

In order to resolve this matter without protracted litigation, the plaintiffs and EPA have reached agreement on a proposed consent decree and settlement agreement that have been signed by the parties and lodged with the District Court on November 13, 1998. The proposed consent decree provides that EPA shall conclude the public consultative process in accordance with the schedule set forth therein. The accompanying proposed settlement agreement provides that EPA will undertake certain actions regarding Federal agencies and Federal mobile source ozone control measures in the South Coast Air Basin.

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 consent decree and settlement agreement from persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree and settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

**Scott Fulton,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6198-4]

### Request for Great Lakes Preproposals Through "FY1999-2000 Great Lakes Priorities and Funding Guidance"

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) is now requesting the submission of preproposals for GLNPO funding. This request is part of the *FY1999-2000 Great Lakes Priorities and Funding Guidance* (Funding Guidance). The Great Lakes Funding Guidance identifies Great Lakes priorities, solicits preproposals for assistance projects, and describes other Federal Great Lakes funding opportunities.

**DATES:** The deadline for submission of preproposals is January 15, 1999.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Funding Guidance is available on the Internet at

<http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/fund/99guid.html>. It is also available from Lawrence Brail (312-886-7474/brail.lawrence@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Russ, EPA-GLNPO, G-17J, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604 (312-886-4013/russ.michael@epamail.epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** USEPA's Great Lakes National Program Office is requesting Preproposals for Great Lakes projects addressing: Contaminated Sediments (\$1.4 million), Pollution Prevention and Reduction—Binational Toxics Strategy (\$800 thousand); Habitat (Ecological) Protection and Restoration (\$1 million); Exotic Species (\$300 thousand); and Emerging Issues (\$300 thousand). A total of \$3.8 million is targeted for awards in the Summer and Fall of 1999. A "roadmap" section describes some of the other Great Lakes Federal funding available through USEPA, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Highway Administration.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181065; FRL 6047-8]

### Malathion and Diazinon; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received a quarantine exemption request under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticides malathion (CAS No. 121-75-5), formulated as Fyfanon ULV (EPA Registration No. 4787-8 and 51036-104) and diazinon (CAS No. 333-41-5), formulated as Diazinon 4-E (EPA Registration No. 769-687) to treat areas within Florida where nonindigenous subtropical fruit flies (various species in the family *Tephritidae*) are found. This notice provides a 30-day period for public comment on the request.

Four geographically distinct infestations of the Mediterranean fruit fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) were discovered in Florida in 1998. In addition, a widespread outbreak of the Mediterranean fruit fly was discovered in central Florida in 1997. In order to ensure that this pest did not become established in Florida, the Applicant and the State of Florida used the pesticides identified above, along with the release of sterile Mediterranean fruit flies and other measures, to eradicate the outbreaks.

The pesticide use that takes place related to exotic fruit fly eradication is occurring under the authorities of FIFRA section 18. Because EPA is interested in engaging stakeholders affected by important programs undertaken under section 18, the Agency is invoking its discretionary authority under 40 CFR 166.24(a)(7) and, through the publication of this notice, is soliciting public comment with respect to the eradication scheme proposed by the Applicant.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing Section 18 cite that the Administrator may determine that it is appropriate to publish a notice of receipt of an application for a quarantine exemption request [40 CFR 166.24 (a)(7)]. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181065," should be submitted by mail 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, bring comments to: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #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](mailto:opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov). Follow the instructions under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice 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 provided by the