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2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide solid technical information and/or data to support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate.
5. Tell us what you support, as well as what you disagree with.
6. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
7. Offer alternative ways to improve this activity.
8. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
9. At the beginning of your comments, be sure to properly identify the document you are commenting on. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number [OPP-00615] in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, **Federal Register** citation, and/or the appropriate EPA or OMB ICR number.

II. BACKGROUND

A. What Issues Will the Workshop Address?

On Thursday, August 26, 1999, the EPA/USDA will conduct a joint public workshop on Bt crops to discuss specific insect resistance management issues focusing on Bt cotton. Three preselected panels will explore: Refuge Design and Deployment; Monitoring and Remedial Action; and Education and Compliance Issues. The workshop will begin with introductory comments from representatives of EPA and USDA. Panelists will be selected beforehand from the various stakeholder groups: industry, academia, USDA, conventional and organic growers, public interest groups, Arizona Cotton Research & Protection Council, and the National Cotton Council. Each panel's presentation will be followed by approximately 30–60 minutes of open discussion. Proceedings will be sent to all attendees and posted on the Biopesticides website: (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides>).

EPA believes that managing insect resistance to Bt toxins is important because of the threat that resistance poses to the high benefits and low risk of using Bt toxins in transgenic crops and in microbial spray formulations. With use of Bt-crops increasing, EPA recognizes the value of ensuring that Bt crops and microbial Bts remain effective against target pests for as long as possible. To this end, EPA has worked

with stakeholders (e.g., industry, public sector research and extension, growers, user groups, public interest groups, and government agencies) to address resistance management for Bt crops.

B. What Should I Do if I Want to Attend the Workshop?

EPA strongly requests all persons planning on attending the workshop to preregister. This information is needed to ensure adequate space for attendees. There is no registration fee. To register, please visit the workshop website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides/btworkshop826.htm> and fill out the registration form there. As an alternative, you may provide the following registration information directly to Teresa Bullock by e-mail or fax: Name(s); Organization; Mailing Address; Phone; Fax; E-mail. Teresa Bullock can be reached by: E-mail: tbullock@niu.edu; Fax: (815) 753-9348; telephone: (815) 753-9347; Mailing Address: Teresa Bullock, American Farmland Trust, P.O. Box 987, DeKalb, IL 60115.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the workshop hotel at a special rate. Please make your reservation early to ensure you get a room at that rate. Make your reservation by calling: Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 2240 Democrat Road, Memphis, TN 38132; Phone: (901) 332-1130; Fax: (901) 398-5206.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Bt cotton, Bt crops, pesticides, plant-pesticides, biopesticides, resistance management.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

Kathleen D. Knox,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30478; FRL-6080-3]

Bayer Inc.; Approval of Pesticide Product Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of applications to amend the pesticide products Folicur 3.6 F and Elite 45 DF involving a changed use pattern of the active ingredient pursuant to the provisions of

section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Mary Waller, Product Manager (PM) 21, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 249, CM #2, Environmental Protection Agency, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202, 703-308-9354; e-mail: waller.mary@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copy of this document is available from the EPA home page at the **Federal Register-Environmental Documents** entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA received applications from Bayer Inc., 8400 Hawthorne Road, P.O. Box 4913, Kansas City, MO 64120-0013, to amend the pesticide products Folicur 3.6 F and Elite 45 DF, foliar fungicides (EPA Registration Numbers 3125-394 and 3125-388), containing the active ingredient tebuconazole, α -[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-ethyl]- α -(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol at 38.7% and 45% respectively, an active ingredient which involves a changed use pattern of the products. However, since the notice of receipt of these applications to register the products as required by section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA, as amended did not publish in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit written comments within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice for these products. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opdocket@epamail.epa.gov.

These applications were approved on January 8, 1999; in addition to the currently registered uses, these two products will be used as listed below:

1. Folicur 3.6 F for control of specified diseases on grasses grown for seed (EPA Registration Number 3125-394).

2. Elite 45 DF for control of specified diseases on grapes (EPA Registration Number 3125-388).

The Agency has considered all required data on risks associated with the proposed use of tebuconazole, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature of the chemical and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health and safety determinations

which show that use of tebuconazole when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are available for public inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, Arlington, VA 22202 (703-305-5805). Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office (A-101), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Such requests should: (1) Identify the product name and registration number and (2) specify the data or information desired.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registration.

Dated: July 20, 1999.

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00597; FRL-6078-6]

Proposed Test Guidelines; Notice of Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EPA has established a unified library for test guidelines issued by the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) for use in testing chemical substances to develop data for submission to EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). These test guidelines represent an Agency effort that began in 1991 to harmonize the test guidelines within

OPPTS, as well as to harmonize the OPPTS test guidelines with those of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The process for developing and amending these test guidelines includes public participation and the extensive involvement of the scientific community, including peer review by the Scientific Advisory Panel and the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) and other expert scientific organizations. With this notice, EPA is announcing the availability of a combined chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity test guideline for the Series 870-Health Effects Test Guidelines for use in the testing of fibrous particles in the development of test data (OPPTS 870.8355). Natural and synthetic fibers are one group of substances that have been identified to be of potential health concern to humans. An EPA SAB meeting to review the proposed test guideline will be scheduled after incorporation of public comments. Complete details of this meeting will be announced in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-00597, must be received by EPA on or before September 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00597 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For general information contact:* Christine M. Augustyniak, Associate Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone numbers: (202) 554-1404 and TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: David Lai, Risk Assessment Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7403), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 260-6222; e-mail address: lai.david@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct

testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document or Other Related Documents?

A. Electronically

You may obtain copies of this document and certain other available documents from the EPA Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

You may also obtain copies of test guidelines from the EPA Internet Home Page by selecting "Researchers and Scientists/Test Methods and Guidelines/OPPTS Harmonized Test Guidelines" at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/research.htm>.

B. In Person

The Agency has established an official record for this proposed guideline under docket control number OPP-00597. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as confidential business information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch telephone number is (703) 305-5805.