

and suggested the final EIS develop site-specific ground water data and define the selected protection measures.

EERP No. D-BLM-J67026-MT Rating EC2, Golden Sunlight Mine Expansion, Implementation of Amendment 008 to Operating Permit No. 0065, COE Section 404 Permit, Whitehall, Jefferson County MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about implementing the proposed environmental mitigation measures and suggested the final EIS calculate the final bonding amount needed to comply with water quality standards in perpetuity and improve the groundwater mixing zone procedure.

ERP No. DR-AFS-K65184-CA Rating EC2, Aock Creek Recreational Trails Management Plan, Implementation, Additional Information, Eldorado National Forest, Georgetown Ranger Director, Eldorado County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about numerous substantive changes to the Forest Service's preferred alternative, and recommended that the Forest Service take additional steps to address high road densities and excessive sediment delivery in the project area. The final monitoring plan identify specific sedimentation minimization targets and follow-up actions.

ERP No. D1-AFS-J65111-MT, Rating EC2, Flathead National Forest, Management Direction Plan Related to Old Growth Forests, Forest Plan Amendment No. 21, Implementation, Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula and Lewis and Clark Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and recommends that the preferred alternative be modified to include areas of old growth to monitor ecological responses and to allow protect biodiversity and grizzly bear habitat.

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ERP No. F-AFS-J61098-MT, Lost Trail Ski Area Expansion Project, Implementation, New Master Development Plan, Bitterroot National Forest, Sula Ranger District, Ravalli County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about inadequate wetlands mitigation, potential water quality degradation associated with increased wastewater pollutant loading, lack of adequate analysis and disclosure or indirect growth related impacts and air quality impacts.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65263-SD, Anchor Hill Mine Expansion Project in Gilt Edge Mine, Plan-of-Operations,

Approval, Black Hills National Forest, SD.

Summary: The Final EIS has addressed many of EPA's comment however, EPA has remaining concerns about the inadequate cash reclamation bonding, the absence of post closure operations and maintenance (O&M) funding/bonding and contingency plans, and long term water quality protection.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65271-MT, Jericho Salvage Timber Sale, Implementation, Salvage Treatments and Temporary Road Construction, Helena National Forest, Helena Ranger District, Powell County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about proposed reduction of streamside buffer zone widths below INFISH recommended widths, and inadequate water quality/aquatics monitoring for the detection and mitigation of all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5987-5]

Public Meeting on the Ground Water Disinfection Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding three public meetings concerning the Ground Water Disinfection Rule (GWDR). The objective of these meetings are to provide the public with the current available data and the potential regulatory options under consideration to support the GWDR development; ask for comments on the data and potential regulatory options; solicit further data if available; as well as to identify parties who may be interested in further meetings.

DATES: The first meeting will be held on May 5, 1998, in Portland, OR. The second will be held on June 9, 1998, in Madison, WI. The last meeting will be held on June 25, 1998, in Dallas, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EPA will provide a copy of meeting materials prior to each meeting to anyone

requesting it. To register for any of these meetings and for copies of the meeting materials please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791 or Martha Kucera at US EPA (202) 260-7773, kucera.martha@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Safe Drinking Water Act as amended in 1996 directs EPA to promulgate regulations requiring disinfection "as necessary" for ground water systems. The intention of the GWDR is to reduce microbial contamination risk from public water sources relying on ground water. To determine if treatment is necessary, the rule will establish a framework to identify public water supplies vulnerable to microbial contamination and to develop and implement risk control strategies including but not limited to disinfection. This rulemaking will apply to all public water systems that use ground water, which includes noncommunity systems.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

W. R. Diamond,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00529; FRL-5779-5]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act [Public Law 92-463], EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is giving notice of a public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Friday, April 17, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: the Holiday Inn (Hotel & Suites, Historic District Alexandria); 625 First Street; Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Telephone number: 703 548-6300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Linda Murray, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 1119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway; Arlington, VA 22202; Phone: 703 305-

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PPDC is composed of a balanced group of participants from the following sectors: federal agencies and state governments; consumer and environmental/public interest groups, including representatives from the general public; academia; the public health community; pesticide industry and user groups. The Committee was formed to foster communication and understanding among the parties represented on the Committee and with OPP. The Committee also provides advice and guidance to OPP regarding pesticide regulatory, policy, and implementation issues.

PPDC meetings are open to the public. Outside statements are welcome. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes per individual or group. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Committee meeting. These statements will become part of the permanent file and will be provided to the Committee members for their information.

Materials will be available for public review at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-5805.

Major topics to be discussed at the April 16-17, 1998 meeting include: registration review; update on the FQPA safety factor (10x); FQPA consumer brochure; Approach for Reassessing Tolerances for Organophosphates (ARTO); section 18 issues; and, ecological issues.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-64037; FRL 5778-4]

Notice of Receipt of Request to Voluntarily Cancel Rid-A-Bird Perch 1100 Solution According to Memorandum of Agreement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by the registrant, Rid-A-Bird, Inc. of Wilton, Iowa, to voluntarily cancel Rid-A-Bird Perch 1100 Solution and is publishing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated November 5, 1997, between the Agency and Registrant affecting the terms and conditions of this registration and its cancellation.

DATES: The effective date of this cancellation is March 1, 1999. EPA is providing a 180-day opportunity for comment on the request for voluntary cancellation of Rid-A-Bird Perch 1100 Solution. To comment, or for further information, contact: By mail: Dennis R. Deziel, Office of Pesticide Programs (7508W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier, delivery, telephone number and e-mail: Rm. 3W26, Crystal Station, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8173; e-mail: deziel.dennis@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, provides that a pesticide registrant may, at any time, request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled, and pursuant to section 6(f)(1)(C), EPA must provide a 180-day opportunity for comment on a request for voluntary cancellation unless that period is waived by the registrant or EPA. In this case the Registrant has requested voluntary cancellation through the signing of a MOA dated November 5, 1997, with the Agency. This MOA modifies the terms and conditions of this registration and its cancellation.

The Act further provides that EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register** before acting on the request. In this case the Agency is including the text of the MOA in this Notice of Receipt.

II. Background

The MOA sets forth the terms between the EPA and Rid-A-Bird, Inc. "Registrant" regarding Rid-A-Bird Perch 1100 Solution or "the product," EPA Reg. No. 7579-2, a registration held by the Registrant under FIFRA containing the active ingredient fenthion, which is also known under the chemical name of *O,O*-Dimethyl *O*-(4-(methylthio)-m-tolyl) phosphorothioate.

The Rid-A-Bird Perch 1100 Solution is currently registered for control of

starlings, English sparrows, and pigeons at the following sites: (1) In and around farm buildings and feed lots; (2) building tops and structural steel; (3) inside other buildings; (4) power plants and sub-stations; (5) storage yards; (6) loading docks; and (7) bridges. EPA believes that this product may pose a significant risk to non-target species feeding on pest species killed by the Rid-A-Bird Perch 1100 Solution at these sites. This concern is supported by numerous incidents in the United States involving mortality to non-target species such as: barn swallows; crows; screech, short-eared, and great-horned owls; kestrels; sharp-shinned, Cooper's, and red-tailed hawks; the peregrine falcon; and the bald eagle.

EPA and the Registrant have entered into an agreement in an effort to make future poisoning incidents from the Registrant's perch products less likely. The MOA serves as the Registrant's request for voluntary cancellation of the Rid-A-Bird Perch 1100 Solution with an effective date of March 1, 1999. After this date, the Registrant may not distribute or sell the Rid-A-Bird Perch 1100 Solution except for the purposes of recall or disposal. Persons other than the Registrant and producers of the product may continue to distribute, sell or use the product until October 1, 1999. Any use of existing stocks must be in accordance with the previously approved labeling accompanying the products. In addition, the Registrant will complete by December 1, 1999, a recall of product held by distributors, sellers or users of the Rid-A-Bird Perch product after the expiration of the existing stocks date.

The Registrant has also agreed to seek an experimental use permit (EUP) to conduct experiments necessary to support an application for the registration of a perch product containing the new active ingredient CPT, which is also known under the chemical name of 3-chloro-4-methylbenzenamine, or 3-chloro-p-toluidine. A perch with CPT is expected to reduce secondary poisonings, because available data indicate that CPT is less toxic to most birds of prey than is fenthion. EPA has agreed to conduct an expedited review of the EUP application and any subsequent application submitted by the Registrant to support the registration of a CPT perch product.

The Agreement does not affect any other uses of products containing the active ingredient fenthion. In addition, because this is the only current fenthion bird perch product, the Agreement does not affect other registrants of products containing fenthion.