

[Docket No. CP96-641-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Michigan Leg South Looping Project

February 6, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

ANR proposes to loop its existing Michigan Leg South System with 11.9 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline in two segments to provide additional system flexibility and to alleviate a bottleneck in the pipeline system. The two segments consist of 1.6 miles of loop in Will County, Illinois, and 10.3 miles of loop in Porter County, Indiana. The project also includes the addition of one aftercooling bay at the existing St. John Compressor Station in Lake County, Indiana, and the relocation of an existing pig launcher from milepost (MP) 885.02 to MP 874.72 in Porter County, Indiana, and a pig receiver from MP 848.31 to MP 849.91 in Will County, Illinois.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Rm. 2A-1, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. A limited number of copies of the EA are available from the above address.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must be received by March 10, 1997, reference Docket No. CP96-641-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Rm. 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must

file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00465; FRL-5581-3]

Department of Defense Plan for Certification of Pesticide Applicators

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Approve Certification Plan.

SUMMARY: On December 8, 1985, EPA announced approval of a revised Department of Defense (DOD) plan for the certification of pesticide applicators. DOD has submitted another revision to their pesticide applicator certification plan reflecting changes in their administrative procedures and adoption of several new subcategories of certification. Notice is hereby given of the intention of EPA to grant approval of the newly revised DOD plan.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before March 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Agency invites interested persons to submit written comments on this Notice. Comments identified by the docket control number "OPP-00465" should be submitted in triplicate by mail to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: 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.

Comments will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00465." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit II. of this document.

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 may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be 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.

Copies of the DOD revised plan are available for viewing at the following locations during normal business hours:

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA 22202. Contact: Robert V. Bielarski, (703) 305-6708.
2. U.S. Department of Defense, Armed Forces Pest Management Board, Forest Glen Section, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20307-5001. Contact: Major Charles E. Cannon, (301) 295-7476/77.
3. Select U.S. DOD installations. Contact Major Cannon at aforementioned location for list of locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert V. Bielarski, Environmental Protection Agency, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20461. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA, Telephone: (703) 305-6708, e-mail: bielarski.robert@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this notice and the revised DOD pesticide applicator certification plan are available from the EPA Public Access gopher (gopher.epa.gov) at the Environmental Subset entry under "Rules and Regulations."

I. Background

In the Federal Register of December 8, 1985, notice was published announcing the final approval of a revised DOD pesticide applicator certification plan. The DOD has again revised its certification plan to reflect updated administrative procedures and the addition of three new subcategories. This newly revised plan has been submitted to EPA for approval. The revised plan will continue to cover workers from the three branches of the Armed Forces. The revised plan will retain the aerial applicator category contained in the current plan. The revised plan will add the following new subcategories: (1) Subcategory 3a., soil fumigation under the existing ornamental and turf category, (2) subcategory 6a., grassland and non-crop agricultural land under the existing right-of-way category, and (3) subcategory 7a., stored product fumigation under the existing industrial, institutional, structural, and health-related category. The remaining categories in the revised certification plan are similar to the established EPA categories. The DOD estimates that the number of applicators to be certified in the newly established subcategories will not exceed 50 applicators.

The certification program will continue to be administered by the Armed Forces Pest Management Board within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Certification and recertification will be required by taking and passing of a written examination. Recertification will be required every 3 years.

EPA finds that the revised DOD certification plan fully meets the requirements of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the regulations at 40 CFR part 171. Therefore, EPA announces its intention to approve the revised DOD certification plan.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on EPA's intention to approve the revised DOD certification plan.

II. Public Docket

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-00465" (including comments 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 public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field

Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: February 5, 1997.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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[PF-707; FRL-5587-2]

American Cyanamid Company; Pesticide Tolerance Petition Filing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of filing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of tolerances for residues of dithianon (5,10-dihydro-5,10-dioxonaphtho[2,3-b]-1,4-dithiin-2,3-dicarbonitrile) in or on pome fruits and dried hops. This notice includes a summary of the petition that was prepared by the petitioner, American Cyanamid Company.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket number [PF-707], must be received on or before, March 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide 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 sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by docket number [PF-707]. Electronic comments on this notice of filing may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit II. of this document.

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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, telephone number, and e-mail address: Crystal Mall #2, Room 229, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, 703-305-7740, e-mail: giles-parker.cynthia@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received a pesticide petition (PP 6E4781) from American Cyanamid Company, P.O. Box 400, Princeton, NJ 08543, proposing pursuant to section 408 (d) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR part 180 by establishing a tolerance for residues of the fungicide dithianon in or on the raw agricultural commodity (RAC) pome fruits at 5 parts per million (ppm) and dried hops at 100 ppm. The proposed analytical methods are HPLC methods with UV detection for pome fruits (apples and pears) and with electrochemical detection for quantitation for hops.

EPA has determined that the petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408 (d)(2) of the FFDCA; however, EPA has