

data in lieu of conducting new duplicative tests. 40 CFR 79.53(b).

At its discretion, EPA may modify the standard Tier 2 health effects testing requirements for a F/FA (or group thereof) by substituting, adding, or deleting testing requirements, or changing the underlying vehicle/engine specifications. 40 CFR 79.58(c). EPA will not, however, delete a testing requirement for a specific endpoint in the absence of existing adequate information, or an alternative testing requirement for that endpoint. 40 CFR 79.58(c). When EPA exercises its authority under this special provision, it will allow an appropriate time for completion of the prescribed alternative tests.

II. Proposed Alternative Tier 2 Requirements for MMT

On January 29, 1999, Ethyl was notified by certified letter of certain tests which the Agency proposed to require under the Alternative Tier 2 provisions for MMT, and the proposed schedule for completion and submission of such tests. Other affected registrants of fuels and fuel additives containing MMT were also notified by certified letter. An associated **Federal Register** notice (64 FR 6294) initiated a 60-day public comment period. Copies of the documents associated with the proposed tests and schedule under the Alternative Tier 2 provisions have been placed in the docket.

The purpose of this notice is to announce that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has notified Ethyl, the manufacturer of MMT, and other affected registrants of fuels and additives containing MMT, of the adoption of Alternative Tier 2 testing requirements under 40 CFR 79.58(c) for fuels containing up to $\frac{1}{32}$ gram per gallon (gpg) manganese in the form of MMT.

The purpose of the Alternative Tier 2 test requirements is to address specific research needs related to assessment of the potential risks associated with use of fuels containing MMT. The Alternative Tier 2 test requirements are within two general categories, pharmacokinetic testing of manganese compounds and characterization of manganese emissions from vehicles utilizing fuels containing MMT. These Alternative Tier 2 testing requirements are intended to be the first stage in a two-stage Alternative Tier 2 test program. EPA intends to evaluate the results produced in the first stage of testing, as well as any other information which may be submitted to or obtained by EPA in the meantime, in determining the specific nature and scope of the second stage of

Alternative Tier 2 testing. Any additional Alternative Tier 2 tests proposed for fuels and additives containing MMT in the future will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

On May 19, 2000, Ethyl was notified by a certified letter of the specific tests which the Agency is requiring under the Alternative Tier 2 provisions for MMT, and the schedule for completion and submission of such tests. Other affected registrants of fuels and additives containing MMT were also notified by certified letter. A copy of the notification to Ethyl and the notification to other registrants, including a description of the Alternative Tier 2 tests and the schedule for such tests, has been placed in the Public Docket Number A-98-35, Waterside Mall (Room M-1500), Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket Section, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The notifications are also available on the internet via EPA's Mobile Source home page at <http://www.epa.gov/OMSWWW/>.

III. Environmental Impact

EPA's health effects testing notifications for MMT will result in no immediate environmental impact. Section 211(c) of the CAA, however, authorizes EPA to take regulatory action to control or prohibit manufacture or sale of fuels and fuel additives if testing information submitted by registrants or other information available to EPA indicates that use of such products may be reasonably anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Thus, information obtained from health effects testing conducted by manufacturers of F/FAs may provide a basis for subsequent regulatory action.

IV. Economic Impact

The testing requirements which are the subject of this notice will have a potential economic impact on the affected registrants, who are obligated to make expenditures to conduct any required testing. EPA does not anticipate that there will be any direct economic impact on registrants of fuels and additives containing MMT other than Ethyl, because Ethyl has stated that it will be responsible for satisfying any test requirements imposed by EPA for the group of fuels and additives containing MMT.

The regulations at 40 CFR 79.58(d) also contain special provisions limiting testing obligations for those fuel or fuel additive manufacturers whose total annual sales are less than \$10 million. EPA does not believe that the testing requirements which are the subject of

these notifications will have any economic impact on small entities.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 79

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Gasoline, Conventional gasoline, Methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl, and Motor vehicle pollution.

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Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-100159; FRL-6597-5]

The Cadmus Group, Inc.; Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to The Cadmus Group, Inc. in accordance with 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2). The Cadmus Group, Inc. has been awarded multiple contracts to perform work for OPP and the Office of Water (OW). Access to this information will enable The Cadmus Group, Inc. to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: The Cadmus Group, Inc. will be given access to this information on or before July 24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Erik R. Johnson, FIFRA Security Officer, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-305-7248; e-mail address: johnson.erik@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, 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 under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

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II. Contractor Requirements

Under contract number 68-C0-0113 work assignment 009, the contractor will perform the following:

Review the Environmental Fate and Effects Division's (EFED) carbofuran RED chapter; review other pertinent documents; participate in conference calls with the Work Assignment Manager (WAM), the Probabilistic Risk Assessment Implementation Team; develops methods for conducting probabilistic risk assessments; develop data input distributions for probabilistic risk assessments for designated agricultural crops (using methods discussed and agreed upon with the WAM) and provide supporting model development and other technical aspects of risk assessment development including literature searches, data extraction, interpretation and analysis to complete the quantitative risk assessment.

These contracts involve no subcontractors.

The OPP has determined that the contracts described in this document involve work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, in that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under the contracts. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3), the contracts with The Cadmus Group, Inc., prohibits use of the information for any purpose not

specified in these contracts; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release and to handle it in accordance with the FIFRA Information Security Manual. In addition, The Cadmus Group, Inc. is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to The Cadmus Group, Inc. until the requirements in this document have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to The Cadmus Group, Inc. will be maintained by EPA Project Officers for these contracts. All information supplied to The Cadmus Group, Inc. by EPA for use in connection with these contracts will be returned to EPA when The Cadmus Group, Inc. has completed its work.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Business and industry, Government contracts, Government property, Security measures.

Dated: July 6, 2000.

Richard D. Schmitt,

Acting Director, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-100158; FRL-6597-2]

GRAM, Inc.; Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to GRAM, Inc. in accordance with 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2). GRAM, Inc. has been awarded multiple contracts to perform work for the Office of Water (OW). Access to this information will enable GRAM, Inc. to fulfill the obligations of the contracts.

DATES: GRAM, Inc. will be given access to this information on or before July 26, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Erik R. Johnson, FIFRA Security Officer, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-305-7248; e-mail address: johnson.erik@epa.gov.

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II. Contractor Requirements

Under contract number 68-C9-9232, work assignment B-17, the contractor will perform the following: Provide technical and regulatory support services to the Health and Ecological Criteria Division (HECD) in the Office of Water's Office of Science and Technology (OST) during the development of human health criteria, health advisories, maximum contaminate level goals, and pollutant limits, and to conduct laboratory and/or field studies and/or derive from the published literature detailed and comprehensive data bases for microbiological pollutants encountered in drinking water, ambient water, wastewater/sewage sludge, sediment/dredge spoils, fish, wildlife and sewage sludge for the EPA.

These contracts involve no subcontractors.

OPP has determined that the contracts described in this document involve