilide; Renewal of a Temporary Tolerance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has renewed a temporary tolerance for residues of the plant growth regulator, cyclanilide in or on the raw agricultural commodity cottonseed at 0.75 parts per million (ppm).

DATES: This temporary tolerance expires January 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Cynthia Giles-Parker, Product Manager (PM) 22, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 229, CM#2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5540; e-mail: parker.cynthia@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issued a notice published in the Federal Register of September 27, 1995 (60 FR 49837), stating that a temporary tolerance had been established for residues of the plant growth regulator, cyclanilide, 1-(2,4-dichlorophenylaminocarbonyl)-cyclopropane carboxylic acid in or on the raw agricultural commodity cottonseed at 0.5 parts per million (ppm). This tolerance is renewed at 0.75 ppm in response to Pesticide Petition (PP) 4G4414, submitted by Rhone-Poulenc AG Company, P.O. Box 12014, 2 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2014.

The company has requested a 1-year renewal of a temporary tolerance for residues of the insecticide to permit the