

Dated: February 25, 1997.

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Acting Director, Registration Division, Office  
of Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-181032; FRL 5588-6]

**Pyriproxyfen and Buprofezin; Receipt  
of Application for Emergency  
Exemptions, Solicitation of Public  
Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received specific exemption requests from the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the insect growth regulators pyriproxyfen (CAS 95737-68-1) and buprofezin (CAS 69327-76-0) to treat up to 100,000 acres of cotton to control the sweet potato, or silverleaf whitefly *Bemisia species*. In the case of pyriproxyfen, the Applicant proposes the first food use of an active ingredient. Buprofezin is an unregistered material, and its proposed use is thus use of a "new" chemical. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemptions.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 20, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181032," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program Resource 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 and data 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 and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-181032]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic

comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

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 submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Andrea Beard, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Office location, telephone number and e-mail: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8791; e-mail: beard.andrea@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue specific exemptions for the use of pyriproxyfen and buprofezin on cotton to control the sweet potato, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW). Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

The Applicant states that a new strain or possibly a new species, of whitefly, often referred to as the strain B of sweet potato whitefly, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW), has been a major pest of cotton in California since 1991. Since that time, it has steadily spread to new host plants and grown in population size each summer and fall. The SLW causes damage by feeding, and also through the production of honeydew, which encourages growth of sooty mold and other fungi, and leads to sticky cotton. When SLWs become numerous, their direct feeding lowers the yield. The SLW has also been implicated as a vector of virus. The Applicant claims

that adequate control of the SLW is not being achieved with currently registered products and alternative cultural practices.

The Applicant points out that the ability to adequately control this pest is further complicated because of the close proximity of these California cotton-growing areas to that of Arizona where large populations of whitefly have demonstrated resistance to available insecticidal control. It has also been demonstrated that there are whitefly populations in California with resistance problems to those being experienced in Arizona. The Applicant indicates that one application of either one or the other of the requested chemicals would not provide adequate control throughout the season, and since application of either would be limited to one, is requesting the use of both materials. The Applicant indicates that without adequate control of the SLW in cotton, significant economic losses will be suffered.

The Applicant proposes to apply pyriproxyfen at a rate of 0.054 lb. active ingredient (a.i.) per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on up to 100,000 acres of cotton. The Applicant proposes to apply buprofezin at a rate of 0.35 lb., a.i. per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on up to 100,000 acres of cotton. Therefore, use under these exemptions could potentially amount to a maximum total of 5,400 lbs. of pyriproxyfen and 35,000 lbs. of buprofezin.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt in the Federal Register for an application for a specific exemption proposing the first food use of an active ingredient, or for use of a new (unregistered) chemical. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181032] (including comments and data 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 Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resource 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 notice, 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 record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document. Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: February 19, 1997.

Stephen L. Johnson,  
Director, Registration Division, Office of  
Pesticide Programs.

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer, (202) 260-2740; please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Responses to Agency Clearance  
Requests

##### OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 1746.01; NESHAP for Elastomers—40 CFR 63, Subpart U; was approved 02/04/97; OMB No. 2060-0356; expires 02/28/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0613.06; Trade Secret Clearance Justification; was approved 02/06/97; OMB No. 2070-0053; expires 02/28/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1001.06; Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs); Exclusions, Exemptions, and Use Authorizations; was approved 02/19/97; OMB No. 2070-0008; expires 02/28/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1687.03; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Operations; was approved 02/19/97; OMB No. 2060-0314; expires 09/30/98.

EPA ICR No. 1587.04; Part 70 Operating Permits Regulations; was approved 02/20/97; OMB No. 2060-0243; expires 02/28/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1415.03; NESHAP for Dry Cleaning Facilities/Perchloroethylene (PCE)—(63, M) was approved 02/20/97; OMB No. 2060-0234; expires 02/28/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0262.08; RCRA Hazardous Waste Permit Application and Modification, Part A; was approved 09/30/96; OMB No. 2050-0034; expires 10/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 0574.10; Addendum to Existing ICR to Include the Final Rule for Certain Microbial Products of Biotechnology; was approved 02/19/97; OMB No. 2070-0012; expires 02/28/2000.

##### Extension of Expiration Dates

EPA ICR No. 1665.01; Confidentiality Rules; expiration date was extended from 02/28/97 to 04/30/97.

EPA ICR No. 1759.01; Worker Protection Standard; expiration date was extended from 02/28/97 to 05/31/97.

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,  
Director, Regulatory Information Division  
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#### Release of Volume 2, Risk Assessment and Risk Management in Regulatory Decision-Making; Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463,

notice is hereby given that the Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, established as an Advisory Committee under Section 303 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, will release Volume 2, of its two-volume final report, Risk Assessment and Risk Management in Regulatory Decision-Making, on March 7, 1997. Volume 1 was released in a public meeting held on January 29, 1997.

If you wish to receive a copy of the final report, either fax your request to 202-233-9540, mail your request to the Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, 529 14th Street, NW, Room 420, Washington, DC 20045, or obtain via the internet at <http://www.riskworld.com>. Be sure to indicate your complete mailing address and a phone number where you can be reached. If you have already requested a copy of the draft report, or a copy of Volume 1, it is not necessary to send another request. Everyone who requested a copy earlier will be sent Volume 2.

If you need additional information, please call 202-233-9537. The report will not be available prior to March 7, 1997.

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Gail Charnley,

Executive Director, Commission on Risk  
Assessment and Risk Management.

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#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

##### Open Meeting on Implementation of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FEMA announces the  
following open meeting:

**NAME:** United States Fire  
Administration.

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 12, 1997.

**PLACE:** Federal Emergency Management  
Agency, U.S. Fire Administration,  
Building N, Room 309, 16825 South  
Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**PROPOSED AGENDA:** Presentation on the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act, recent amendments to reporting requirements, successor standards, applicability to the hospitality industry, colleges and universities. Open discussion on these and other related issues.