

that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The FDACS has requested the EPA Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of clothianidin as a soil drench application on immature (3–5 years old) citrus trees to control the transmission of HLB disease vectored by ACP. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the applicant asserts that clothianidin is needed to suppress the transmission of HLB disease vectored by ACP due to the lack of available alternative pesticides and effective control practices. Without this tool, Florida citrus growers are expected to experience significant economic losses due to the severity of this invasive disease and vector complex, especially when it comes to protecting young (3–5) year old citrus trees from HLB infection. The future of the citrus industry remains at risk due to no effective means to limit the infection levels of these young trees that actively flush new foliage throughout the year.

The applicant proposes to make no more than two applications of clothianidin at a maximum rate of 0.4 lb. a.i./A (24.0 fl. oz per acre) per 12-month period on up to 75,000 acres of immature (3–5 years old) citrus trees grown in Florida from April 16, 2025–April 16, 2026. A total of 14,943 lbs. active ingredient of clothianidin may be used on the maximum acreage of 75,000 at the highest application rate.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing FIFRA section 18 require publication of a

notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing a use which is supported by the Inter-Regional Project Number (IR–4) program that has been requested in 5 or more previous years, and for which a complete application for registration of that use and/or petition for tolerance of residues in or on the commodity has not yet been submitted to the Agency. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

In 2011, the FDACS submitted a petition for tolerance to EPA that was subsequently withdrawn, and an application/petition has not been resubmitted to the Agency. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application. EPA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the FDACS.

*Authority:* 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

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**Charles Smith,**

*Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Pesticide Registration Review; Interim Registration Review Decision for Ethylene Oxide (EtO); Notice of Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA’s interim registration review decision for ethylene oxide (EtO).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*For pesticide specific information, contact:* The Chemical Review Manager for EtO identified in table 1 of unit I.

*For general information on the registration review program, contact:* Melanie Biscoe, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202 566–0701; email address: [biscoe.melanie@epa.gov](mailto:biscoe.melanie@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Purpose of this Notice**

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58(c), this notice announces the availability of EPA’s interim registration review decision for EtO shown in table 1. The interim registration review decision is supported by materials included in the docket established for the chemical.

TABLE 1—INTERIM REGISTRATION REVIEW DECISION BEING ISSUED

Registration review case name and No.	Docket ID No.	Chemical review manager and contact information
Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Case Number 2275 .....	EPA–HQ–OPP–2013–0244 .....	Jessie Bailey, <a href="mailto:bailey.jessica@epa.gov">bailey.jessica@epa.gov</a> , (202) 566–0605.

**II. Background**

EPA is conducting its registration review of EtO pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) section 3(g) (7 U.S.C. 136a(g)) and the Procedural Regulations for Registration Review at 40 CFR part 155, subpart C. FIFRA section 3(g) provides, among other things, that pesticide registrations are to be reviewed every 15 years. Consistent with 40 CFR 155.57, in its final registration review decision, EPA will ultimately determine whether a pesticide continues to meet the registration standard in FIFRA section 3(c)(5) (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(5)). As part of

the registration review process, the Agency has completed the interim registration review decision for EtO.

Prior to completing the interim registration review decision for EtO, EPA posted a proposed interim decision for EtO and invited the public to submit any comments or new information, consistent with 40 CFR 155.58(a). EPA considered and responded to any comments or information received during this public comment period in the interim decision.

For additional background on the registration review program, see: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-reevaluation>.

*Authority:* 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

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**Anita Pease,**

*Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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