

not the subject of a Special Review, EPA believes that the proposed use of flowable carbofuran on cotton could pose a risk similar to the risk assessed by EPA under the Special Review of granular carbofuran. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemptions requested by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0143; FRL-7394-1]

Issuance of an Experimental Use Permit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted an experimental use permit (EUP) to HBB Partnership. An EUP permits use of a pesticide for experimental or research purposes only in accordance with the limitations in the permit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Greenway, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8263; e-mail address: greenway.denise@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. 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 conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, 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 information in this action, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0143. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. EUP

EPA has issued the following EUP: 75108-EUP-1. *Issuance.* HBB Partnership, 5151 N. Palm Ave., Suite 820, Fresno, CA 93704-2221. This EUP allows the use of 1.46 pounds of the California red scale pheromone, (3S, 6R)-3-methyl-6-isopropenyl-9-decen-1-yl acetate and (3S, 6S)-3-methyl-6-isopropenyl-9-decen-1-yl acetate, on 4,050 acres of citrus, as a mating disruptor, to evaluate the control of California red scale. The program is authorized only in the States of Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, and Texas. The EUP is effective from April 3, 2003

to September 30, 2003. The experimental use of this new pheromone active ingredient, delivered by dispenser, is covered by the tolerance exemptions established at 40 CFR 180.1122 and 180.1124.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136c.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Experimental use permits.

Dated: May 7, 2003.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7501-8]

A Review of the Reference Dose and Reference Concentration Processes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final report.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) announces the availability of a final report, A Review of the Reference Dose and Reference Concentration Processes (EPA/630/P-02/002F, December 2002).

ADDRESSES: The document is available electronically through the Risk Assessment Forum's Web site (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=55365>). A limited number of paper copies will be available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 513-489-8695. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carole Kimmel, National Center for Environmental Assessment, (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-564-3307; facsimile: 202-565-0078; email: kimmel.carole@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This report, entitled, "A Review of the Reference Dose and Reference Concentration Processes," summarizes the review and deliberations of the Risk

Assessment Forum's RfD/RfC Technical Panel and its recommendations for improvements in the process of deriving reference values, including setting less than lifetime as well as chronic reference values. It discusses revisions to the overall framework for the derivation of reference values that broaden and expand the information considered in setting reference values. The document is a review, not guidance, and it evaluates the current state-of-the-art for hazard characterization with a focus on protection of potentially sensitive subpopulations. The report make a number of recommendations that should be considered in the implementation of changes in the current process and/or development of needed guidance. The Technical Panel views the RfD/RfC process as one that should be continually evolving as new information becomes available and new scientific and risk assessment approaches are developed. This does not mean that current RfDs or RfCs are invalid, but these new scientific issues should be included in the process of re-evaluating current reference values. As a follow-up to the recommendation for deriving less than lifetime reference values, the report includes a review of current testing guideline protocols to determine what data are collected that can be used in setting these reference values. The Technical Panel has provided specific recommendations for deriving reference values and the development of guidance in some cases and more general conclusions and recommendations in others. Case studies are included to illustrate the recommendations of the Technical Panel.

Dated: May 15, 2003.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7501-3]

Southern Solvents Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to enter into an Administrative Order on Consent pursuant to section 122(h)(1) of the

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended regarding the Southern Solvents Superfund Site located in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. This Agreement is made and entered into by EPA and by Southern Solvents, Inc., ("Settling Parties"). EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement until June 20, 2003.

EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement in appropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. EPA, Region 4, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. (404) 562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this publication.

Dated: April 28, 2003.

Archie Lee,

Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7501-6]

Proposed Reissuance of a General NPDES Permit for Facilities Related to Oil and Gas Extraction on the North Slope of the Brooks Range, AK (Permit Number AKG-33-0000 Formerly AKG-31-0000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed reissuance of a general permit.

SUMMARY: On April 10, 2002, the general permit regulating activities related to the extraction of oil and gas on the North Slope of the Brooks Range in the state of Alaska expired. This proposed reissuance of a general permit is intended to regulate activities related to the extraction of oil and gas on the North Slope of the Brooks Range in the state of Alaska. The proposed general permit would cover the same discharges as the previous general permit: domestic wastewater discharges, gravel pit dewatering, construction dewatering, and hydrostatic test water. The proposed reissuance also includes two new outfall designations for the

discharge of storm water from industrial activities and discharges of treated effluent from mobile spill response units. When issued, the proposed permit will establish effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions and other conditions on discharges from covered facilities. These conditions are based on existing national effluent guidelines, the state of Alaska's Water Quality Standards and material contained in the administrative record. A description of the basis for the conditions and requirements of the proposed general permit is given in the fact sheet. This is also notice of EPA's issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) coverage under this GP for the new source facility, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.'s Badami facility covered by NPDES permit AKG-31-0001 which will be reauthorized with the number AKG-33-0001.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed reissuance of the general permit to EPA, Region 10 at the address below. Comments must be postmarked by July 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed general permit reissuance should be sent to the attention of the Director, Office of Water, 1200 Sixth Avenue OW-130, Seattle, Washington 98101. Comments may also be submitted electronically to godsey.cindi@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed general permit and Fact Sheet are available upon request. Requests may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Cindi Godsey at (907) 271-6561. Requests may also be electronically mailed to: washington.audrey@epa.gov or godsey.cindi@epa.gov.

The proposed general permit and Fact Sheet may also be found on the EPA Region 10 Web site at www.epa.gov/r10earth/water.htm then click on NPDES permits under Programs and draft permits under EPA Region 10 Information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Executive Order 12866:* The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to section 6 of that order.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: After review of the facts presented in the notice printed above, I hereby certify pursuant to the provision of 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed general NPDES permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Moreover, the permit reduces a significant administrative burden on regulated sources.