

Virginia*Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services*

Specific. EPA authorized the use of terbacil on watermelons to control annual broad leaf weeds; April 1, 2003 to July 10, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of imidacloprid on stone fruit to control aphids; April 26, 2003 to October 1, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

EPA authorized the use of fomesafen on snap beans to control broad leaf weeds; May 9, 2003 to September 20, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

EPA authorized the use of thiophanate methyl on tomatoes to control white mold (*sclerotinia sclerotiorum*); July 2, 2003 to September 30, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

Washington*Department of Agriculture*

Crisis. On April 2, 2003, for the use of oxytetracycline on apples to control fire blight. This program ended on August 1, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

On April 16, 2003, for the use of thiamethoxam on succulent and dry bean seed to control leaf hoppers. This program is expected to end on May 15, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

On June 7, 2003, for the use of diflubenzuron on wheat and barley to control grasshoppers. This program ended on June 21, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

Specific. EPA authorized the use of triazamate on Christmas trees to control root aphids; April 15, 2003 to October 31, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of thiabendazole on lentils as a seed treatment to control ascochyta blight; April 8, 2003 to June 1, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

EPA authorized the use of myclobutanil on hops to control powdery mildew; May 1, 2003 to September 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of sulfentrazone on chickpeas to control Russian thistle; May 13, 2003 to June 20, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

EPA authorized the use of two unregistered pheromones, (Z,E)-3,13-octadecadienyl and (Z,Z)-3,13-octadecadienyl on hybrid poplars grown for pulp and saw timber to control WPCM; May 27, 2003 to October 1, 2003. This request was granted because the situation is urgent and non-routine based on the sudden population explosion of the WPCM and the

apparent change in the habitat preferences for young healthy trees. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of fenpyroximate on hops to control spider mites; May 27, 2003 to September 15, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

EPA authorized the use of quinoxyfen on hops to control powdery mildew; July 1, 2003 to September 15, 2003. This request was granted because the Agency has determined that the onset of the powdery mildew pest problem has created an urgent and non-routine situation which will result in a significant economic losses for hops growers. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of mancozeb on ginseng to control alternaria leaf and stem blight and phytophthora leaf blight; July 29, 2003 to August 15, 2003. Contact: (Libby Pemberton).

EPA authorized the use of zinc phosphide on alfalfa/clover/timothy to control vole complex; August 5, 2003 to May 1, 2004. Contact: (Libby Pemberton).

EPA authorized the use of flufenacet on wheat to control grass weeds; September 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

EPA authorized the use of flufenacet on triticale to control grass weeds; September 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

West Virginia*Department of Agriculture*

Specific. EPA authorized the use of imidacloprid on peaches and nectarines to control aphids; April 2, 2003 to November 30, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

Wisconsin*Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection*

Denial. On June 13, 2003, EPA denied the use of sulfentrazone on potatoes to control nightshade. This request was denied because yield losses were not supported by the submitted data. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

Specific. EPA authorized the use of propiconazole on cranberry to control cottonball disease; April 15, 2003 to July 31, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of thymol and eucalyptus oil in beehives to control varroa mites; June 17, 2003 to December 31, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

Wyoming*Department of Agriculture*

Specific. EPA authorized the use of lambda-cyhalothrin on barley to control the Russian wheat aphid; April 10, 2003

to July 31, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

EPA authorized the use of tetraconazole on sugarbeets to control cercospora; April 28, 2003 to September 30, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

*B. Federal Departments and Agencies***Environmental Protection Agency**

Crisis. On June 13, 2003, for the use of hydrogen peroxide for decontamination of interior spaces and personal and office items on which *bacillus anthracis* may be present at the U.S. Department of State SA-32 Mail and Pouch Facility. This program is expected to end on June 28, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest.

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Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticides: Procedural Guidance for EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs Procedures Concerning the Development, Modification, and Implementation of Policy Guidance Documents; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of a paper discussing procedural guidance for policy development in the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). These procedures have two goals: To increase public participation in the development, modification and implementation of OPP policy guidance documents; and to clarify that while such documents are non-binding policy statements and not legally binding rules, they nonetheless play an important role in helping to ensure a consistent starting point for OPP decision making. A draft of this document was made available for comment on March 12, 2003. A document summarizing EPA's response to public comments on the draft is also available in EPA's docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Jordan, Senior Policy Adviser (7501C), Office of Pesticide

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides. The Agency has not attempted to describe all the persons or entities who may be interested in or 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 Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0335. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search,"

then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is making available a paper on procedures for developing, modifying, and implementing its policy guidance documents concerning the regulation of pesticides. These procedures have two goals. The first is to increase public participation in the development, modification, and implementation of OPP policy guidance documents; the second is to clarify that while such documents are not binding policy statements and are not legally binding rules, they nonetheless play an important role in helping to ensure a consistent starting point for OPP decision making.

EPA has considered comments received on this document, and has revised the paper in response to comments, as appropriate. EPA is also including in the docket for this action a response to all significant comments.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides, Policy guidance.

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James Jones

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Tentative Approval and Solicitation of Request for a Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of West Virginia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval and solicitation of requests for a public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provision of section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended, and the rules governing National Primary Drinking Water Regulations that the State of West Virginia has revised its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. West Virginia has adopted a Filter Backwash Recycling Rule to require water systems to institute changes to return recycle flows of a plant's treatment process that may compromise pathogen treatment. EPA has determined that these revisions are no

less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. Therefore, EPA has decided to tentatively approve these program revisions. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing.

DATES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted by December 26, 2003. This determination shall become effective on December 26, 2003, if no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval.

ADDRESSES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.
- West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Environmental Engineering Division, 815 Quarrier Street, Suite 418, Charleston, WV 25301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Gambatese, Drinking Water Branch (3WP22) at the Philadelphia address given above; telephone (215) 814-5759 or fax (215) 814-2318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing. All comments will be considered, and, if necessary, EPA will issue a response. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by December 26, 2003, a public hearing will be held.

A request for public hearing shall include the following: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such a hearing; and (3) the signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.