

variance technologies for the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The meeting will be divided into two parts. The first part involves getting ideas and insights from stakeholders on approaches to the national level affordability criteria that will be used to determine which pathway (compliance technology or a variance) a system will proceed along and which technologies would be available for the system. The second part will focus on treatment technology performance, including an evaluation of Point-Of-Use and Point-Of-Entry devices as potential compliance technologies.

Dated: April 22, 1998.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30453; FRL-5785-6]

Certain Companies; Applications to Register Pesticide Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing new active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by May 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30453] and the file symbols to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to:

Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a 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 submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Regulatory Action Leader, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7511W) listed in the table below:

Regulatory action leader	Office location/telephone number	Address
Rita Kumar	5th Floor, CS1 #1, 703-308-8291, e-mail: kumar.rita@epamail.epa.gov.	2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202
Sharlene Matten	5th Floor, CS #1, 703-605-0514, e-mail: matten.sharlene@epamail.epa.gov.	Do.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received applications as follows to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provision of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on the applications.

I. Products Containing Active Ingredients Not Included In Any Previously Registered Products

1. File Symbol: 70115-R. Applicant: GML Industries, LLC, 2701 Texoma Drive, P.O. Box 87, Denison TX 75020. Product Name: A Natureza Flea Shampoo. Active ingredient: Cocamide DEA at 10.0 percent. Proposed classification/Use: None. Controls fleas on dogs and cats. (Rita Kumar)

2. File Symbol: 62388-R. Applicant: Bio-Care Technology Pty Ltd., 3085 South Myers Rd., Geneva, OH 44041. Product Name: NoGall. Microbial Agent/Bacterial Inoculant. Active ingredient: *Agrobacterium radiobacter*, strain K1026 at 0.25 percent. Proposed

classification/Use: General. Controls crown gall disease organisms on non-food and non-bearing plants only. (Sharlene Matten)

Notice of approval or denial of an application to register a pesticide product will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The procedure for requesting data will be given in the **Federal Register** if an application is approved.

Comments received within the specified time period will be considered before a final decision is made; comments received after the time specified will be considered only to the extent possible without delaying processing of the application.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-30453] (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 official notice record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-30453]. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest, Product registration.

Dated: April 18, 1998.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181062; FRL 5787-1]

Glyphosate; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Washington Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide glyphosate [N-(Phosphonomethyl)glycine] (CAS 1071-83-6), formulated as Roundup Ultra and Ultra RT (both are 41% active ingredient) to treat up to 19,685 acres of dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas to control Canada Thistle. The growing areas in Washington to be treated are Adams, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties. Most application will occur in Whitman county followed by Spokane county. This is the fourth year this use has been requested, and it has been allowed under section 18 for the past 3 years. Since this request proposes a use which has been requested or granted in any three previous years, and a complete application for registration and petition for tolerance has not yet been submitted to the Agency, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24(a)(6).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181062," should be submitted by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 119, 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. Follow the instruction under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted or 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 submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be included in the public record by EPA without prior notice.

The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Jackie Mosby-Gwaltney, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number and e-mail: Rm. 274, CM#2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703-305-6792); e-mail: gwaltney.jackie@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 a specific exemption for the use of glyphosate on dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas to control Canada thistle. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

According to the Applicant, Canada thistle is a severe threat to Eastern Washington croplands due to a combination of weather and environmental conditions that encouraged its excessive spread and growth. There had been an increase in Canada thistles in the fall of 1997 because of irregular growing conditions which resulted in poor timing of glyphosate applications. The long wet spring of 1997 delayed seeding and applications to kill Canada thistles until late in the season. This period was followed by a long period of dry heat (drought) which made chemical

applications less effective, and a large crop of Canada thistles went to seed. The warm weather conditions in 1997 encouraged early thistle growth. The weather and environmental conditions in 1997 threaten a severe outbreak of the weed in 1998. This occurrence would greatly and negatively impact dry pea, lentil, and chickpea yields and would have a residual effect on wheat yields in subsequent years.

The use of glyphosate has been allowed under section 18 for the past 3 years, and the Applicant states that alternative controls are not adequate to prevent significant economic losses due to damage and contamination problems from Canada thistles. Under the proposed exemption, glyphosate would be applied at a rate of two - three quarts of formulated product per acre, which is 2-3 lbs., active ingredient (a.i.) per acre. The maximum number of applications allowed is one, and the total number of acres to be treated is 19,685. At the maximum rate and maximum acreage, 14,764 gallons of formulation could potentially be used.

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 of an application for a specific exemption proposing a use which has been requested or granted in any three previous years, and a complete application for registration and or tolerance petition has not been submitted to the Agency [40 CFR 166.24(a)(6)]. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181062] (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 official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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