

pollution planning and control programs. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 66001.)

Sec. 106—Grants to interstate air quality agencies and commissions to develop implementation plans for interstate air quality agencies and commissions to develop implementation plans for interstate air quality control regions. (When funded.)

*Urban Mass Transportation Technical Studies Grants (DOT)*

Sec. 175—Grants to organizations of local elected officials with transportation or air quality maintenance responsibilities for air quality maintenance planning. (CFDA No. 20.505)

Sec. 210—Grants to State agencies for developing and maintaining effective vehicle emission devices and systems inspection and emission testing and control programs. (When funded.)

**Quiet Communities Act (Public Law 95-609)**

*Quiet Communities—State and Local Capacity Building Assistance*

Sec. 14(c)—Grants to State and substate governments and regional planning agencies for planning, developing, evaluating, and demonstrating techniques for quiet communities. (CFDA No. 66.031.)

**Toxic Substances Control Act (Public Law 94-469)**

*State Toxic Substance Control Projects*

Sec. 28—Grants to State for establishing and operating programs to complete EPA efforts in preventing or eliminating risks to health or environment from chemicals. (CFDA No. 66.800.)

**Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (Public Law 95-398)**

*Pesticides Enforcement Program Grant*

Sec. 23(a)—Funding to States/Indian tribes through cooperative agreements for enforcement and applicator training and certification. (CFDA No. 66-700.)

**Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (Public Law 94-580)**

Sec. 3005(a)—Issuance of permits for treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste.

Sec. 3006—Delegation of authority to administer and enforce hazardous waste program.

Sec. 4002—State planning guidelines. Solid and hazardous waste management program support grants

Sec. 4007—Approval for State, local, and regional authorities to implement State or regional solid waste plans and be eligible for Federal assistance. (CFDA No. 66.451)

Sec. 4008—Grants to State and substate agencies for solid waste management, resource recovery and conservation, and hazardous waste management. (CFDA No. 66.451.)

Sec. 4009—Grants to States for rural areas solid waste management facilities. (CFDA No. 66.451.)

*Solid Waste Management Demonstration Grants*

Sec. 8006—Grants to State, municipal, interstate or intermunicipal agency for resource recovery systems or improved solid waste disposal facilities. (CFDA No. 66.452.)

*Solid Waste Management Training Grants*

Section 7007—Grants or contracts for States, interstate agency, municipality and other organizations for training personnel in occupations related to solid waste management and resource recovery. (CFDA No 66.453.)

*Safe Drinking Water Act (Public Law 95-190)*

Sec. 1421(b)—Issuance of permits for underground injection control programs.

*State Public Water System Supervision Program Grants*

Sec. 1443(a)—Grants to States for public water system supervision. (CFDA 66.432.)

*State Underground Water Source Protection—Program Grants*

Sec. 1443(b)—Grants to States for underground water source protection programs. (CFDA 66.433.)

**Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217)**

*Construction Grants for Wastewater Treatment Works*

Sec. 201—Grants to State, municipality, or intermunicipal agencies for construction of wastewater treatment works. (CFDA 66.418.)

*Water Pollution Control—State and Interstate Program Grants*

Sec. 106—Grants to State and interstate agencies for water pollution control administration. (CFDA 66.419.)

*Water Pollution Control—State and Areawide Water Quality Management Planning Agency*

Sec. 205(g)—Delegation of management of construction grants programs to State designated agency(ies). (CFDA 66.438.)

Sec. 208—Grants for State and areawide waste treatment management planning. (CFDA 66.426.)

*Water Pollution Control—Lake Restoration Demonstration Grants*

Sec. 314—Clean Lakes Program.

Sec. 402(a)—Issuance of permits under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Sec. 404—Issuance of permits for disposal of dredge and fill materials.

Public Law 94-580, sections 3005 & 3006; Public Law 95-190, sections 1421-1423; Public Law 95-217, section 402; Public Law 95-217, section 404;

Public Law 95-95, section 165;

Proposed consolidated permit regulations, covering; Hazardous Waste Program under RCRA; UIC Program under SDWA. NPDES and section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and the PSD Program under the Clean Air Act.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

**Kathleen Bailey,**

*Senior Management Analyst.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-50863; FRL-6396-1]

**Receipt of a Notification to Conduct Small-Scale Field Testing of a Genetically Modified Microbial Pesticide**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a receipt from the University of Maryland, of a notification of intent to conduct small-scale field testing of a genetically modified *Metarhizium* strain. The modified strain contains duplicate *Metarhizium* genes to improve the suppression of *Tricoplusia ni* species (cabbage loopers) from infesting cabbage plants. The Agency had determined that the application may be of regional and national significance, and may help develop alternatives to traditional pesticides to protect human health and the environment. 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-50863, must be received on or before January 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-50863 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carl Etsitty, Biopesticides, and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-605-0749; fax number: 703-308-7026; e-mail address: etsitty.carl@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 pesticide interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct small-scale field testing of genetically modified microbial pesticide 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."

*B. 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." Also, you can go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>, to access information about OPP-Docket OPP-50863, or go directly to Office of Pesticide Programs' web page <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/> and select Biopesticides, then FR Notice.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-50863. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, 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.

*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-50863 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, 401 M St., SW., 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 Hwy., 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-50863. 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. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

*E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

**II. Background**

*A. What Action is the Agency Taking?*

The Agency will reviewed and evaluate this Notification and will make a decision as described in 40 CFR 172.50. Notice of receipt of this Notification does not imply a decision by the Agency on this Notification. This small-scale field testing is designed to evaluate the modified *Metarhizium* strain, to control *Tricoplusia ni* species from infesting cabbage plants. The tested organism, *Metarhizium anisopliae*, contains duplicates of a cuticle-degrading protease gene from *Metarhizium anisopliae*, under a constitutive *Aspergillus nidulans* promoter. A green-fluorescent protein molecular marker is also incorporated to allow monitoring of the genetic stability and fate.

The design of the test site is as follows: The plot, located in Maryland, will consist of a 0.05 hectare (ha) barren area containing a circular 0.02 ha planting of cabbages designed to allow for efficient maintenance. There will be monitoring to detect dispersal outside the confines of the plot of any *Metarhizium* containing the complete complementary *Metarhizium* cuticle-degrading protease gene sequence. A low-maintenance fallow zone outside the plot will also be monitored. A 0.20 ha<sup>2</sup> cabbage plant control is included-60 m from the edge of the barren zone. Background soil samples will be taken prior to initiation of study; Indigenous

*Metarhizium* strains will be analyzed by isozyme, and RAPD analysis to obtain strain-specific probes for population analysis.

In accordance with 40 CFR 172.3, the small-scale field test will be conducted on a cumulative total of no greater than 10 acres of land. Any food or feed crops will be destroyed.

*B. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?*

The Agency's Authority for reviewing this Notification is described in 40 CFR 172 Subpart C. This notice of receipt is published in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Genetically modified organism.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

**Janet L. Anderson,**

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

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval**

November 22, 1999.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before December 30, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0573.

*Title:* Application for Franchise Authority Consent to Assignment or Transfer of Control of Cable Television Franchise.

*Form No.:* FCC Form 394.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, state, local or tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,000 respondents; 1,000 total annual responses.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1-5 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 7,000 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$377,000.

*Needs and Uses:* FCC Form 394 is a standardized form that is completed by cable operators in connection with the transfer of control of cable television systems. The form is used by cable operators to apply for local franchise authority (LFA) approval to assign or transfer control of a cable television system.

The data are used by the LFA's to restrict profiteering transactions and other transfers that are likely to adversely affect cable rates or service in the franchise area.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1308-DR]

**Maine; Major Disaster and Related Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Maine (FEMA-1308-DR), dated November 18, 1999, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 18, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated November 18, 1999, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Maine, resulting from Hurricane Floyd on September 16-19, 1999, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended ("the Stafford Act"). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Maine.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint A.D. Rodham of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Maine to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster: