

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. Background

What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The Oregon Department of Agriculture has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of ethoprop on baby hops to control garden symphyllans (*Scutigerella immaculata*). Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the Applicant asserts that there are no symphyllan control products labeled for use on hops, nor are there any available cultural control methods. The impact of symphyllans on baby hops is two-fold. First, the newly planted baby hop plants are easily devastated by garden symphyllans as a primary pest that infests the root system. The secondary effect of symphyllan infestation is that the plant is now weakened and less able to defend itself against other diseases and pests. Growers have documented losses of 15 to 100%, which would result in significant economic losses.

The Applicant proposes to make no more than one ground application post-plant, pre-emergence to a maximum of 300 acres of baby hops in Oregon at a rate of 3 pounds ethoprop (0.5 gallons of product) per acre. A maximum of 900 lbs. active ingredient would be applied between February 15 and May 31, 2006.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt for an application for a specific exemption proposing a use, which has been requested in 3 or more previous years, and a petition for a tolerance has not yet been submitted to the Agency.

As noted above, the Agency is eliminating the comment period due to the urgent nature of emergency situation and the very narrow and extremely limited use being requested. Nonetheless, interested parties may still contact the Agency with comments about this notice and proposed treatment program.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

Lois Rossi,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8046-2]

Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of New Mexico

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. New Mexico has adopted the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). The purpose of the LT1ESWTR is to improve control of microbial pathogens, specifically protozoan *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water, and address risk trade-offs with disinfection byproducts. EPA has determined that the LT1ESWTR revisions submitted by New Mexico are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulation. Therefore, EPA intends to approve the program revisions.

DATES: All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by April 17, 2006 to the Regional Administrator at the EPA Region 6 address shown below. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by April 17, 2006, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on April 17, 2006. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement of the information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and the signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity,

the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

ADDRESSES: All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices: New Mexico Environment Department, Drinking Water Bureau, 525 Camino De Los Marquez, Suite 4, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Drinking Water Section (6WQ-SD), 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dzung Kim Ngo-Kidd, EPA Region 6, Drinking Water Section at the Dallas address given above or at telephone (214) 665-7158, or ngo.kim@epa.gov.

Authority: Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and 40 CFR part 142 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

Richard E. Greene,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

Special Executive Session

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 11 CFR 2.4(b)(1).

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

Items To Be Discussed

Correction and Approval of Minutes.
Draft Advisory Opinion 2006-03:
Whirlpool Corporation Political Action Committee by Sean C. Mackay, Treasurer.

Routine Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Robert W. Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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